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Cavalier Johnson, Mayor, City of Milwaukee  
**Chief Elected Official**

Carla Cross, **Chair**

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## EMPLOY MILWAUKEE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

**Thursday, February 26, 2026 – 10:00 a.m.**

1322 North 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Milwaukee, WI 53205 – Via Microsoft Teams

### APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

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**Members Present Virtually:** Carla Cross, Andres Gonzalez, Aaron Shapiro, Greg Fritsch Julie Cayo

**Guests:** None

**Employ Milwaukee Staff Present:** Annemarie Probst, Brenda King

Chair called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

- I. Minutes from November 11, 2025, Governance Committee and November 20, 2025, Executive Committee Meeting**– Greg Fritsch motioned for approval of the minutes, Andres Gonzalez seconded. The approval of minutes passed unanimously.
  
- II. CEO/CFO Update**  
Julie Cayo provided updates on the introduction of new MPS Designee and Future Talent and Strategies Co-Chair Aaron Shapiro, federal funding, WIOA procurement requirements and waitlist relief, a \$900,000 congressionally directed award for Camp RISE, continued process improvements, MediWork\$ and AI youth training pilot programs, and the upcoming March 4<sup>th</sup> Open House event.
  
- III. Board Chair Report**  
Carla Cross shared that the meeting with the Mayor went well; they discussed the office move and the agency's strong audit performance and financial turnaround.
  
- IV. Committee Reports**  
**Personnel, Finance, and Audit Committee**  
Annemarie Probst provided an update on fund development and the audit; Wipfli presented an unmodified audit opinion, no internal control issues, and the going concern has been removed. Net assets and liquidity significantly improved. Greg Fritsch motioned for approval of the audit, Andres Gonzalez seconded. The approval of the audit passed unanimously.  
  
**Future Talent and Strategy Committee**  
Julie Cayo shared that the first meeting was in-person and went well. They have received four nominees that need approval:
  - Eric Hill, Career Pathways Coordinator at CESA 1
  - Corey Steward, VP Talent Acquisition Consultant at Associated Bank
  - Dr. John Knapp, Director of Workforce Solutions at MATC
  - Dr. Laurie Marks, Executive Director of the Center for Student Talent and Experience at UWM.

### Contract Approvals

Contracts in need of approval include the MCSC Arborist Pre-Apprenticeship Expansion and Brighter Futures Renewal. Andres Gonzalez motioned for approval of the contracts, Greg Fritsch seconded. The approval of the contracts passed unanimously.

**V. Other Items**

Carla Cross reminded the committee that the next Executive Committee meeting will be held on May 21, 2026, and the Board Meeting will take place March 4, 2026, in-person at Employ Milwaukee's Corporate Headquarters, 1322 N. 8<sup>th</sup> Street.

Meeting Adjourned 10:43 a.m.



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