



# MORTON COLLEGE

## COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 527

COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

### Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting

Wednesday  
July 22, 2015

1.0

Convening the Meeting:

1.1

Call to Order:

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Illinois Community College District No. 527 was called to order by Board Chair Anthony Martinucci at 12:14 p.m. on Wednesday, July 22, 2015, in the Morton College Board Room (221-B).

1.2

Roll Call:

Present: Frank J. Aguilar, Secretary  
Susan L. Banks, Trustee  
Joseph J. Belcaster, Trustee  
Jose A. Collazo, Trustee  
Melissa Cundari, Vice Chair  
Anthony Martinucci, Chair  
Alejandra Murillo, Advisory-Voting Student Member

Absent: Frances F. Reitz, Trustee

Also Present: Muddassir Siddiqi, Interim President  
Holly Tomchey, Attorney – Del Galdo Law Group, LLC

Order of Preference (o.p.):

Chair Martinucci announced that the Board would be taking up Agenda Item 10.6, Closed Session, first; followed by Agenda Item 10.3, Presidential Search Committee.

10.6

Closed Session:  
(o.p.)

Trustee Belcaster moved to approve a recess to Closed Session to consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of Morton College; and to consider litigation matters pursuant to Chapter 5 of the *Illinois Compiled Statutes* Section 120/2 (c) (1) and (11) respectively. Trustee Cundari seconded the motion.

All were in favor. (voice vote) Absent: Trustee Reitz. Motion carried.

Recess:

The Board recessed to Room 220B of the Administration Area for Closed Session at 12:15 p.m.

Reconvening: The Regular Meeting was reconvened at 1:35 p.m. by Chair Martinucci. Upon roll call, the following were found present: Trustees Aguilar, Banks, Belcaster, Collazo, Cundari, and, Martinucci, and Advisory-Voting Student Member Murillo. Absent: Trustee Reitz.

10.3  
Search Committee: Trustee Belcaster moved to approve the establishment of a Morton College Presidential Search Committee; and, further, approve the appointment of the following as Members of the Committee:

Joseph Belcaster – Trustee  
Melissa Cundari – Trustee  
Alejandra Murillo – Student/ Trustee  
Muddassir Siddiqi – Administration  
Frank Marzullo – Administration  
David Gonzalez – Administration (Consultant)  
Dante Orfei – Faculty  
Janet Crockett – Faculty  
Pat Parise – Faculty  
Dennis Haffron – Adjunct Faculty  
Karen Piest – Classified Staff Federation  
Eric Porod – Classified Staff Federation  
Mark Kraft – Community  
Jim Terracino – Community  
1 additional person to be named - Community

Trustee Cundari seconded the motion.

All were in favor. (voice vote) Absent: Trustee Reitz. Motion carried.

2.0  
Consent and Information Agenda: Items identified by an asterisk on the Agenda have been placed on the Consent Agenda:

Item 3.1 — Minutes of Regular Meeting held June 24, 2015;

Item 10.4 — The Illinois Council of Community College Presidents, Continued Institutional Membership in the amount of \$2,750 for Fiscal Year 2016; and

Item 10.5 — The Higher Learning Commission, Continued Institutional Membership in the amount of \$5,255 for Fiscal Year 2016

Trustee Belcaster moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Trustee Cundari seconded the motion.

Advisory Vote – Student Member Murillo: Aye.

Ayes: Trustees Aguilar, Banks, Belcaster, Collazo, Cundari, and Martinucci. Nays: None. Absent: Trustee Reitz. Motion carried.

3.0  
Approval of Minutes  
of Previous Meeting(s):

3.1  
Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
Held June 24, 2015:

Approved by consent — see Agenda Item 2.0.

3.2  
Minutes of the Closed Session  
Held June 24, 2015:

Trustee Belcaster moved to approve the Minutes of the Closed Session held June 24, 2015 as submitted. Trustee Cundari seconded the motion.

Advisory Vote – Student Member Murillo: Aye.

Ayes: Trustees Aguilar, Banks, Belcaster, Collazo, Cundari, and Martinucci. Nays: None. Absent: Trustee Reitz. Motion carried.

4.0  
Citizen Comments:

Dante Orfei, President of the Morton College Local 1600 Faculty Union, addressed the Board regarding the Tentative FY 16 Budget that has been posted, pointing out that \$1.3 million has been transferred from the Education Fund, which is in excess of five percent (5%) of the education budget. He added that it is disturbing when told that there is no money to do the things that we do. He asked the Board to consider this when finalizing the Budget between now and the next meeting.

5.0  
Old Business:

There was none.

6.0  
Commendations/Recognitions:

There were none.

7.0  
Reports:

7.1  
Presidential Search Update:

Dr. Gary Davis, Consultant for the Presidential Search, noted that national publicity for this search is underway, having placed ads in various publications, including on-line, resulting in twenty-eight (28) applications having already been received; more are anticipated. He encouraged anyone knowing of anyone who may be interested in the position to apply. By early September, interviews with candidates will occur on campus and possibly a selection by the Board. Dr. Davis added that the Board has flexibility to do its job right; the Board reserves the right to interview any of the applicants, but will interview the three (3) candidates of the Committee. Dr. Davis thanked the Board for the opportunity to again work with them.

7.2  
ICCTA/ACCT:

Trustee Cundari stated that there was no report.

7.3  
Student Member:

Advisory Voting Student Member Murillo gave the monthly report of student programs and activities.

7.4  
Friends of Morton College  
Foundation:

Chair Martinucci stated that this report is submitted for information purposes only.

8.0  
Finance and Business Matters:

8.1  
Approval of Accounts Payable,  
Payrolls, Expenditure Transfers,

Trustee Cundari moved to approve and ratify the Accounts Payable and Payrolls in the amount of \$2,023,212 and Budget Transfers the amount of \$8,000 for the month of May 2015 and Budget Transfers: as submitted. Trustee Belcaster seconded the motion.

Advisory Vote – Student Member Murillo: Aye.

Ayes: Trustees Aguilar, Banks, Belcaster, Collazo, Cundari, and Martinucci. Nays: None. Absent: Trustee Reitz. Motion carried.

8.2  
Monthly Financial Report:

Trustee Cundari moved to accept and file for audit the Monthly Financial Report for fiscal year to date ending May 2015 as submitted. Trustee Belcaster seconded the motion.

Advisory Vote – Student Member Murillo: Aye.

Ayes: Trustees Aguilar, Banks, Belcaster, Collazo, Cundari, and Martinucci. Nays: None. Absent: Trustee Reitz. Motion carried.

8.3  
Treasurer's Report:

Trustee Belcaster moved to accept and file for audit the Monthly Treasurer's Report for May 2015 as submitted. Trustee Banks seconded the motion.

Advisory Vote – Student Member Murillo: Aye.

Ayes: Trustees Aguilar, Banks, Belcaster, Collazo, Cundari, and Martinucci. Nays: None. Absent: Trustee Reitz. Motion carried.

8.4  
Authorization to Purchase  
and Awarding of Contracts:

There were none.

9.0  
Personnel Matters:

9.1  
Full-Time Employment Report:

Trustee Belcaster moved to approve the Full-Time Employment Report as submitted. Trustee Collazo seconded the motion.

Mary Raymond, Instructor – Physical Therapist Assistant,  
August 20, 2015

Tom Pierce, Dean of Adult and Continuing Education,  
August 1, 2015

Raymond Smith, Help Desk and Technical Support  
Specialist – Digital Media, July 23, 2015

Emily Stortz, Executive Assistant to the Provost and Vice  
President of Institutional Planning and Effectiveness,  
August 17, 2015

Advisory Vote – Student Member Murillo: Aye.

Ayes: Trustees Aguilar, Banks, Belcaster, Collazo, Cundari, and Martinucci. Nays: None. Absent: Trustee Reitz. Motion carried.

9.2  
Reclassification for Two (2)  
Classified Staff, Excluded  
Employees:

Trustee Belcaster moved to approve the recommendation of the Administration for reclassification of two (2) excluded classified staff employees: Roxanne Barone and Doris Rivera, as submitted effective retroactively to July 1, 2015. Trustee Cundari seconded the motion.

Advisory Vote – Student Member Murillo: Aye.

Ayes: Trustees Aguilar, Banks, Belcaster, Collazo, Cundari, and Martinucci. Nays: None. Absent: Trustee Reitz. Motion carried.

9.3  
Reclassification of the Part-Time,  
Local 1600, Classified Staff  
Library Technical Assistant II  
Position:

Trustee Belcaster moved to approve the range reclassification of the part-time, Local 1600 Classified Staff Federation position of Library Technical Assistant II, as submitted, effective July 23, 2015. Trustee Cundari seconded the motion.

Advisory Vote – Student Member Murillo: Aye.

Ayes: Trustees Aguilar, Banks, Belcaster, Collazo, Cundari, and Martinucci. Nays: None. Absent: Trustee Reitz. Motion carried.

9.4  
Creation of One (1) Full-Time  
Local 1600 Classified Staff  
Federation Position of Bookstore  
Support Specialist:

Trustee Cundari moved to approve the creation of one (1) full-time Classified Staff Federation position of Bookstore Support Specialist and the subsequent elimination of one (1) part-time Classified Staff Federation position of Bookstore Support Specialist at the time in which the full-time position is filled, effective July 23, 2015 as submitted. Trustee Belcaster seconded the motion.

Advisory Vote – Student Member Murillo: Aye.

Ayes: Trustees Aguilar, Banks, Belcaster, Collazo, Cundari, and Martinucci. Nays: None. Absent: Trustee Reitz. Motion carried.

9.5  
Information Only Reports:

The Board received the following Information Only Reports as submitted:

A. Resignation Report:

Richard J. Dahms, Custodian – Evening, July 2, 2015

B. Part-Time Classified Staff  
Employment Report:

Amando Boncales, Instructional Technologist – Library, July 8, 2015

10.0  
Resolutions and Approvals:

10.1  
Course Fee for Music  
Production Courses:

Trustee Belcaster moved to approve a \$20 course fee for the new Music Production courses, effective Fall 2015, as submitted. Trustee Banks seconded the motion.

Advisory Vote – Student Member Murillo: Aye.

Ayes: Trustees Aguilar, Banks, Belcaster, Collazo, Cundari, and Martinucci. Nays: None. Absent: Trustee Reitz. Motion carried.

10.2  
Agreement with Hub International  
Midwest Limited – Insurance  
Broker, April 1, 2015 through  
March 30, 2016:

Trustee Belcaster moved to approve an agreement with Hub International Midwest Limited as insurance broker for Morton College for the period April 1, 2015 through March 30, 2016 as submitted. Trustee Collazo seconded the motion.

Advisory Vote – Student Member Murillo: Aye.

Ayes: Trustees Aguilar, Banks, Belcaster, Collazo, Cundari, and Martinucci. Nays: None. Absent: Trustee Reitz. Motion carried.

10.3  
Presidential Search Committee:

This Item was taken up following Closed Session and immediately before Agenda Item 2.0.

10.4  
Illinois Council of Community  
College Presidents, Continued  
Institutional Membership:

Approved by consent — see Agenda Item 2.0.

10.5  
The Higher Learning Commission,  
Continue Institutional Membership:

Approved by consent — see Agenda Item 2.0.

10.6  
Closed Session:

This Item was taken up immediately following Roll Call, Agenda Item 1.2.

11.0  
Correspondence: There was none.

12.0  
President's Report:

12.1  
Campus Update: Interim President Siddiqi reported on the following campus updates:

- Karina Bahena, Morton College Student — participated in a National Science Foundation Research Experience for Undergraduates program at Purdue University – Calumet
- 2015 Inductions to the Skyway Hall of Fame — Athletic Recipients: Art Belanger, Home Basketball Game Public Address Announcer; Jim Lazanksy, Home Basketball Game Official Timer; Home Basketball Game Official Scorer; and George Fejt, Former Coordinator of Athletics — Co-Curricular Recipient: Denise Bellezzo, Former Morton College Fine Arts Instructor (1985-2014)
- United States Secretary of State John F. Kerry's— Notification that Morton College is one of this year's Fulbright Program "top producers" awarded by the U.S. Department of State and showcased in *The Chronical of Higher Education*, February 12, 2015 online edition
- Morton College Affordability Status (Source: U.S. Department of Education, 2012-13)
- *Miss Saigon* — opens at the Morton College JPAC Friday, July 31 and runs weekends (Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays) through Saturday, August 15
- Expression of appreciation from the family of Kenny Gazdziak who passed away June 26 (added 7/22/15)
- Open House, Thursday, July 23 from 1 – 3 p.m. in the Morton College Hawthorne Works Museum —remembrance of the 100 year anniversary of the Eastland Disaster (July 24, 1915) (added 7/22/15)

12.2  
Informational Items/Articles: The following informational pieces were included in the Board Packet:

- American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) "Bulletin" July 8, 2015
- American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) "Newsletter" July 7, 2015

12.3  
Out-of-State Travel Report: The Board received the Out-of-State Travel Report as submitted.

12.4  
Community Facilities Usage Report: The Board received the monthly Community Facilities Usage Report as submitted.

13.0  
Board Member Comments: There were none.

14.0  
Adjournment:

Trustee Cundari moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board. Trustee Collazo seconded the motion.

All were in favor. (voice vote) Absent: Trustee Reitz. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:01 p.m.

/s/ Anthony R. Martinucci, Board Chair

/s/ Frank J. Aguilar, Board Secretary