A meeting of the Madison Area Technical College District Board was held on October 1, 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 (Chair), Donald Dantzler (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; Jennifer Berne, President; Tim Casper, Executive Vice-President, Student Affairs; Beth Giles, Provost; Damira Grady, Vice-President, Community Impact and Culture; Sylvia Ramirez, Executive Vice-President, Finance & Administration; and Mark Thomas, Executive Vice-President, Policy and Strategy.

Others present: Tina Ahedo, Vice-President, Student Success Pathways; Freddie Arthurs, Goodman South Campus Manager; Alex Gillis Bedia, Technology Access Program Coordinator; Carrie Weikel Delaplane, Associate Dean, Science, Technology, Engineering and Math; Nathan Dowd, Libraries and Student Achievement Center Director; Laurie Grigg, Chief Financial Officer/Controller; Hasan Hashmi, Board Student Liaison; Jose Luna, Associate Dean, School of Academic Advancement; Anita Mazvimavi, Administrative Assistant to the President; Jose Villarreal, Student Senate President; Cody White, Budget Director; and Kristin Rolling, Recording Secretary.

Call to Order I

The meeting was duly noticed and called to order at 5:32 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. Lewis and a second by Ms. Lichtfeld to approve the meeting minutes of September 3, 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

Future Meeting & Event Schedule III A 1 a

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

Student Liaison Report III A 2

Mr. Hashmi reported that the college's food pantries are being used by students. He has heard feedback that students appreciate the Student Services remodel and feel like it is helping to increase student engagement. Campus Fun Days have been held at all campuses, engaging students and giving student clubs the opportunity to share information.

Student Senate Report III A 3

Mr. Villarreal reported that four new general senators were recently sworn in and all Student Senate committees are fully staffed.

College/Campus Announcements III A 4

Dr. Giles reported that the college recently joined a system-wide WTCS transfer agreement with UW-Whitewater. The new Dental teaching and learning spaces hosted a ribbon cutting in September. The dental program recently received a perfect score during their accreditation site visit.

Dr. Grady invited trustees to a gallery reception in October.

Dr. Casper reported that the new student information system project, WolfPack Rising, is on track related to timeline milestones and budget.

Dr. Thomas reported that the college anticipates minimal direct impact on operations and finances. from the government shutdown. Indirect impacts include students affected by SNAP benefits and loan servicing. If the shutdown continues into late 2025, student financial aid payments may be delayed in January.

Dr. Ramirez reported that September is Student Parent Month and this is the third year that Madison College has recognized the month. There will be several engagements and outreach to student parents through the month.

President's Report **III A 5**

Monitoring Report – Vision 2030 Commitment 4 **III A 5 a**

Dr. Berne introduced Ms. Ahedo, Mr. Arthurs, Mr. Gillis Bedia, and Dr. Dowd to present a report on Vision 2030, Commitment 4, specifically the Technology Access Program (TAP). They shared how students are served by the laptop and hot spots loan program, as well as the support that is available to students who borrow those devices.

Action Items **III B**

New Program Approval – Biomedical Equipment Technician (BMET) Apprenticeship Program **III B 1**

Ms. Weikel Delaplane reported that this request is driven by a grant obligation, employer requests, and employment opportunity for program graduates. The grant obligation arises from the College's engagement in the Wisconsin Biohealth Tech Hub, which is funded by an Economic Development Administration Regional Technology and Innovation Hubs (EDA Tech Hub) grant. The employer requests to offer a BMET apprenticeship arose from a survey of industry consortium members and other Biohealth industry partners. Labor market data from Lightcast for Dane, Rock, Jefferson, Dodge, and Columbia counties for SOC codes related to BMET apprentices showed 830 job postings in 2024, with 13% expected job growth by 2034. Financial support is available through the grant to hire an additional faculty member to develop and teach the new curriculum and the new additional students. Maintaining that faculty position after grant funding ends will be dependent on future college-wide position management priorities.

There was a motion by Mr. White, seconded by Ms. McNeary, to approve the new Biomedical Equipment Technician (BMET) Apprenticeship Program. Motion carried.

Proposed Fy2025-2026 Capital Remodel Projects **III B 2**

Mr. White reported that as part of the capital projects planning process, several remodeling projects have been identified for funding. The projects are included in the Three-Year Facilities Plan approved by the Madison College Board on August 6, 2025. The projects are expanding the Associate Degree Nursing and Nursing Assistant teaching and learning spaces at the Reedsburg Campus, an expansion of the Emergency Medical teaching and learning spaces at the Reedsburg Campus, expanding an existing mechanical systems room at the Reedsburg Campus, remodeling the Veterinarian Technician labs and animal housing at the Truax Campus, remodeling the B-Wing and D-Wing restrooms at the Truax Campus, and the addition of an interior hallway at Commercial Avenue Campus that will improve access to the restrooms in Building B.

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

1. **Approve the above remodel projects.**
2. **Authorize staff to prepare construction drawings & specifications and to send the above projects out for competitive bids.**
3. **Authorize staff to submit a request for approval each project to the Wisconsin Technical College System Board.**

Motion carried.

FY2025-26 Tax Levy III B 3

Ms. Ramirez reported that to meet budget requirements, the college needs to generate a tax levy for operations of $50.295,311. As equalized property values in the District increased by 8.44% to $150,775,875,511, an operational mill rate of 0.33358 would be utilized. The operational mill rate for FY2024-25 was 0.35453. This recommended operational mill rate reflects a decrease in the operational rate of 0.02095 mills or 5.91% from the prior year. To meet budget requirements, the college needs to generate a debt service tax levy of $40,087,428, a debt service mill rate of 0.26587 . This is a decrease of $80,572 as compared to the initial FY2025-26 debt service budget. As the debt service mill rate for FY2024-25 was 0.27934, the recommendation reflects a decrease in the debt service of 0.01374 mills or 4.82%. 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 FY2024-25 was 0.63388. The combined FY2025-26 mill rate, as recommended for operations and debt service, is 0.59945. The combined levy amount is $90,382,739.

There was a motion by Ms. McNeary, seconded by Mr. White to authorize a property tax levy for FY2025-26 of $90,382,739 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 $50, ,295,311, and the levy for debt service shall be $40,087,428. Motion carried.

Capital Projects Borrowing III B 4

Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Not to Exceed $5,000,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2025-26E III B 4 a **and Resolution Establishing the Parameters For the Sale of Not to Exceed $5,000,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2025-26E** III B 4 b

Ms. Grigg reported that the attached resolution is the authorization to begin the borrowing process and totals $5,000,000, including $500,000 for building remodel and improvements,$1,000,000 for new construction, 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), for the purpose of paying the cost of building remodeling and improvement projects ($500,000) and for the purpose of paying for new construction ($1,000,000). 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 Mr. Canty seconded by Mr. White, to adopt the Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Not to Exceed $5,000,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2025-26E; and to adopt the Resolution Establishing Parameters for the Sale of Not to Exceed $5,000,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2025-26E. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda III B 5

General fund monthly financial report as of July 31, 2025 III B 5 a

Supplier payments greater than or equal to $2,500 and schedule of checks issued for the period August 16, 2025 through September 15, 2025 III B 5 b

38.14 contracts for services July 2025 III B 5 c

Request for proposals/request for bids/sole sources III B 5 d

<u>Employment of personnel</u> **III B 5 e**

<u>Resignations and separations</u> **III B 5 f**

<u>Retirements</u> **III B 5 g**

There was a motion by Ms. Lewis, seconded by Ms. McNeary, to approve Consent Agenda items III.B.5.a. through g. Motion carried.

<u>Adjournment</u> **V**

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

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Melanie Lichtfeld, Secretary