

A meeting of the Madison Area Technical College District Board was held on May 7, 2025, in 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 (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; Tim Casper, Interim President; Valentina Ahedo, Interim Vice-President of Student Services; Beth Giles, Provost; Sylvia Ramirez, Executive Vice-President, Finance & Administration/Chief Operating Officer; and Mark Thomas, Executive Vice-President and Chief Strategy Officer.

Others present: Cory Chrisinger, Chief Information Officer; Jesse La Grew, Chief Information Security Officer; Nicole Gahagan, Associate Vice-President, Strategic Integrations and Initiatives; Yohlunda Mosley Hill, Transfer Services Director; Randy Way, Associate Dean, School of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics; Cody White, Budget Director; Jose Villarreal, Student Senate President; and Kristin Rolling, Recording Secretary.

### **Public Hearing on the FY204-25 Budget**

#### **Call to Order** <sup>I</sup>

The Public Hearing on the FY2025-26 budget was duly noticed and called to order at 5:32 p.m. Ms. Bidar-Sielaff, who chaired the meeting in the absence of Chair Donald Dantzler, stated that the hearing provides an opportunity for public comments related to the proposed FY2025-26 budget, as approved by the Madison College District Board on April 2, 2025. As provided in the hearing notice, members of the public were given an opportunity to participate in the public hearing.

**Highlights of the FY2025-26 Budget**    **II**

Mr. White provided highlights of the Madison College District FY2025-26 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 FY2025-26 budget would be considered for adoption at the June 4, 2025, Board meeting.

The public hearing adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

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Melanie Lichtfeld, Secretary

## **Regular Meeting of the Board**

### **Call to Order** <sup>I</sup>

The meeting was duly noticed and called to order at 5:38 p.m. by Ms. Bidar-Sielaff, who was serving as Chair in the absence of Donald Dantzler. 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** <sup>II</sup>

#### **Approval of Meeting Minutes** <sup>II A</sup>

**There was a motion by Ms. McNeary, seconded by Ms. Lewis, to approve the meeting minutes of April 9, 2025, as submitted. Motion carried.**

#### **Public Comments** <sup>II B</sup>

There were no public comments.

### **New Business** <sup>III</sup>

#### **Communications** <sup>III A</sup>

##### **Board Chair's Report** <sup>III A 1</sup>

##### **Future Meeting & Event Schedule** <sup>III A 1 a</sup>

Ms. Bidar-Sielaff reminded Trustees of upcoming meetings and events.

##### **Student Liaison Report** <sup>III A 2</sup>

Ms. Zeng reported that she was recently able to travel to Nashville to be recognized for her New Century Transfer scholarship, where she met student leaders from around the country who are high achieving scholars and who contribute greatly to their communities. The Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society recently inducted 153 new members and recognized 21 faculty and staff with Golden Apple Awards at their annual induction ceremony. The Asian American Student Association recently hosted a meeting to help students learn about the earthquake in Myanmar

and is organizing a fundraiser to support efforts for those affected by the earthquake. Quickly changing federal regulations related to international students are raising concerns among international students who have invested in their studies in the United States. The Center for International Education recently hosted a graduation for international students. Students received stoles with their country flags that they can wear at the spring commencement ceremony. The college will host Hmong American Day later this month, as well as the college's first Asian American Pacific Islander celebration.

### **Student Senate Report** III A 3

Mr. Villarreal reported that the Student Senate will hold its swearing-in of the 64th Student Senate tomorrow. Since the April Board meeting, the Student Senate has passed several resolutions, including a resolution to streamline communication to regional nursing students to ensure students receive program information that impacts them, and a resolution upholding international students' rights, recognizing the importance of international students attending Madison College.

### **College/Campus Announcements** III A 4

Dr. Ramirez reported that the Finance and Administration division created a paid, full-time paid internship program in Summer 2022, with the goal of supporting student learning. Each intern completes a summer project, participates in several lunch and learns, attends a Board meeting, and is invited to a networking breakfast with potential employers at the end of the summer. Madison College recently participated in a series of convenings, designed to bring together people and organizations from across Wisconsin to plan to support family economic mobility by supporting parenting students through two-generation approaches. Madison College students were featured in each of the convenings, sharing their experiences attending college as

parents. The result of the work is a strategy map designed to help the state move forward in the areas of childcare, improving data, developing a culture of support and respect, and improved student experience.

Dr. Thomas reported that regional campuses offer unique programs and services to the students who live in those areas. The Reedsburg Campus offers the full Associates Degree in Nursing program. They recently hosted their 4<sup>th</sup> annual Celebrate a Nurse 5K fundraiser, raising more than \$12,000 for scholarships for Reedsburg nursing students. In Fall 2025, the college will begin offering the Accelerated Reasoning Program (ARP) at all the regional campuses, giving students access to developmental education in math without having to go online or travel to Madison. The Portage Campus offers the Gas Metal Arc Welding Technical Diploma and the Basic Tooling Technical Diploma. In Fort Atkinson the welding bolt on in the Metal Fabrication Program allows students to get two degrees in one calendar year, which increases their career opportunities and can lead to higher wages. The Early College team, the regional team and the School of Health Sciences will offer a Phlebotomy course Spring 2026 in the embedded lab at the Sauk Prairie high school for both high school students and community members.

### **President's Report** III A 5

Dr. Casper reported the WTCS budget will likely be considered by the Joint Finance Committee in the next several weeks. The federal budget bill currently being considered contains cuts and changes for education and workforce programs. Some of those include moving Pell eligibility from 12-15credits, changing Pell eligibility for part time students, a risk sharing proposal, cuts to funding for Perkins, AEFLA, Trio, CCAMPIS. Madison College will continue to communicate with legislators about the importance of these programs for community college students. The SEVIS records of three international students have had their status reinstated. One

of those students had already left the country by the time the reinstatement occurred. The college has celebrated students and employees over the last few weeks, including the Student Success Banquet, RISE Banquet, Foundation Scholarship Luncheon, PTK induction, Employee Awards, and Athletics' Wolfie Awards. The college is conducting a brand survey to gather the perceptions that students, employees, partners and community members have about Madison College. The results will help to inform future communications and marketing.

#### **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 5** III A 5 b

Dr. Casper introduced Ms. Hill and Mr. Way to share information related to the Vision 2030 Commitment 5, *Madison College will support students' social and economic mobility by providing high-quality, flexible academic offerings that lead to meaningful careers and transfer opportunities*. They shared information about how Madison College is creating new transfer pathways, data about graduate engagement in the workforce, and dual credit and early college academies for high school students.

#### **Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act Information Security Status Report** III A 5 c

Dr. Casper introduced Mr. La Grew 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.

**WolfPack Rising/SIS Project** III A 5 d

Dr. Casper introduced Dr. Gahagan and Mr. Chrisinger to share information about the Student Information System project, WolfPack Rising. They shared information related to the project priorities, structure, status, and timeline.

**Action Items** III B

**Fiscal Year 2024-25 Budget Amendment** III B 1

Dr. Ramirez reported that the Fiscal Year 2024-25 budget was approved by the District Board on June 5, 2024, and modified on December 4, 2024. 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 FY2024-25 should be adopted by the District Board. It was noted that the action required at least six affirmative votes.

**There was a motion Ms. Lewis, seconded by Ms. McNeary, to approve the budget modifications for FY2024-25. Motion carried unanimously exceeding the 6 vote requirement.**

**Consent Agenda** III B 2

**General fund monthly financial report as of March 31, 2025** III B 2 a

**Quarterly investment report as of March 31, 2025** III B 2 b

**Quarterly finance metrics** III B 2 c

**Request for proposals/request for bids/sole sources** III B 2 d

**Supplier payments greater than or equal to \$2,500 and schedule of checks issued for the period March 16, 2025 through April 15, 2025** III B 2 e

**38.14 contracts for services March 2025** III B 2 f

**Employment of personnel** III B 2 g

**Resignations and separations** III B 2 h

**There was a motion by Ms. Lewis, seconded by Ms. McNeary, to approve Consent Agenda items III.B.2.a. through h. Motion carried.**

**Adjournment** <sup>v</sup>

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

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Melanie Lichtfeld, Secretary