

A meeting of the Madison Area Technical College District Board was held on March 5, 2025, in a remote 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: Donald D. Dantzler, Jr. (Chair), Shiva Bidar-Sielaff (Vice-Chair), Melanie Lichtfeld (Secretary), Dan Bullock (Treasurer), Chris Canty, Shana Lewis, Ann McNeary, and Korbey White.

Also present: Jon Anderson, Legal Counsel; Tim Casper, Interim President; Valentina Ahedo, Interim Vice-President of Student Services; Beth Giles, Provost; Damira Grady, Vice-President of College Culture and Climate; Sylvia Ramirez, Executive Vice-President, Finance & Administration/Chief Operating Officer; and Mark Thomas, Executive Vice-President and Chief Strategy Officer.

Others present: Paul Barribeau, Department Co-Chair of English & Reading; Kai Brito, Student Senate President; Paul Peeders, Department Chair of Math, Physical & Earth Sciences; Jodie Ryan, Program Director of Adult Basic Education-Math; and Kristin Rolling, Recording Secretary.

Call to Order ^I

The meeting was duly noticed and called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mr. Dantzler. There were no objections. Mr. Anderson confirmed that appropriate notices had been given and the meeting was in compliance with the open meetings law.

Routine Business Matters ^{II}

Approval of Meeting Minutes ^{II A}

There was a motion by Ms. Lichtfeld, seconded by Ms. Lewis, to approve the meeting minutes of February 5, 2025, 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}

Mr. Dantzler reported that he is currently running for a board seat with the Association of Community College Trustees.

Future Meeting & Event Schedule ^{III A 1 a}

Mr. Dantzler reminded Trustees of upcoming meetings and events and announced that the April Board meeting will be moved from April 2 to April 9.

Student Liaison Report ^{III A 2}

There was no report.

Student Senate Report ^{III A 3}

Mr. Brito reported that applications for the Student Senate for the 2025-26 academic year will close March 9. Wisconsin Student Government recommended that WTCS increase tuition by no more than 1.75%.

College/Campus Announcements ^{III A 4}

Dr. Giles reported that the Wisconsin EMS Association recently named faculty member Ernie Koepp with its Lifetime Achievement Award. Mr. Koepp has 54 years of experience as a first responder, firefighter, EMT, and fire inspector. Nursing students recently visited the state capitol for Wisconsin Nurses Association Nurse's Day to learn about national and state health policy issues that impact nursing practice, education, and health care delivery.

Dr. Thomas reported that the college has been meeting with regional stakeholders to provide Vision 2030 updates.

Ms. Ahedo reported that Athletics will host their annual Hall of Fame Event on March 31. The hall of fame will induct its first full team, the 1995 national championship baseball team, as well as four individual former Madison College athletes.

President's Report III A 5

Dr. Casper reported that next week, the WTCS State Board will hold its regular business meeting at Madison College. Each WTCS college hosts the State Board once every four years. Two weeks ago, Governor Evers introduced his 2025-27 budget proposal. The proposal included increased state aids for the WTCS. The legislature will not begin its budget development using the governor's proposal, but it is encouraging that he put forward a budget investing in technical colleges. As the federal landscape continues to change, the college will continue to advance our mission and Vision 2030 strategic commitments. The college will provide timely communications to the college community and the Board about items we need to change in response to future legislation, administrative rules, or court decisions. Congress is in the process of developing appropriations for Fiscal Year 2025. The budget resolution passed last week will seek to find \$330 billion from education and workforce programs. The college will follow up with congressional members about the importance of the programs that support the college's students and operations.

International Travel III A 5 a

Dr. Casper informed the Board of recently approved international travel activities that will provide staff professional development and student exchange and recruitment opportunities.

The presented activities have been conditionally approved and final decisions will be made for each activity based on a review of health and safety conditions.

Monitoring Report – Vision 2030 Commitment 3 ^{III A 5 b}

Dr. Casper introduced Ms. Ahedo, Dr. Giles, Mr. Barribeau, Mr. Peeders, and Ms. Ryan to share information related Vision 2030 Commitment 2, which states, “Madison College will analyze data to identify and eliminate the largest academic success gaps in courses that are foundational to student persistence and completion.” They shared information related to foundational courses and course models that are designed to accelerate student progress and support their academic success. This includes corequisite models in English and math that provide an accelerated remediation pathway by pairing a degree-credit English or Math course with an additional support course, allowing students who would otherwise require developmental education to enroll directly in credit-bearing coursework and meet their degree requirements more quickly.

Action Items ^{III C}

Capital Projects Borrowing ^{III C 1}

Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Not to Exceed \$3,000,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2024-25I ^{III C 1 a} **and Resolution Establishing the Parameters For the Sale of Not to Exceed \$3,000,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2024-25I** ^{III C 1 b}

Dr. Ramirez reported that the attached resolution is the authorization to begin the borrowing process and totals \$3,000,000, including \$1,425,000 for building remodel, \$75,000 for sitework, and \$1,500,000 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 (\$1,500,000), and for the purpose of paying the cost of building remodeling and improvement projects (\$1,425,000), and the cost of sitework (\$75,000). 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. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Bullock, to adopt the Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Not to Exceed \$3,000,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2024-25I. Motion carried.

There was a motion by Mr. White, seconded by Ms. Lichtfeld, to adopt the Resolution Establishing Parameters for the Sale of Not to Exceed \$3,000,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2024-25I. Motion carried.

FY2025-26 Enrichment Courses III C 2

Dr. Thomas reported that non-credit enrichment courses at Madison College have been an integral part of offerings to community members throughout the district. These courses are defined by the Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) as being primarily for non-vocational purposes. The current faculty hourly rate is \$34.00 per hour, with tuition and fees at \$10.00 per hour of instruction. The last increase was FY23.

There was a motion and second to:

Increase tuition/fees and faculty salaries as recommended below:

Enrichment-pricing		Part-time instructor pay per hour
2025	\$10.50	\$36.00
2026	\$11.00	\$38.00
2027	\$12.00	\$39.00

In addition, retain 20 percent discount for students aged 60 and over (this discount only applies to tuition cost; not material fees set by the WTCS Board).

Motion carried.

Consent Agenda III C 3

General fund monthly financial report as of January 31, 2025 III C 3 a

Request for proposals/request for bids/sole sources III C 3 b

Supplier payments greater than or equal to \$2,500 and schedule of checks issued for the period January 16, 2025 through February 15, 2025
III C 3 c

38.14 contracts for services December 2025 III C 3 d

Employment of personnel III C 3 e

Resignations and separations III C 3 f

Retirements III C 3 g

There was a motion by Ms. Bidar-Sielaff, seconded by Mr. Bullock, to approve Consent Agenda items III.C.3.a. through g. Motion carried.

Adjournment V

There was a motion by Ms. Bidar-Sielaff, seconded by Ms. Lewis, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Melanie Lichtfeld, Secretary