

A meeting of the Madison Area Technical College District Board was held on March 4, 2026, in a virtual format. Members of the public were given an opportunity to attend virtually through a phone line published as part of the notice.

Board members present: Shiva Bidar-Sielaff (Chair), Donald Dantzler (Vice-Chair), Melanie Lichtfeld (Secretary), Dan Bullock (Treasurer), Chris Canty, Ann McNeary, and Korbey White.

Also present: Jon Anderson, Legal Counsel; Jennifer Berne, President; Tim Casper, Executive Vice-President, Student Affairs; Beth Giles, Provost; Sylvia Ramirez, Executive Vice-President, Finance & Administration; and Mark Thomas, Executive Vice-President, Policy and Strategy.

Others present: Laurie Grigg, Chief Financial Officer/Controller; Hasan Hashmi, Board Student Liaison; Erik Kass, PTMA Financial Solutions; Anita Mazvimavi, Administrative Assistant to the President; Lisa Smith, Associate Vice-President, Institutional Effectiveness; Jose Villarreal, Student Senate President; and Kristin Rolling, Recording Secretary.

### **Call to Order** <sup>I</sup>

The meeting was duly noticed and called to order at 5:31 p.m. by Ms. Bidar Sielaff. Mr. Anderson confirmed that appropriate notices had been given and the meeting was being held in compliance with the open meetings law.

### **Routine Business Matters** <sup>II</sup>

#### **Approval of Meeting Minutes** <sup>II A</sup>

**There was a motion by Ms. Lewis, second by Ms. Lichtfeld, to approve the meeting minutes of February 4, 2026, as submitted. Motion carried.**

#### **Public Comments** <sup>II B</sup>

There were no public comments.

**New Business** III**Communications** III A**Board Chair's Report** III A 1**Future Meeting & Event Schedule** III A 1 a

Ms. Bidar-Sielaff reminded trustees of upcoming meetings and events.

**Student Liaison Report** III A 2

Mr. Hashmi reported that students are busy with mid-terms ahead of spring and planning for spring events. Identity-based student organizations host several events throughout the spring to share their traditions and cultures with the college community. He shared his experiences as a student leader attendee of the ACCT National Legislative Summit. He thanked the Center for International Education for supporting international students during the current events in the Middle East.

**Student Senate Report** III A 3

Mr. Villarreal reported that three new student senators were seated last month. The Student Senate will present its three-year strategic plan to the Student Activities Board in April. The Student Senate's by-laws revisions have been completed.

**President's Report** III A 4

Dr. Berne reported that the six commitments of Vision 2030 were intentionally broad to allow for flexibility and innovation. The step of implementing Vision 2030 is develop metrics that will help the college determine if efforts related to completion are effective.

**Assessing College Effectiveness** III A 4 a

Dr. Berne introduced Dr. Thomas and Ms. Smith to review the framework that will be used measure key indicators, including three completion metrics – completion in a primary

program, completion of a credential within a [primary program, and completion of any credential at Madison College.

**College/Campus Announcements** III A 5

**Academic Affairs Update** III A 5 a

Dr. Giles reported that academic affairs leaders will use the presented completion data to inform program reviews to ensure that the college's offering support student success and completion, as well as meeting the needs of workforce.

**Student Affairs Update** III A 5 b

Dr. Casper shared information about the college's engagement with the JED Foundation in support of student wellness. A student survey has been completed and the results will be used to identify priorities for programming. Four Madison College Professional Agriculture Students qualified for the national competition later this month. Midwestern Goodbye, a play written by Madison College alum Charly Sparks, premiered at Madison College in February.

**Finance & Administration** III A 5 c

Dr. Ramirez shared updates on several remodeling projects. She introduced Ms. Grigg and Mr. Kass to share information about the college's capital projects borrowing.

**Organizational Impact and Culture** III A 5 d

**International Travel** III A 5 d 1

Dr. Thomas shared information about upcoming international travel of faculty and staff.

**Action Items** III C**Proposed FY2025-26 Capital Remodel Projects** III C 1

Dr. Ramirez reported that as part of the capital projects planning process, several remodeling projects have been identified for funding. The projects are included in the Three-Year Facilities Plan approved by the Madison College Board on August 6, 2025.

Fort Atkinson – New Storage Building - The project will construct a new 40’x60’ unheated storage building. The new storage building will replace an existing structure built with the original campus in 1977. The new building will provide a more functional and accessible location with improved design that better accommodates deliveries and material handling. It will allow materials for the Machine Tool and Welding programs to be moved inside and out of the elements. The estimated project cost is \$500,000

**There was a motion by Ms. McNeary, seconded by Ms. Lewis, to:**

- 1. Approve the above remodel project.**
- 2. Authorize staff to prepare construction drawings & specifications and to send the above project out for competitive bids.**
- 3. Authorize staff to submit a request for approval to the Wisconsin Technical College System Board.**

**Motion carried.**

**Consent Agenda** III C 2

**General fund financial report as of January 31, 2026** III C 2 a

**Request for proposals/request for bids/sole sources** III C 2 b

**Supplier payments greater than or equal to \$2,500 and schedule of checks issued for the period January 16, 2026 through February 15, 2026** III B 2 b

**38.14 contracts for January 2026** III C 2 d

**Employment of personnel** III C 2 e

**Resignations and separations** III C 2 f

**Retirements** III C 2 g

**There was a motion by Ms. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Canty, to approve Consent Agenda items III.C.2.a. through g. Motion carried.**

**Adjournment** V

**There was a motion by Mr. Canty, seconded by Ms. McNeary, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

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Melanie Lichtfeld, Secretary