



MORTON COLLEGE
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO.527
Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting
Wednesday, December 11, 2024

Approved

1. Call to Order

The Regular Board meeting was called to order by Board Chair, Leonard Cannata at 10:07 AM on Wednesday, December 11, 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
Jose Collazo, Trustee
Susan Grazzini, Trustee
Charles Hernandez, Trustee
Anthony Martinucci, Trustee
Oscar Montiel, Trustee
Frances F. Reitz, Trustee
Gizelle Beltran, 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

None

5.2 Student Trustee – Gizelle Beltran

Student Trustee Gizelle Beltran highlighted the finals, the Giving Thanks Luncheon, and announced she will be taking her last final and graduating this semester. Everyone applauded and congratulated Gizelle.

6. President's Report

Dr. McLaughlin started his report by recognizing the members of the soccer team for their outstanding season. Athletic Director, Lee Milano thanked the administration and the board for supporting the athletic department. Lee mentioned not only is the team talented, but they always represented the college with class and dignity finishing 12th in the nation. He introduced Head Coach, Juan Franco, who congratulated his great team and was very proud of them. They are great kids not only on the soccer field but outside of the field. Juan also thanked the Board, President, and the Morton Community for their support. Dr. McLaughlin echoed what Coard Juan said. He has heard such great feedback about how the team represents the college on and off the field.

Dr. McLaughlin thanked the Board again for the outstanding retreat they had a few weeks ago. He found it to be a very productive and engaging conversation about the future. Keith appreciated the time that the board took to be a part of that and looks forward to continuing those conversations into the new year. Dr. McLaughlin followed up by stating that Joanna Martin provided the board with evaluations for self-evaluations and president evaluations.

Dr. McLaughlin brought up a discussion at the retreat about the future development of the property adjacent to the campus. He highlighted his meeting with a firm that specializes in helping higher education institutions develop property. Dr. McLaughlin believes that the information we're gathering will be useful for the board to review as we move forward.

Dr. McLaughlin thanked Trustee Reitz for bringing to the board's attention, the Chair, an opportunity for training through the Association of Community College Trustees.

Dr. McLaughlin highlighted that we recently received feedback from the Illinois Community College Board and the Illinois Board of Higher Education regarding our institutional equity plan that we are now required to submit to the state. We received very positive feedback on that plan and thanked Dr. Marisol Velazquez for leading the effort and the whole team that put that plan together. We were recognized by the state in terms of our work for helping all of our students be more successful in completing and graduating and so forth.

Dr. McLaughlin concluded his report by sharing that there will be a meeting with a couple of representatives from the Illinois Community College Board today. They will be on-site as part of the cycle of recognition that all community colleges go through every five years. A full team will meet with them, and we will keep the board updated as things develop.

7. Consent Agenda

Trustee Martinucci made a motion to approve the consent agenda, which includes agenda items 7.1 to 7.17.1, as listed below.

Trustee Grazzini 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 November 21, 2024, and the Minutes of the Special Board meeting/Board Retreat held on November 23, 2024.

- 7.2. Approval and ratification of accounts payable and payroll for the month of November 2024, in the amount of \$2,928,583.00, and budget transfers in the amount of \$0.00.
- 7.3. Approval of the Monthly Budget Report for the fiscal year to date ending in November 2024.
- 7.4. Approval of the Treasurer's Report for November 2024.
- 7.5. Approval of the Calendar of the Regular Board Meetings from January to December 2025.
- 7.6. Approval of the curriculum changes as submitted.
- 7.7. Approval of an emergency roof replacement by NIR Roof Care to replace a roof on the D Building, in the amount of \$144,220.00.
- 7.8. Approval of Axon, a part of the SourceWell purchase consortium, for the purchase of body cams and tasers for the Morton College Police Department, a multi-year agreement, in the amount of \$100,290.80, per state mandate.
- 7.9. Approval of Legat Architects fees for rooftop HVAC Units #9 and #12, for design and engineering, in the amount of \$66,162.00.
- 7.10. Approval of continuing agreement for FY25 with 3OE Higher Education Solutions in the amount of \$55,000.00 (79% Title III grant funded and 21% institutional) for ongoing support of Year 5 and NCE Year 6 of the Title III MC-Success grant project; design and buildout of new MC website; Creation of 25-27 institutional strategic and annual planning documents; ongoing development of 100th year anniversary marketing collateral.
- 7.11. Approval of the affiliation agreement between Morton College District 527 and the Association of College and University Educators, ACUE, in the amount of \$50,000.00 (\$30,000.00 paid by the Perkins Grant and \$20,000.00 paid by Institutional Funds).
- 7.12. Approval of the legal representation of Patrick J. Walsh of Griffin Williams McMahon & Walsh to perform various legal services increased to the amount of \$50,000.00.
- 7.13. Approval of the purchase of Chromebooks and Laptops from Paragon Micro for Adult Ed, in the amount of \$25,812.20, paid from the Digital Instruction Grant.
- 7.14. Approval of the renewal of the resolution approving and adopting the affiliation agreement between Cook County Health and Hospitals System and Morton College Community College, District 527.
- 7.15. Approval of student Cecilia Monroy's Internship with the Stickney Police Department, a resolution adopting an intergovernmental agreement between the Village of Stickney and Morton Community College, District 527.
- 7.16. Approval of Full-Time Employment
 - 7.16.1. Alexandra Roman, Senior Administrative Assistant, Dean's Office, Nonunion Position, \$56,000.00, effective December 12, 2024.
 - 7.16.2. Margarita Vivero, Custodian, Union Position, effective December 12, 2024.
 - 7.16.3. Cynthia Garcia, Nursing Lab Assistant, Nonunion Position, \$45,000.00, effective December 16, 2024.
 - 7.16.4. Danielle Reidell, Executive Assistant to the Vice President of Academic Affairs, Nonunion Position, \$64,500.00, effective December 16, 2024.
 - 7.16.5. Dominique Colyer, Director of Financial Aid, Nonunion Position, \$85,000.00, effective January 6, 2025.
 - 7.16.6. Allan Tomnitz, Faculty, Welding, Union Position, effective January 9, 2025.
 - 7.16.7. Sean Lamar Hudson, Director of Institutional Research, Nonunion Position, \$90,000.00, effective January 13, 2025.

7.17. Approval of Position Changes

- 7.17.1. Javier Enriquez, Change from PT to FT, Union Position, One Stop Center Specialist, effective January 6, 2024.

8. Informational Only 8.1 – 8.2.7

9. Approval of the updated Title IX Policy for Morton College, as submitted.

Trustee Martinucci made a motion to approve the updated Title IX Policy for Morton College, as submitted.

Trustee Hernandez seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

10. Approval of the updated 8.2.1 Comprehensive Non-Discrimination, Sexual Based Harassment or Misconduct Policy, as submitted.

Trustee Martinucci made a motion to approve the updated 8.2.1 Comprehensive Non-Discrimination, Sexual Based Harassment or Misconduct Policy, as submitted.

Trustee Hernandez seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

11. Approval of the resolution authorizing the 2024 Tax Levy and certifying compliance with the Truth in Taxation Act, as submitted.

Trustee Reitz made a motion to approve the resolution authorizing the 2024 Tax Levy, as submitted.

Trustee Martinucci seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

12. Closed Session - Cancelled

13. Adjournment

Trustee Grazzini made a motion to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting at 10:18 a.m.

Trustee Collazo seconded the motion.

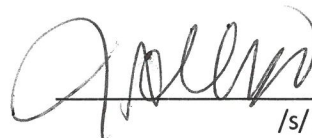
Ayes: Trustees, Cannata, Collazo, Grazzini, Hernandez, Martinucci, Montiel, and Reitz

Nays: None

Motion Carried



/s/ Leonard Cannata,
Board Chair



/s/ Jose Collozo,
Secretary