

MORTON COLLEGE
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO.527
Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting
Monday, September 30, 2024

Approved

1. **Call to Order**

The Regular Board meeting was called to order by Vice Chair, Anthony Martinucci at 10:05 AM on Monday, September 30, 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. **Cook County Commissioner Frank Aguilar presents the Resolution to recognize Morton College's 100th Anniversary.**

An award was presented on behalf of the Cicero Mexican Cultural Committee to Morton College, celebrating the 100th anniversary of education.

4. **Video presentation of Congressman Jesus "Chuy" Garcia recognizing Morton College's 100th Year.**

5. **Roll Call**

Present:

Jose Collazo, Trustee
Susan Grazzini, Trustee
Charles Hernandez, Trustee
Anthony Martinucci, Trustee
Frances F. Reitz, Trustee
Gizelle Beltran, Student Trustee

Absent:

Leonard Cannata, Trustee
Oscar Montiel, 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 highlighted the most recent ICCTA meeting. The context of the meeting was a

pipeline for advancement in education. The future of community colleges is based upon partnerships. Being associated with ICCTA is only good for the college.

7.2 Student Trustee – Gizelle Beltran

Student Trustee Gizelle Beltran brought to the attention of the board that students are curious as to when the Transportation Assistance Program will be coming back. Gizelle highlighted the WGN interview, meal programs, SAC (Student Advisory Committee) meeting, and the Cicero Parade.

8. President's Report

Dr. McLaughlin highlighted the WGN interview.

Dr. McLaughlin highlighted the wonderful kickoff celebration on September 18th and thanked the Trustees for being a part of that, and Trustee Grazzini for speaking on behalf of the Trustees. Dr. McLaughlin took the opportunity to recognize those people involved in planning that and planning events in the future. Certainly, Facilities and Joe Florio for the setup, but really wanted to recognize the leadership of Michael Kott for that event and everything that he's been doing to lead our celebrations. Michael is very experienced in performing, of course, in his many years in theater, and what a performance that was on the 18th of September with the fantastic video, just really captured the essence of Morton College over these 100 years. Dr. McLaughlin congratulated Michael and thanked him for all his work.

Dr. McLaughlin concluded his report by highlighting all the parades Morton has been a part of and recognized Irina Cline, who has been organizing all of that.

9. Closed Session - Cancelled

10. Consent Agenda

Trustee Reitz made a motion to approve the consent agenda, which includes agenda items 10.1 to 10.24.1, as listed below.

Trustee Collazo seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None Abstain: Trustee Hernandez Absent: Trustee Cannata and Montiel

Motion Carried

A discussion ensued between Trustee Hernandez and Dr. Keith McLaughlin.

- 10.1. Approval of the Minutes of the Special Board meeting held on February 22, 2024, Minutes of the Public Hearing of the FY25 Budget held on August 28, 2024, and Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held on August 28, 2024.
- 10.2. Approval and ratification of accounts payable and payroll for the month of August 2024, in the amount of \$3,112,528.00, and budget transfers in the amount of \$80,500.00.
- 10.3. Approval of the Monthly Budget Report for the fiscal year to date ending in August 2024.
- 10.4. Approval of the Treasurer's Report for August 2024.
- 10.5. Approval of the FY25 salary increase for Senior Administrators as submitted.
- 10.6. Approval of a one-time rollover of the balance of the FY24 Senior Administrator unused vacation leave days

above the annual 20-day rollover limit.

- 10.7. Approval of the FY25 salary increase for Administrators as submitted.
- 10.8. Approval of the FY25 salary increase for Classified Excluded as submitted.
- 10.9. Approval of curriculum changes, as submitted.
- 10.10. Approval of the employment status of one tenure and one non-tenure instructor for the academic year 2024-2025.
- 10.11. Approval of the Faculty overload employment report for the Fall 2024 semester, in the amount of \$393,159.88 as submitted, pending additional class cancellations and/or additions.
- 10.12. Approval of the Adjunct Faculty assignment/employment report for the Fall 2024 semester, in the amount of \$637,782.56 as submitted, pending additional class cancellations and/or additions.
- 10.13. Approval of out-of-state travel to Dr. Keith McLaughlin to attend the ACCT 2024 Leadership Congress in Seattle, WA, from October 23 – 26, 2024, at approximately \$3,118.01.
- 10.14. Approval of out-of-state travel to Trustee Susan Grazzini to attend the ACCT 2024 Leadership Congress in Seattle, WA, from October 23 – 26, 2024, at approximately \$3,091.83.
- 10.15. Approval of out-of-country travel for Donald Sykora to the EV Technology Training through the IGEN RevUp New Zealand Exchange, in Otago Polytechnic Dunedin, New Zealand from December 29, 2024 – January 8, 2025, in the approximate amount of \$8,200.00-\$9,200.00, paid in full by the RevUp IGEN grant.
- 10.16. Approval of a paid internship policy for Morton College, at the hourly rate of \$14.00 per hour, if the department's budget permits.
- 10.17. Approval of the Legal Representation of Patrick J. Walsh of Griffin Williams McMahon & Walsh to perform various legal services, at the hourly rate of \$195.00 per hour. Work performed by paralegals will be charged at the hourly rate of \$125.00 per hour.
- 10.18. Approval of the Library Furniture International (LFI) to furnish and install library shelving and storage cabinets, in the amount of \$32,000.00.
- 10.19. Approval of the agreement for Blackboard Learning System institutional license for unlimited accounts, in the amount of \$148,568.00 for a 3-year period, from Blackboard, Inc., a sole source vendor.
- 10.20. Approval of the purchase of Barracuda 3-Year email protection license, in the amount of \$295,943.00/3-year.
- 10.21. Approval of Facility Use Permits
 - 10.21.1. Cook County College Teachers Union to use the theater for the September 20, 2024, House of Delegates meeting from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
 - 10.21.2. NiCor Gas Energy Efficiency Program to use the gymnasium on October 3, 2024, from 3:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
 - 10.21.3. AlphaBet Soup Productions, October 15 – 18, 2024, March 4-7, 2025, and May 7-9, 2025, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- 10.22. Approval of New/Updated Job Descriptions
 - 10.22.1. PT Administrative Assistant – EMS (EMT-B, Paramedic Programs) – New.
- 10.23. Approval of Position Changes
 - 10.23.1. Joe Luciano, Status change from PT to FT Campus Police Officer, effective October 1, 2024.

10.24. Approval of Full-Time Employment

10.24.1. Diana Salgado, Credential Analyst/Degree Auditor, effective October 7, 2024.

11. Approval of the Resolution forming the Decennial Committee on Local Government Efficiency for Morton College, Illinois Community College District 527.

Trustee Reitz made a motion to approve the Resolution forming the Decennial Committee on Local Government Efficiency for Morton College, Illinois Community College District 527.

Trustee Grazzini seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Cannata and Montiel

Motion Carried

12. Approval of the Resolution appointing the members of the Decennial Committee on Local Government Efficiency for Morton College, Illinois Community College District 527.

Trustee Grazzini made a motion to approve the Resolution appointing the members of the Decennial Committee on Local Government Efficiency for Morton College, Illinois Community College District 527.

Trustee Collazo seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Cannata and Montiel

Motion Carried

13. Informational Only 13.1 – 13.3.1

14. Adjournment

Trustee Grazzini made a motion to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting at 10:26 a.m.


Trustee Reitz seconded the motion.

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

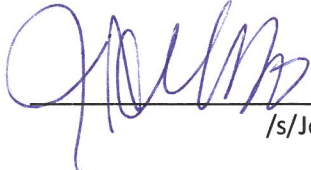
Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Cannata and Montiel

Motion Carried



/s/ Leonard Cannata,
Board Chair



/s/ Jose Collozo
Secretary