



MORTON COLLEGE  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO.527  
Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting  
Wednesday, April 24, 2024

**Approved**

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**1. Call to Order**

The Regular Board meeting was called to order by Board Chair, Leonard Cannata at 10:06 AM on Wednesday, April 24, 2024, at the Centennial Room, located at 3801 S. Central Ave., Cicero, IL 60804.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Roll Call**

**Present:**

Leonard Cannata, Trustee  
Anthony Martinucci, Trustee  
Frances F. Reitz, Trustee  
Susan Grazzini, Trustee  
Oscar Montiel, Trustee  
Jose Collazo, Trustee  
Charles Hernandez, Trustee  
Alejandro Joleanis Velasquez, Student Trustee

**Also Present:**

Dr. Keith D. McLaughlin, President  
Edward Wong Attorney, Del Galdo Law Group, LLC

**4. Citizen Comments**

None

**5. Reports**

**5.1 ICCTA-ACCT**

Trustee Hernandez shared that he represented Morton College at the ICCTA meeting at Kankakee Community College, where he was involved in a trustee round table, where wonderful ideas were shared. President McLaughlin and Trustee Hernandez attended a training seminar. The seminar was all about AI and how it is the thing of the future.

**5.2 Student Trustee – Alejandro Joleanis Velasquez**

Student Trustee Alejandro Joleanis Velasquez gave his monthly report on student activities around campus. Alejandro highlighted the Job Fair and shared that after 13 years of being undocumented, he stands proudly that he received his residency a couple of weeks ago.

## 6. President's Report

Dr. McLaughlin welcomed the board to their new boardroom and gave a quick update to what will happen with some of the space. Dr. McLaughlin thanked those that played a part in pulling it all together.

Dr. McLaughlin introduced Brian Tyrrell, Senior Vice President at Alliant, our broker for our health insurance. Mr. Tyrrell explained that we are facing a significant increase that is ultimately driven by claims. After some negotiations, the overall increase went from 39% down to 23%, with no changes in planned benefits. Mr. Tyrrell also provided a couple of plan options that he thinks really make sense for the college to consider that would reduce the increase from 23% to 14%, and that would be known as their Blue Choice Options PPO plan. Brian also addressed the fact that we've moved from a two-tier to a four-tier rating structure. The trustee's comment was to do everything we can to help our staff and faculty with the increase, and they deserve the best.

Dr. McLaughlin jumped ahead to item 8.0, which will be the renewal agreement with Ellucian, just because of the \$2.25 million price tag. These systems are very expensive and are our backbone infrastructure for the operations of the entire college. The Chief Financial Officer, Ruben Ruiz, gave a brief overview of the system updates and new modules that support the full range of college operations, including student services, employee and student portals, business office, and HR functions.

Dr. McLaughlin highlighted a sizeable group of students who went to Springfield recently and participated in Legislative Day for students. The Director of Student Activities, Marisol Campos Garcia, gave a bit of a synopsis of what happened on Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup>–April 18<sup>th</sup>. Student activities, in collaboration with the Student Government Association, organized a trip to Springfield, where 19 students attended and had the opportunity to meet various senators and state representatives. Students passionately advocated for issues that were important to them. Marisol introduced Gizelle Beltran to share her own personal experience. Gizelle expressed that during this trip, we shared our stories about the importance of grants, scholarship opportunities, and different community issues that we believe need to be addressed. Gizelle and her classmates were grateful for the legislator's commitment to making higher education accessible and affordable. Marisol concluded their remarks by thanking everyone for the opportunity.

Trustee Hernandez addressed the fact that he heard some wonderful things about Morton College at the last ICCTA meeting about our nursing program. It was brought to his attention that our graduation has improved tremendously in the last couple of years. Great job!

Dr. McLaughlin highlighted that we were proud to host the Skyway STEM Poster Competition on April 19, 2024. Student Trustee Alejandro Joleanis Velasquez was proud to be a part of that group that won an award here at Morton. Alejandro also highlighted the commitment of the STEM teachers and their dedication to getting them to succeed.

Dr. McLaughlin highlighted our engineering science transfer program. This year, we are looking forward to our first graduate from that program.

Dr. McLaughlin concluded his report by saying that we will have hosted 1,000 students from District 201 freshman center on campus. Thanks to George Fejt, Marisol Campos Garcia, Courtney O'Brien, and others who have been giving these students tours of the campus.

## **7. Consent Agenda**

Trustee Martinucci made a motion to approve the consent agenda, which includes agenda items 7.1 to 7.24.3, as listed below.

Trustee Hernandez seconded the motion.

Ayes: Trustees, Cannata, Collazo, Grazzini, Hernandez, Martinucci, Montiel, and Reitz

Nays: None

Motion Carried

- 7.1. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held on March 27, 2024.
- 7.2. Approval and ratification of accounts payable and payroll for the month of March 2024, in the amount of \$3,330,654.00, and budget transfers in the amount of \$109,682.00.
- 7.3. Approval of the Monthly Budget Report for the fiscal year to date ending in March 2024.
- 7.4. Approval of the Treasurer's Report for March 2024.
- 7.5. Approval of the Morton College investment guidelines for FY25.
- 7.6. Approval of the list of Designated Depositories of excess funds for FY25.
- 7.7. Approval of the curriculum changes as submitted.
- 7.8. Approval of the Differential Pay Report for Faculty, in the amount of \$34,598.10 as submitted, pending additional class cancellations and/or additions.
- 7.9. Approval of the addendum to the college academic calendar for academic year 2024-2025 to include Fall 2024 intersession as submitted.
- 7.10. Approval of the sabbatical leave request of Kymberly Seo, Biology Faculty, for the Spring 2025 semester, as submitted.
- 7.11. Approval of the lane change, new salary per the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) for Julianna Herrmann, Nursing, FT Faculty, effective August 15, 2024.
- 7.12. A one-time stipend for HR Support Specialist for temporarily fulfilling Board Clerk responsibilities, including working with the College President to create board meeting agendas, communicating board meeting information to the Board of Trustees and college employees, setting-up for board meetings, recording and transcribing meeting minutes and providing training for the new Board Professional (Board Clerk) effective, June 2023-December 2023.
- 7.13. Approval of the annual membership, effective July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025, and ten certification exams with The National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators, NASFAA, in the amount of \$3,548.00.
- 7.14. Approval of Rags Electric for emergency repairs, in the amount of \$14,098.79.
- 7.15. Approval of the increase to \$15,000 with 3OE Higher Education for the remainder of the fiscal year 2024, as submitted.
- 7.16. Approval of the Heartland Business Systems Mitel Support Service Agreement, in the amount of \$16,367.34.



- 7.17. Approval of the use of Signature Transportation for transportation for our various athletic teams during travel for competition/tournaments, in the amount of \$28,000.00.
- 7.18. Approval of the City Wide Maintenance Janitorial Service to clean Building E, for FY24, in the amount of \$50,000.00.
- 7.19. Approval to purchase a human cadaver for the Physical Therapist Assistant Program, funded by the Institutional Budget: \$42,850.88, the Perkins Grant: \$8,200.87, and the PATH Grant: \$6,834.00, for a total of \$57,885.75.
- 7.20. Approval of the renewal of the partnership agreement with All Pro Driving School, LLC (ALL PRO) for FY25, in the total amount not to exceed \$75,000.00 paid from the student registration fees.
- 7.21. Approval of the one-year Electricity Supply Agreement by and between Freepoint Energy Solutions and Morton College, with a rate of .06524 per kWh, effective November 20, 2024–November 20, 2025, in the amount of \$330,000.00.
- 7.22. Approval of Facility Use Permits
  - 7.22.1. Peace officer’s memorial Foundation of Cook County, to use Morton College Parking Lot for their annual Memorial Motorcade Line-Up on May 10, 2024.
  - 7.22.2. Storm Baseball Little League’s usage of the Hawthorne Sports Complex baseball field, at no cost, for the following dates, 5/1/2024, 5/4/2024, 5/8/2024, 5/11/20204, 5/15/2024, 5/18/204, 5/22/2024, 5/25/2024, 5/29/2024, 6/1/2024, and 6/5/2024.
  - 7.22.3. Drexel Grade School use of Jedlicka Performing Arts Center for Spring Concert on May 28, 2024, Pending Certificate of Insurance.
- 7.23.Approval of New/Updated Job Descriptions
  - 7.23.1. Dean of Student Services – Revised
  - 7.23.2. Service Aide, Community and Continuing Education Programming – Revised
- 7.24.Approval of Full-Time Employment
  - 7.24.1. Diana Salgado, Admissions Clerk I, effective May 1, 2024.
  - 7.24.2. Alejandra Le, Administrative Assistant – PTA, effective June 3, 2024.
  - 7.24.3. Yukto Tsang, Faculty, Biology, effective August 15, 2024.
8. **Approval of the continued extended services support agreement with Ellucian for the enterprise resource planning system for a 5-year period, July 2024 to June 2029, in the amount of \$2,258,552.00.**

Trustee Martinucci made a motion to approve the continued extended services support agreement with Ellucian in the amount of \$2,258,552.00.

Trustee Hernandez seconded the motion.

Ayes: Trustees, Cannata, Collazo, Grazzini, Hernandez, Martinucci, Montiel, and Reitz

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**9. Approval of the updated Institutional Membership in External Organizations Policy 2.9, as submitted.**

Trustee Martinucci made a motion to approve the updated Institutional Membership in External Organizations Policy 2.9, as submitted.

Trustee Hernandez seconded the motion.

Ayes: Trustees, Cannata, Collazo, Grazzini, Hernandez, Martinucci, Montiel, and Reitz

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**10. Informational Only 10.1 – 10.1.5**

**11. Adjournment**

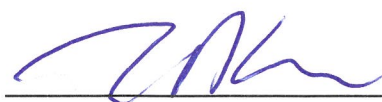
Trustee Martinucci made a motion to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting at 10:38 a.m.

Trustee Collazo seconded the motion.

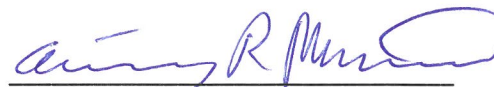
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Nays: None

Motion Carried



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/s/ Leonard Cannata,  
Board Chair



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/s/ Anthony Martinucci,  
Vice Chair