

MATC Coalition Statement

Whereas the MATC District Board was singled out and targeted by state legislation;

Whereas, the legislation was opposed by the Milwaukee delegation of the state legislature which represents MATC and its students;

Whereas, Washington County represents only 2.2% of the MATC district's population but has 25% of the board appointment power;

Whereas, Ozaukee County represents only 8% of the MATC district's population but has 25% of the board appointment power;

Whereas, the Washington County board chair does not even live in the MATC district;

Whereas, the changes in board composition and in the selection process have disenfranchised Milwaukee's African American citizens who compose 35% of MATC's students;

Whereas, the changes have eliminated African American and Latino representation on the board appointment committee;

Whereas, African-American representation on the board has plummeted from four to one since the new non-representative appointment committee and board representation plan was adopted;

Whereas, changes in the definition of employer representative this year would make it impossible for the only Latina on the board to run for re-election in her position despite the fact that 20% of MATC's students are Latino;

Whereas the city of Milwaukee home to 65% of MATC's students has no vote in appointing the MATC board of Directors;

Whereas County Executive Chris Abele has consistently voted against the interests of Milwaukee County to appoint candidates from Ozaukee County over qualified African American and other candidates from Milwaukee County;

Be it resolved that the Commission supports restoring the MATC board composition to that of all other Wisconsin technical colleges- two employees, two employers, three at- large members, an elected official and a school superintendent;

Further be it resolved that the apolitical and democratic appointment process of MATC district school board presidents be reconvened as the college's district board appointment committee;

Further be it resolved that County Executive Abele who is elected to represent the citizens of Milwaukee County be instructed to appoint qualified representatives to the MATC district board who live in Milwaukee County;

Further, be it resolved that the Milwaukee County Executive use every legal means available to fight the disenfranchisement of the African American and Latino community on the MATC board and in the board appointment process;

And further, be it resolved that the County Executive and the Milwaukee County Board work with the Wisconsin legislature to pursue the restoration of democracy at MATC by restoring the board composition to that of all other Wisconsin Technical Colleges and restore the board appointment process to the previous school board president committee.

Name	Organizational Affiliation
Lauren Baker	MATC Board (1994-2014), former Board member of National Association of Community College Trustees
Tony Baez	Retired MATC Provost and Assistant to the President
Jonathan Brostoff	State Representative (19 th Assembly District)
David Bowen	State Representative (10 th Assembly District)
Laura Nina De Jesus	Vice President, MATC Latino Student organization
Marina Dimitrijevic	County Supervisor District 4 & State Director Wisconsin Working Families Party
Melissa Garcia	Secretary, MATC Latino Student Organization
Chuck Gobel	MATC Board
Nikiya Harris	State Senator (Senate District 6)
Wendell Harris	MPS Board member (current) & Wisconsin NAACP 1 st Vice President
Jason Haas	Milwaukee County Board (14 th District)
Reverend Julian Jasper	MATC Board member (1993-2004)
La Tonya Johnson	State Representative (17 th Assembly District)
Michael Radke	Treasurer, MATC Latino Student Organization
Dr. Keith Roberts	Retired Milwaukee Area Technical College Administrator
Jennifer Madej	President, MATC/Local 212 Retiree Chapter
Larry Miller	MPS Board member (current)
Francisco Nuñez,	President, MATC Latino Student Organization
Christine Neumann-Ortiz	Executive Director, Voces de la Frontera
Mark Sain	MPS Board member (current)
Barbara Toles	State Representative (17 th Assembly District (2004-2012)
Fred Royal	President, Milwaukee NAACP and MATC Board
Bobbie Webber	MATC Board 2001-2012 (Chair for 8 years)
Mac Weddle	Executive Director, Northcott Neighborhood House
Dr. Earl Wheatfall	MATC Associate Vice President of Community Relations (1998-2001); Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs (2002-2007)
Annie Woodward	MPS Board member
JoCasta Zamarripa	State Representative (8 th Assembly District)
Mandela Barnes	State Representative (11 th Assembly District)
Tim Carpenter	State Senator (Senate District 3)
Kimberleah Bledsoe	MATC Student Senate
Samuel Alford	MATC Student Senate
Reverend Greg Lewis	President, Pastors United
Christine Sinicki	State Representative (20 th Assembly District)
Fred Kessler	State Representative (12 th Assembly District)
Evan Goyke	State Representative (18 th Assembly District)
Angel Vega	MATC Student Senate