A meeting of the Madison Area Technical College District Board was held on October 7, 2026, a hybrid format, at the Truax Campus. 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), Dan Bullock (Treasurer), Chris Canty, Ann McNeary, Tonya Olson, and Korbey White.

Also present: Jon Anderson, Legal Counsel; Jennifer Berne, President; Tim Casper, Executive Vice-President, Student Affairs; Mark Thomas, Executive Vice-President, Policy and Strategy.

Others present: Laurie Grigg, Chief Financial Officer/Controller; Ashley Larsen, Student Senate President; Faridah Wansagali, Board Student Liaison; Tom Wozniak, Full-Time Faculty, Diesel; and Kristin Rolling, Recording Secretary.

Call to Order I

The meeting was duly noticed and called to order at 5:44 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 Mr. Canty, to approve the meeting minutes of September 2, 2026, as submitted. Motion carried.

Public Comments II B

Mr. Wozniak shared his experience as a coach for the WorldSkills competition in China and presented the college with gifts from the competition.

New Business III

Communications III A

Board Chair's Report III A 1

Ms. Bidar-Sielaff reported that during its closed session earlier in the evening the Board voted to authorize staff to negotiate the sale of all or a portion of the former downtown campus site on terms to be determined and subject to the review and approval of the District Board when negotiations are complete.

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 highlighted recent events such as Campus Fun Day and activities hosted by student organizations that helped foster connection, community, and a welcoming college environment. She proposed that the Student Liaison and Student Senate President visit Madison College campuses to gather direct feedback from students about their experiences, needs, and concerns. She also noted concerns expressed by students regarding uncertainty affecting international students and the rising cost of cafeteria food, encouraging continued efforts to support student well-being and affordability.

Student Senate Report III A 3

Ms. Larsen reported that all Student Senate seats are currently filled. Senate is hoping to expand their visibility through tabling and other outreach events. Senators are currently partnering with Student Life to educate students about elections and voter registration.

President's Report III A 4

Assessing College Effectiveness III A 4 a

Dr. Berne introduced Dr. Thomas to provide an overview of key college effectiveness metrics, including completion rates, retention, course success, credit accumulation, and progress

toward credential attainment. Preliminary data for the 2024–25 cohort shows improvement across all major leading indicators,

College/Campus Announcements III A 5

Student Services III A 5 a

Enrollment Report III A 5 a i

Dr. Casper provided a fall 2026 enrollment update showing 3,536 degree-credit FTE students and 11,948 degree-credit students as of August 30, 2026. The report highlighted enrollment growth among Black/African American and Hispanic students, continued gains in several academic schools, and a modest increase in the proportion of younger students returning to college. Dr. Casper also provided an update on the WolfPack Rising Project and implementation of the Workday Student Information System.

Organizational Impact & Culture III A 5 b

International Travel III A 5 b i

Information about upcoming employee international travel was included in the Board packet.

Policy and Strategy III A 5 b

State and Federal Policy Updates III A 5 c i

Dr. Thomas provided an update on state and federal budget developments and the college's advocacy efforts as planning begins for the next fiscal year budget. He highlighted the Wisconsin Technical College System's biennial budget request, which includes increased support for general aid, adult basic education, early college programs, and industry-sector grants, noting that college leadership is working closely with WTCS to advocate for these priorities.

At the federal level, he discussed ongoing uncertainty surrounding education funding, including proposed reductions to certain grant programs and the loss of a four-year CCAMPIS childcare grant that supports Pell-eligible student parents. College leaders will continue to engage state and federal policymakers to advocate for funding priorities and monitor policy changes that may affect students and college operations.

Action Items III B

FY 2026-27 Tax Levy III B 1

Ms. Ramirez reported that to meet budget requirements, the college needs to generate a tax levy for operations of $51,962,495. As equalized property values in the District increased by 6.67% to $160,826,611,981, an operational mill rate of 0.32310 would be utilized. The operational mill rate for FY2025-26 was 0.33358. This recommended operational mill rate reflects a decrease in the operational rate of 0.01048 mills or 3.14% from the prior year. To meet budget requirements, the college needs to generate a debt service tax levy of $41,475,848, a debt service mill rate of 0.25789. This is an increase of $25,928 as compared to the initial FY2026-27 debt service budget. As the debt service mill rate for FY2025-26 was 0.26587, the recommendation reflects a decrease in the debt service of 0.00798 mills or 3.00%. This includes the debt service related to the 2010 referendum and the District's capital plan implementation. The combined operational and debt service mill rate for FY2025-26 was 0.59945. The combined FY2026-27 mill rate, as recommended for operations and debt service, is 0.58099. The combined levy amount is $93,438,343.

There was a motion by Mr. Bullock, seconded by Mr. Canty to authorize a property tax levy for FY2026-27 of $93,438,343 on the full value of the taxable property of the district for the purpose of operating and maintaining the schools of the district and for the payment of debt. The levy for operations shall be $51,962,495, and the levy for debt service shall be $41,475,848. Motion carried.

Capital Projects Borrowing III B 2

Resolution Establishing Parameters for the Sale of Not to Exceed $5,000,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2026-27D III B 2 a

Ms. Grigg reported that the Board previously approved authorizing the sale of $5,000,000 of General Obligation Promissory Notes. Due to recent increases in interest rates and ongoing uncertainty in the global geopolitical environment, including tension in Iran, the College is requesting Board approval to modify the bond sale parameters approved last month by increasing the allowable Ture Interest Cost (TIC). 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 5.75%.

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

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

Ms. Grigg reported that the Board was being asked to act on two resolutions related to capital projects borrowing Series 2026-27E. The first resolution provides the authorization to begin the borrowing process and totals $5,000,000, including $400,000 for building remodel and improvements, $1,065,000 for new construction, $35,000 for sitework 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 establishes the parameters for the sale of not to exceed $5,000,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2026-27D. 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 5.75%.

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

Consent Agenda III B 3

General fund monthly financial report August 31, 2026 III B 3 a

Supplier payments greater than or equal to $2,500 and schedule of checks issued for the period August 16, 2026 through September 15, 2026 III B 3 b

Contracts for service July 2026 III B 3 c

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

Investment Policy/Procedure Update III B 3 e

Signature Policy Update III B 3 f

District Procurement Review Over $50,000 III B 3 g

Employment of personnel III B 3 h

Resignations and separations III B 3 i

Retirements III B 3 j

There was a motion by Mr. Bullock, seconded by Ms. McNeary, to approve Consent Agenda items III.B.3.a. through j. 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 6:53 p.m.

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Melanie Lichtfeld, Secretary