



MORTON COLLEGE
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO.527
Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting
Wednesday, May 22, 2024
Approved

1. Call to Order

The Regular Board meeting was called to order by Board Chair, Leonard Cannata at 10:04 AM on Wednesday, May 22, 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. Recognition

Trustee Leonard Cannata thanked Student Trustee Alejandro Joleanis Velasquez for all his work that he did while on the board. We greatly appreciate his assistance, his viewpoints, and his opinion.

President Keith McLaughlin mentioned Alejandro was the student speaker at graduation and he just did a fantastic, amazing job in that role.

4. Swearing in of Student Member, Gizelle Beltran

Student Member, Gizele Beltran was sworn in by Edward Wong, Attorney.

Trustee Cannata made a motion to appoint Mr. Martinucci as temporary secretary, in Mr. Collazo's absence.

Trustee Montiel seconded the motion.

5. Roll Call

Present:

Leonard Cannata, Trustee
Anthony Martinucci, Trustee
Susan Grazzini, Trustee
Oscar Montiel, Trustee
Charles Hernandez, Trustee

Absent:

Jose Collazo, Trustee
Frances F. Reitz, Trustee

Also Present:

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

6. Citizen Comments

None

7. Reports

7.1 ICCTA-ACCT

Trustee Hernandez had the pleasure of going down to Springfield last week for Lobby Day with legislators from our district. He was accompanied by President McLaughlin. Trustee Hernandez emphasized what an outstanding job he did; he made a great presentation, visited them all, and made commitments. You couldn't be prouder of a president than with Keith.

President McLaughlin thanked Trustee Hernandez. He also thanked him for being a part of that day and opening doors for us. Dr. McLaughlin went on to say Trustee Hernandez was very active and part of those conversations and identified the needs of the college.

8. President's Report

Dr. McLaughlin highlighted the celebration of graduation over the weekend with outstanding participation from our students. Both ceremonies were excellent in terms of student speakers as well as a graduation speaker who was an alum of ours, Angelica Sanchez, the daughter of our full-time faculty member Luis Sanchez, who launched a career in journalism. It was all around an excellent ceremony. Dr. McLaughlin thanked Jim O'Connell, Marisol Campos Garcia, Gabriella Mata, and everyone that made a part of those ceremonies so special, and our new trustee was the one that led us in the national anthem.

Dr. McLaughlin introduced Lee Milano, our new Athletic Director. Mr. Milano thanked the board, president, and administration for the opportunity and is very anxious and looking forward to being the athletic director. Lee finished up a 30-plus-year career in education at the secondary level and has been coaching for thirty years. Mr. Milano states that it is very important to make sure that the coaches and the players know they are competitive on the field, but they are also representing the institution in the right way. The goal is for them to move forward if they want to continue to play at the next level of college and help them do that, but also by representing themselves as solid citizens when they move on.

Dr. McLaughlin highlighted on the agenda the recommendation of the appointment of Chris Wido as the Assistant Athletic Director and hope Lee and Chris will make an excellent team in leading the athletic department.

Dr. McLaughlin introduced Mireya Perez, Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer. Mireya provided an overview of the tentative FY25 annual budget, focusing on the Operating Fund, which is composed of Education, Operation, and Maintenance.

Trustee Hernandez asked if there was any money allocated to renovate the soccer and baseball fields. Concerned about the flooding after every heavy rain. Joe Florio, Director of Campus Operations and Facilities, assured him that he spoke with Cicero Landscaping and the Town of Cicero and that we are in the process of cleaning the sewers.

Dr. McLaughlin highlighted that we have a reserve fund of \$25 million, which represents about 10 months of operating expenses, that we can allocate for that purpose.

Student Trustee Gizelle Beltran made aware that the lights in the hallway were either too dim or too bright for the students and if there was a way to fix that. Joe Florio stated that we have an energy-efficient program through ComEd and that all hallways are equipped with sensors and timers. We have the lights dimmed down to 15% but can be changed to make them brighter.

- 10.5. Approval of English 10% compensation for Adjunct Faculty for Spring 2024, in the amount of \$5,461.45.
- 10.6. Approval of the Adjunct Faculty consultation hours for Spring 2024, in the amount of \$22,803.16.
- 10.7. Approval of the independent consultant agreement renewal with Ryan Denson, Paramedic Program Director, effective July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025, in the amount of \$72,187.50/year.
- 10.8. Approval of the renewal of print periodical and journal subscriptions for the library from EBSCO, FY25, in the amount of \$27,089.00.
- 10.9. Approval of the purchase of online databases from the consortium of Academic and Research Libraries in Illinois (CARLI), FY25, in the amount of \$95,053.00.
- 10.10. Approval of the contract with Ferrilli in the amount of \$24,750.00.
- 10.11. Approval of the purchase of PYXIS Standard Nursing Cabinet from Pocket Nurse Simulation & Education Supplies, in the amount of \$49,748.38.
- 10.12. Approval of the purchase of KACE as a service license from Quest for FY25, as submitted, in the amount of \$50,835.35/year.
- 10.13. Approval of the one-year engagement with Forvis LLP., an accounting firm, to perform the FY24 college audit, in the amount of \$102,615.00.
- 10.14. Approval of Alliant Insurance Services, Inc., for the liability insurance for FY25, in the amount of \$380,646.00.
- 10.15. Approval of the renewed resolution approving and adopting a master educational affiliation agreement between Morton College District 527 and Midwest Orthopedics at Rush.
- 10.16. Approval of the partnership agreement with District 103 Toastmasters Chicago for offering a Youth Leadership Program.
- 10.17. Approval to adopt an institutional Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility Statement as required by the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) and the Illinois Community College Board (ICCB).
- 10.18. Approval of Facility Use Permits
 - 10.18.1. Azteca Men's Baseball League use the Morton College baseball field at the Hawthorne Sports Complex on the following dates: 5/26/24, 6/2/24, 6/9/24, 6/16/24, 6/23/24, 6/30/24, 7/7/24, 7/14/24, 7/21/24, 7/28/24, 8/4/24, 8/11/24, and 8/18/24, at no cost.
- 10.19. Approval of New/Updated Job Descriptions
 - 10.19.1. Campus Police Officer Trainee (PT) – New Job Description
 - 10.19.2. Dispatcher Supervisor – New Job Description
 - 10.19.3. Grants Manager, ACTE – New Job Description
- 10.20. Approval of Position Changes
 - 10.20.1. Cynthia Young, New Position, Interim Associate Dean of Nursing, \$105,000.00, effective July 1, 2024.
- 10.21. Approval of Full-Time Employment
 - 10.21.1. Christopher Wido, Assistant Athletic Director, \$75,000.00, effective June 3, 2024.

