

A meeting of the Madison Area Technical College District Board was held on April 1, 2026, in a hybrid 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, Shana Lewis, Ann McNeary, Tonya Olson, and Korbey White.

Also present: Jon Anderson, Legal Counsel; Jennifer Berne, President; Tim Casper, Executive Vice-President, Student Affairs; Mel Charbonneau, Vice-President, Marketing and Communications; Cory Chrisinger, Vice-President, Technology Services; 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; Yohlunda Mosley Hill, Director Transfer Services; Anita Mazvimavi, Administrative Assistant to the President; Luis Rey, Project and Process Specialist, Transfer Services; Amy Ulrich, Student; Jose Villarreal, Student Senate President; and Kristin Rolling, Recording Secretary.

Call to Order ^I

The meeting was duly noticed and called to order at 5:36 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 ^{II}

Approval of Meeting Minutes ^{II A}

There was a motion by Mr. Canty, second by Ms. McNeary, to approve the meeting minutes of March 4, 2026, as submitted. Motion carried.

Public Comments ^{II B}

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 shared that he and fellow student Selah Fedosky, are among the nation's top community college students, earning selection to the prestigious 2026 All-USA Academic Team and receiving New Century scholarships. As a result of student advocacy, halal options are now available at the Truax Café.

Student Senate Report ^{III A 3}

Mr. Villarreal reported that throughout March, the Student Senate focused on legislative updates, internal restructuring, and enhancing student representation through shared governance. Key achievements include the passage of comprehensive bylaw revisions and the initiation of discussions regarding campus affordability. The Senate successfully held a special election to fill a vacancy on the Senate and the Senate recently welcomed several college leaders to provide updates and to share student feedback.

President's Report ^{III A 4}

Dr. Berne reported that three of the Six Vision 2030 Commitments are tied to transfer and that transfer is an affordable and comfortable first step into higher education, especially for low-income students and students of color.

Completion Agenda: Transfer III A 4 a

Dr. Berne introduced Ms. Mosley-Hill and Mr. Rey to share information about how Madison College transfer services assist students, including clear pathways for students, the college's top transfer partners and academic subjects, and strategies for enhancing student success.

College/Campus Announcements III A 5**Marketing & Communications** III A 5 e

Ms. Charbonneau shared that every two to three years, we refresh the college's general recruitment video marketing campaign. The upcoming campaign is focused on students telling their stories. She introduced student campaign participant Amy Ullrich to introduce a video production that shares her Madison College journey.

Academic Affairs Update III A 5 a

Dr. Giles reported that Automotive Technology instructor Dave Heinzen recently received the VISION Educator of the Year award. Four Madison College students – Eldon Baerwolf, Lucas Taylor, Wyatt King, and Spencer Peterson – placed at the Professional Agricultural Student National Conference. English instructor Chris Welch will be featured in a Wisconsin Writer's Association fiction anthology.

Student Affairs Update III A 5 b

Dr. Casper shared that Madison College student Mola Badjie has been selected as the college's WTCS Ambassador for 2026-2027. He also shared that six Madison College students received 2026 PTK Coa Cola Scholars. Two PTK members are finalists for the Jack Kent Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship. The women's basketball team won the 2026 NJCAA Region 4 Division II Midwest District B Tournament. Three team members were named to the

All-Region 4 team. Head coach Angel Whetstone was named Region 4 Coach of the Year. The men's basketball team earned a 7 seed in the Region 4 Tournament. About 200 guests attended the recent Global Showcase which included traditional cultural performances.

Finance & Administration III A 5 c

Dr. Ramirez reported that the Public Safety Department, led by John Flannery, continues to focus on maintaining a safe and welcoming campus that prioritizes student physical and emotional well-being.

Policy and Strategy III A 5 d

International Travel III A 5 d 1

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

Federal Update III A 5 d 2

Dr. Thomas shared that the Center for International Education (CIE) continues to support international students as federal policies changes and confusion remain. Workforce Pell goes into effect July 1 and Madison College is in the process of identifying eligible programs and opportunities.

Technology Services III A 5 f

Mr. Chrisinger shared an update on the implementation of Brightspace, the college's new learning management system, including a project overview, highlights of the project implementation, and the project takeaways.

Action Items III B

Proposed FY2025-26 Capital Remodel Projects III B 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. The D-Wing Restroom Project at the Truax Campus was approved by the board in January 2026, but all bids were above the approved project cost and so the project is being resubmitted for approval at the higher cost.

There was a motion by Mr. White, seconded by Ms. Olson, to reapprove the above increased project cost. Motion carried.

Fiscal Year 2026-27 Proposed Budget III B 2

Mr. White provided an update on the Madison College Fiscal Year 2026-27 proposed budget. He shared information related to the college's budget development process and timeline as well as priorities, budget projections, revenue and expenditure assumptions, the tax levy, capital projects borrowing, and the next steps in the budget approval process.

There was a motion Ms. Lewis, seconded by Ms. McNeary, to approve taking the proposed Fiscal Year 2026-27 budget to public hearing and establish the date, time, and place for the public hearing as May 4, 2026, at 5:30 pm. The hearing will be held in room D1630B/C of the Madison Area Technical College Truax Campus, 1701 Wright Street, Madison. Motion carried unanimously.

Fiscal Year 2026-27 Student Employee Pay Rate III B 3

Ms. Ramirez reported that Madison College employs approximately 430 student employees each year through college funds and/or the Federal Work Study Program. A team consisting of college administration, managers of student employees, Human Resources, the Career and Employment Office, Financial Aid, and other stakeholders developed the wage recommendation. Based on the analysis, the college recommends the following changes to the student employee pay rate: increase the student pay rate from \$15.00 to a minimum of \$15.25 per hour for fiscal year 2026–27, and students who remain employed in their department for one year would become eligible for a rate of \$16.25 per hour.

There was a motion by Mr. Canty., seconded by Ms. McNeary, to approve the hourly wage range for student employees for Fiscal Year 2026–27, with a minimum rate of \$15.25 per hour and a maximum rate of \$16.25 per hour. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda III b 4

General fund financial report as of February 28, 2026 III B 4 a

Supplier payments greater than or equal to \$2,500 and schedule of checks issued for the period February 16, 2026 through March 15, 2026 III B 4 b

38.14 contracts for February 2026 III B 4 c

Request for proposals/request for bids/sole sources III B 4 d

Procurement and Purchasing Policy and Procedures #2303 III B 4 e

Employment of personnel III B 4 f

Resignations and separations III B 4 g

There was a motion by Mr. Canty., seconded by Mr. White., to approve Consent Agenda items III.B.4.a. through g. Motion carried.

Adjournment V

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Melanie Lichtfeld, Secretary