

A meeting of the Madison Area Technical College District Board was held on February 4, 2026, 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), 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; Beth Giles, Provost; Sylvia Ramirez, Executive Vice-President, Finance & Administration; and Mark Thomas, Executive Vice-President, Policy and Strategy.

Others present: Jessica Ciocci, Dean, Human and Protective Services; Laurie Grigg, Chief Financial Officer/Controller; Hasan Hashmi, Board Student Liaison; 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 5:31 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 Mr. Dantzler, second by Ms. McNeary, to approve the meeting minutes of January 7, 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

Mr. Hashmi reported that students are utilizing the remodeled library spaces at Truax. Student clubs have been busy hosting events, and he noted that students appreciate campus leaders attending. He will attend the ACCT Legislative Summit in Washington DC later this month.

Student Senate Report III A 3

Mr. Villarreal reported Student Senate meetings have resumed for the spring semester. Senate elections will open next week. Student Senate is working with auxiliary services to bring student voice to decision-making in that area.

College/Campus Announcements III A 4**Academic Affairs Update** III A 4 a

Dr. Giles reported that faculty and staff are working collectively to improve the student experience and outcomes.

Enrollment Update III A 4 b

Dr. Casper shared an enrollment report, including full-time equivalent student enrollments and headcount, trends over time, and disaggregated enrollment data.

Budget Update III A 4 c

Dr. Ramirez reported on the progress of several construction and remodeling projects. She introduced Mr. White to share a fiscal year 2027 budget update. His report included details about the budget process and timeline, tax levy, state aids, tuition and fees, and expenditure details.

Organizational Impact and Culture Update III A 4 d

Dr. Grady shared that her office will host two events to honor Black History Month – a gallery show and Hoops and Heritage during upcoming basketball games.

International Travel III A 4 e

Dr. Thomas reported on upcoming international travel for faculty and staff.

President's Report III A 5

Vision 2030 Updates III A 5 a

Dr. Berne shared six strategies that the college will use to improve student completion rates. They are appropriate placement that includes multiple measures, detailed academic plans for each student, reimagining adult basic education, earlier alerts to intervene with students who are struggling, taking English and math in the first year, and early momentum for students to start them on a successful path at the college.

Action Items III B

New Program Approval-Arborist Apprenticeship Program III B 1

Ms. Cioci reported that the college proposes creation of an Arborist Apprenticeship Program embedded in existing the Tree Care Technical Program. Apprenticeship students will be enrolled alongside students enrolled in the Tree Care program classes, so there will be no additional sections of existing courses. Tree Care faculty have been working with DWD,

Advisory Board members and Industry partners to identify apprenticeship sponsors. The creation of the Arborist Apprenticeship will create a pathway that would address a documented workforce shortage while providing accessible, career-focused education to individuals new to the industry and to those looking to advance in their careers by increasing their education.

There was a motion by Mr. Dantzler seconded by Ms. McNeary, to approve the new Arborist Apprenticeship Program. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda III B 2

General fund financial report as of December 30, 2025 III B 2 a

Supplier payments greater than or equal to \$2,500 and schedule of checks issued for the period December 16, 2025 through January 15, 2026 III B 2 b

Contracts for services December 2025 III B 2 c

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

Quarterly finance dashboard III B 2 e

Quarterly investment report III B 2 f

Employment of personnel III B 2 g

Resignations and separations III B 2 h

Retirements III B 2 i

There was a motion by Mr. Dantzler, seconded by Ms. Olson, to approve Consent Agenda items III.B.2.a. through i. Motion carried.

Adjournment V

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Melanie Lichtfeld, Secretary