



MORTON COLLEGE  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO.527  
Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting  
Monday, June 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 10:12 AM on Monday, June 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  
Jose Collazo, Trustee  
Frances F. Reitz, Trustee  
Susan Grazzini, Trustee  
Charles Hernandez, Trustee  
Gizelle Beltran, Student Trustee

**Absent:**

Oscar Montiel, 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 - None

5.2 Student Trustee – Gizelle Beltran

Student Trustee Gizelle Beltran highlighted that the headcount this summer from last summer has increased by 7.4%, and credit enrollment increased by 7.7%. The percentage outcome is due to students who are incoming freshmen looking to start their journey at Morton College. Gizelle also highlighted the Summer Bridge Program, which is where high school students are looking to earn college credit.

## **6. President's Report**

Dr. McLaughlin highlighted the FY24 Grants Summary. Dr. McLaughlin acknowledged the work of Michael Rose, Associate Dean, who took the lead, as well as others, in applying for these grants and submitting a very compelling proposal so that they were successfully awarded. The total for this year was \$864,885.00 in grant funding, so that is exceptional. We are looking forward to next year, and Dean Rose is already preparing proposals for a federal grant, the Student Support Services Grant, in the amount of 1.4 million over 5 years, and a Basic Needs Grant, also a federal grant, in the amount of \$900,000.00 over 3 years.

Trustee Cannata highlighted the great work on these grants.

## **7. Consent Agenda**

Trustee Grazzini made a motion to approve the consent agenda, which includes agenda items 7.1 to 7.20.3, as listed below.

Trustee Martinucci seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Montiel

Motion Carried

- 7.1. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held on May 22, 2024.
- 7.2. Approval and ratification of accounts payable and payroll for the month of May 2024, in the amount of \$2,728,024.00, and budget transfers in the amount of \$112,200.00.
- 7.3. Approval of the Monthly Budget Report for the fiscal year to date ending in May 2024.
- 7.4. Approval of the Treasurer's Report for May 2024.
- 7.5. Approval and ratification of the Fiscal Year 2025 Morton College Student Government Association Budget as submitted.
- 7.6. Approval of the curriculum changes as submitted.
- 7.7. Approval of out-of-state travel to Dr. Keith McLaughlin to attend the NACTC 2024 Summer Symposium in Kansas City, MO, from June 25 – 27, 2024, at the approximate cost of \$900.00.
- 7.8. Approval of out-of-state travel to Dr. Keith McLaughlin to attend the Anthology Strategic Leadership Summit in Orlando, FL, from July 15 – 17, 2024, at the approximate cost of \$1,100.00
- 7.9. Approval of the purchase of Apple MacBook's, in the amount of \$59,600.00, paid with College Bridge Grant.
- 7.10. Approval of the continued contract agreement with AMZ Educational Consulting (AMZEC) LLC, from June 3, 2024 – May 31, 2025, for Institutional Research, not to exceed the total cost of \$77,000.00.
- 7.11. Approval of Lake County Press, Inc. for multiple projects throughout the year, in the total amount not to exceed \$90,000.00.
- 7.12. Approval of the continued use of Game One for athletic apparel and equipment purchases for FY25, in the amount of \$150,000.00.
- 7.13. Approval of the ICCB 2025 RAMP Report to maintain the infrastructure of the Morton College Campus, in the amount of approximately \$1.1 million.

- 7.14. Approval of the independent consultant agreement for physical therapist assistant (PTA) and nursing programs for FY25 with Bohm Consulting LLC, in the amount not to exceed \$50,000.00, paid by the Perkins and PATH grants.
- 7.15. Approval of the renewal of the clinical affiliation agreement between Morton College District 527 and Riveredge Hospital.
- 7.16. Approval of the renewed resolution approving and adopting a master educational affiliation agreement between Morton College District 527 and Symbria Rehab, Inc.
- 7.17. Approval of the renewed resolution approving and adopting a master educational affiliation agreement between Morton College District 527 and Team Rehabilitation.
- 7.18. Approval of Facility Use Permits
  - 7.18.1. Los Traviesos Baseball to use the baseball field to hold practice on Fridays from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. June 2024-August 2024.
- 7.19. Approval of Position Changes
  - 7.19.1. Jessica Patterson, Promotion, Dispatch Supervisor, effective July 1, 2024.
  - 7.19.2. Lissette Melgoza, Reclassification, Financial Aid Clerk I, effective July 1, 2024.
  - 7.19.3. Giselle Soto, Reclassification, Receptionist, effective July 1, 2024.
- 7.20. Approval of Full-Time Employment
  - 7.20.1. Clara Martinez, Faculty, Nursing, effective July 1, 2024.
  - 7.20.2. Jose Esparza, Helpdesk Technical Support Specialist, effective July 8, 2024.
  - 7.20.3. Gustavo Rodriguez, Custodian (Temporary), \$15.10 per hour, effective July 1, 2024.

**8. Informational Only 8.1 – 8.3.3.**

Before a potential closed session Trustee Cannata gave an attaboy to Chief Mike Wolff from the Morton College Police Department. Recently there was a shooting on Cermak and Cicero Avenue and to his understanding is that some of the cameras installed by Morton College were able to assist in apprehending the suspect on 55<sup>th</sup> and Western and coordinating with the Cicero Police Department. Good work and really Trustee Cannata appreciated that.

Trustee Hernandez asked Chief Wolff what happened to the program that was discussed some time ago to set up more cameras to be installed throughout campus. Trustee Hernandez thinks this has indicated the importance of having these types of cameras throughout our campus and naturally looking at the safety and welfare of our faculty and students.

Chief Wolff responded that the technician from the town of Cicero has not been hired yet.

Trustee Hernandez asked what the holdup was.

Chief Wolff explained the real-time crime center and the installation of license plate readers.

Dr. Keith McLaughlin responded that he would investigate the matter and will get back to the Trustees.

**9. Closed Session**

Approval to adjourn to Closed Session meeting for the purpose of discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body (Consideration of the matter held in closed meeting/executive pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1)).

Discussion pursuant to 5ILCS 120 Section 2(11) "to consider when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probably or imminent."

Trustee Martinucci made a motion to go into Closed Session

Trustee Collazo seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None                      Absent: Trustee Montiel

Motion Carried

**10. Approval of the Settlement Agreement for Elisa I. Guerra, in the amount of \$300,000.00.**

Trustee Martinucci made a motion to approve the settlement agreement for Elisa I. Guerra, in the amount of \$300,000.00.

Trustee Collazo seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None                      Absent: Trustee Montiel

Motion Carried

**11. Adjournment**

Trustee Grazzini made a motion to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting at 11:07 a.m.

Trustee Collazo seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None                      Absent: Trustee Montiel

Motion Carried



/s/ Leonard Cannata,  
Board Chair



/s/ Jose Collozo  
Secretary