A meeting of the Madison Area Technical College District Board was held on August 6, 2026, a hybrid format. Members of the public were given an opportunity to attend in person or 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), Daniel Bullock (Treasurer), Chris Canty, Fabiola Hamdan, Ann McNeary, and Tonya Olson.

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; Damira Grady, Vice-President, Community Impact and Culture; Sylvia Ramirez, Executive Vice-President, Finance & Administration; and Marsha Tweedy, Vice-President, Academic Affairs.

Others present: Stephanie Belmas, Director, Center for International Education; Carrie Weikel Delaplane, Dean, School of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics; Kevin Foley, Associate Dean, School of Nursing; Perry Govier, Full-Time Faculty, Information Technology, Laurie Grigg, Chief Financial Officer/Controller; Ashley Larsen, Student Senate President; Nina Milbauer, Department Chair, Software Development, Angela Snelling, Department Chair IT Infrastructure; Faridah Wansagali, Board Student Liaison; Bryan Witowski, Full-Time Faculty, Software Development; and Kristin Rolling, Recording Secretary.

Call to Order I

The meeting was duly noticed and called to order at 5:34 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. McNeary, seconded by Ms. Olson, to approve the meeting minutes of July 13, 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

Ms. Wansagali reported that she and other student leaders have been working to help students feel welcome on campus by hosting activities and games and introducing them to the resources that are available..

Student Senate Report III A 3

Ms. Larsen shared recent activities of the Student Senate, as well as their plans to welcome students back to campus for the fall semester.

President's Report III A 4

Vision 2030 – Accreditation and Assessment III A 4 a

Dr. Berne shared that shared the results of the Higher Learning Commission visit and report. The college accreditation was successful and will continue on the HLC open pathway and 10-year accreditation schedule. She noted that documenting and analyzing course learning outcomes was an area that was identified as a continuous improvement opportunity. A Madison College team will participate in the HLC Assessment Academy to assist in guiding this work.

College/Campus Announcements III A 5

Academic Affairs III A 5 a

Dr. Tweedy introduced Mr. Foley to share information about the Rural Health Transformation Grant. Mr. Foley reported that Madison College will receive $4 million over 5 years to expand healthcare programs in rural areas.

Marketing & Communication III A 5 b

Ms. Charbonneau shared a new Madison College recruitment video.

Organizational Impact & Culture III A 5 c

International Travel III A 5 c i

Study Abroad III A 5 c ii

Tuition Remission III A 5 c iii

Dr. Grady introduced Ms. Belmas to share details about upcoming international travel for employees, the planned study abroad opportunities for students in the upcoming academic year, and the required tuition remission report for international students.

Technology Services III A 5 c

Gramm-Leach-Biley Act (GLBA) Cybersecurity III A 5 c iii

Mr. Chrisinger to share information related to updates to the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act (GLBA) Safeguards rules that require additional oversight of information security programs for financial institutions, including educational institutions that administer student financial aid associated with Title IV programs.

Finance & Administration III A 5 c

Dr. Ramirez reported that the Finance and Administration internship program hosted 5 student interns this summer.

Action Items III B

New Program Approval – Applied Artificial Intelligence (AI) III B 1

Dr. Weikel Delaplane introduced Ms. Milbauer, Ms. Snelling, Mr. Willem, and Mr. Govier to share information about a proposed Applied AI Associate Degree Program. They reported that there is a significant and growing need for IT professionals with experience in artificial intelligence within the Madison College district. The Applied AI program prepares students with the skills and knowledge needed to leverage artificial intelligence tools across a wide range of professional roles. The college will use grant dollars to create course work while also leveraging the talent of current IT faculty to teach the core program courses, along with training existing faculty. Faculty will utilize existing classroom equipment and lab space to teach courses. This program will consist of both new and existing IT courses along with 15 credits of general education courses.

There was a motion by Ms. Olson, seconded by Ms. McNeary, to approve the new Applied Artificial Intelligence Program Motion carried.

Capital Projects Borrowing III B 2

Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Not to Exceed $5,000,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2026-27C III B 2 a **and Resolution Establishing the Parameters For the Sale of Not to Exceed $5,000,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2026-27D** III B 2 b

Ms. Grigg reported that the attached resolution is the authorization to begin the borrowing process and totals $5,000,000, including $1,500,000 for building remodel and improvements, and $3,500,000 for the cost of acquisition of movable equipment and technology.

Once the borrowing is authorized, the resolution is published as public notice per Section 67.12(12)(e)5 of the Wisconsin Statutes. Bids are then received. The second resolution is the issuance of the notes is for the public purpose of the acquisition of movable equipment and technology costing $5,000 or more per unit or set ($3,500,000), and for the purpose of paying the cost of building remodeling and improvement projects ($1,500,000). The resolution limits the delegation of authority by stating that the General Obligation Promissory Notes may not be issued unless the True Interest Cost is equal to or less than 5.00%.

There was a motion by Ms. Olson, seconded by Ms. McNeary, to adopt the Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Not to Exceed $5,000,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2026-27C; and to adopt the Resolution Establishing Parameters for the Sale of Not to Exceed $5,000,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2026-27C. Motion carried.

Named Gifts III B 3

Mr. Woodhouse shared that college policy requires that naming tributes be based on a monetary gift that comprises a substantial portion of the cost of the facility or physical property on campus being named. The following named gifts were presented for approval:

Mitby Theatre Hallway: Since 2022 The River Birch Foundation has generously contributed over $1.5 million for various initiatives supporting student success at Madison College. Contributions include $500,000 to Scholars of Promise, and over $1 million to Smart Future Scholarships, adult learners, and childcare needs.

Health Education Building signage: The Jackson Foundation has supported Madison College students in nursing and health science occupations since, with contributions totaling nearly $1.5 million. The Jackson Foundation in February 2026 created an endowment to be over $1 million supporting Madison College students in perpetuity.

There was a motion by Ms. McNeary, seconded by Ms. Hamdan, to approve the presented named gifts. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda III B 4

Quarterly investment report III B 4 a

Quarterly financial metrics III B 4 b

Supplier payments greater than or equal to $2,500 and schedule of checks issued for the period June 16, 2026 through July 15, 2026 III B 4 c

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

Employment of personnel III B 4 e

Resignations and separations III B 4 f

Retirements III B 4 g

There was a motion by Ms. Olson, seconded by Ms. McNeary, to approve Consent Agenda items III.B.4.a. through g. Motion carried.

Adjournment V

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Melanie Lichtfeld, Secretary