

A meeting of the Madison Area Technical College District Board was held on May 6, 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), 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; Beth Giles, Provost; Sylvia Ramirez, Executive Vice-President, Finance & Administration; and Mark Thomas, Executive Vice-President, Policy and Strategy.

Others present: Amelia Anderson, Student; Bridget Bellehumeur, Student; Dixie Burns, Full-Time Faculty; Julissa Emeterio, Student; Sara Finesilver, Full-Time Faculty; Hasan Hashmi, Board Student Liaison; Anezka Helmers, Student; Zaida Henderson, Student; Ashley Larson, Student; Anita Mazvimavi, Administrative Assistant to the President; Ash Rogers, Student; Tim Twohill, Full-Time Faculty; Elliott Veith, Project and Process Coordinator; Noah Wong, Student; Cody White, Budget Director; and Kristin Rolling, Recording Secretary.

Public Hearing on the FY206-27 Budget

Call to Order ¹

The Public Hearing on the FY2026-27 budget was duly noticed and called to order at 5:33 p.m. Ms. Bidar-Sielaff stated that the hearing provides an opportunity for public comments related to the proposed FY2026-27 budget, as approved by the Madison College District Board on April 1, 2026. As provided in the hearing notice, members of the public were given an opportunity to participate in the public hearing.

Highlights of the FY2026-27 Budget ^{II}

Mr. White provided highlights of the Madison College District FY2026-27 budget.

Comments from the Public ^{III}

Ms. Bidar-Sielaff confirmed that there were no requests for public comment from members of the public.

Close of Public Hearing ^{IV}

Ms. Bidar-Sielaff stated that the FY2026-27 budget would be considered for adoption at the June 3, 2026, Board meeting.

The public hearing adjourned at 5:39 p.m.

Melanie Lichtfeld, Secretary

Call to Order ^I

The meeting was duly noticed and called to order at 5:40 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 Ms. Olson, second by Mr. Canty, to approve the meeting minutes of April 1, 2026, as submitted. Motion carried.

Public Comments ^{II B}

Several students shared information about the recent Student Senate resolution related to transparency in college investments.

Several employees shared their concerns related to the recent announcement that the college would no longer offer Quartz as a health insurance provider.

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 1}

Mr. Hashmi reported that he would like the Board to investigate options for the student liaison to be a voting member of the Board. He thanked the Cabinet for their support of Madison college students.

Student Senate Report ^{III A 3}

There was no Student Senate report.

President's Report III A 4

Dr. Berne thanked the students and employees who provided public comment.

Vision 2030 – Program Review III A 4 a

Dr. Berne reported that a key element of meeting the Vision 2030 six commitments is a robust system of program review that helps programs adjust to workforce and student needs.

College/Campus Announcements III A 5

Academic Affairs III A 5 a

Dr. Giles reported that in May, electrical apprentices signed their commitments alongside representatives from the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 159, contractors affiliated with the National Electrical Contractors Association, and leaders from the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development (DWD) and Madison College. Fifty Madison College students competed in 16 Skills USA contests during a two-day conference. Cosmetology and Barbering instructor Melissa Brainerd earned the prestigious Pillars of Success award by SkillsUSA Wisconsin for many years with the Cosmetology and Barbering contests both at the state and national levels.

Student Affairs III A 5 b

Dr. Casper introduced student Ash Rogers, who shared her research related to food accessibility and affordability through Madison College cafeterias. Dr. Casper reported that this year, 172 students participated in education and training at five Department of Corrections locations across the state and two Dane County institutions. This spring, 178 new members joined the Phi Theta Kappa honor society. The Madison College PTK chapter maintained its five-star chapter rating for a fifteenth consecutive year and Scarlet Martino, club Advisor, was recognized as a Paragon Advisor for her outstanding service

Finance & Administration III A 5 c

Dr. Ramirez reported that the college hosted a ribbon cutting for the ground-mounted solar and battery installation at the Protective Services Building. In addition to reducing operational costs, the installation will serve as a learning lab for students. Every two years, the college repopulates the employee members of our Shared Governance system. That process just concluded with nearly 100 applications for positions within Shared Governance

Action Items III B

Foundation Centre Lease III B 1

Dr. Ramirez reported that leveraging the Foundation Centre as a modern, conveniently located professional training center will enable the college to meet both the enrichment course interests of the community and continue to grow as a critical regional workforce development partner for business and industry. The total area of the lease space for Madison College, occupied and common spaces, is 28,935 square feet. The lease will begin July 1, 2026, end June 30, 2029, and the monthly cost is \$33,333.00. The lease includes a 4% monthly rent escalation July 1, 2027, and July 1, 2028.

There was a motion by Mr. Canty, seconded by Ms. Olson, to:

- 1) Authorize staff to complete the necessary steps to execute the lease as described above until June 30, 2029.**
- 2. Authorize staff to submit the completed lease to the Wisconsin Technical College System for Board approval.**

Motion carried.

Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget Amendment III B 2

Dr. Ramirez reported that the Fiscal Year 2025-26 budget was approved by the District Board on June 4, 2025, and modified on December 3, 2025. In accordance with State Statute 65.90(5)(a) and the Wisconsin Administrative Code TCS 7.05(7), and to adhere to the

District Board's policy, budget amendments for FY2025-26 should be adopted by the District Board. It was noted that the action required at least six affirmative votes.

There was a motion by Mr. Canty, seconded by Ms. McNeary, to approve the budget modifications for FY2025-26. Motion carried unanimously exceeding the six vote requirement.

Consent Agenda ^{III b 3}

General fund financial report as of March 31, 2026 ^{III B 3 a}

Quarterly investment report as of March 31, 2026 ^{III B 3 b}

Quarterly finance metrics ^{III B 3 c}

Request for proposals/request for bids/sole sources ^{III B 3 d}

Supplier payments greater than or equal to \$2,500 and schedule of checks issued for the period March 16, 2026 through April 15, 2026 ^{III B 3 e}

38.14 contracts for March 2026 ^{III B 3 f}

District Travel Procedure ^{III B 3 g}

Employment of personnel ^{III B 3 h}

Resignations and separations ^{III B 3 i}

There was a motion by Ms. Olson, seconded by Ms. McNeary, to approve Consent Agenda items III.B.3.a. through i. Motion carried.

Adjournment ^V

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Melanie Lichtfeld, Secretary