

MORTON COLLEGE
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO.527
Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting
Wednesday, February 28, 2024

Approved

1. Call to Order

The Regular Board meeting was called to order by Board Chair, Leonard Cannata at 10:05 AM on Wednesday, February 28, 2024, at the Jedlicka Performing Arts Center, 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
Frances F. Reitz, Trustee
Susan Grazzini, Trustee
Oscar Montiel, Trustee
Jose Collazo, Trustee
Charles Hernandez, Trustee (late)

Also Present:

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

4. Citizen Comments

- James Goranson, Head Softball Coach at Morton College:

Mr. Goranson addressed the board about the profound impact and significance of the softball program at Morton College and its direct impact on the student-athletes who are recipients of scholarships within the program. As of now, he has not received any official communication or guidance from the board or administration. Crucially, he has not been officially informed about who his direct supervisor is. In summary, scholarship opportunities in college softball provide benefits such as increased access to education, athletic development, and character building. They also contribute to the empowerment and representation of women in sports. In conclusion, the softball program at Morton College is more than just a sports team; it is a vehicle for the holistic development of our student-athletes. By providing scholarships, we not only invest in their athletic prowess but also in their academic and personal success. I believe that supporting our softball program is an investment in future leaders and contributors to our community.

Trustee Cannata stated that it was unorthodox to ask a question, but asked if Coach Goranson incurred his own financial liability and in what regard.

Coach Goranson responded that he personally made the agreement to rent the facility, and there is no contract with the school, but he submitted all the applications.

- Natalie Martinez, a sophomore and returning player for the softball program: Ms. Martinez addressed the board about her love of softball. It was once just a sport that became her outlet. This year is a different year for the Morton College softball team. The opportunity that they once had at some point is not there anymore.

5. Reports

5.1 ICCTA-ACCT – None

5.2 Student Trustee – Alejandro Joleanis Velasquez

Student Trustee Alejandro Joleanis Velasquez gave his monthly report on student activities around campus.

6. President's Report

6.1. Finance Review

Mireya Perez reported that Forvis, LLP, completed the annual external audit. Mireya introduced Director Kimberly Marshall, who reported on the institution's reports and reported a clean audit with three recommendations for FY23.

Trustee Cannata addressed Secretary Collozo to recognize that Trustee Hernandez is present.

Dr. McLaughlin wanted to recognize Joseph Florio, Jim O'Connell, Chris Wido, the Business Office, Cashier's Office, Facilities, Police Department, George Fejt, and all the staff that helped put together the IHSA Class 2A playoffs that were held in our gymnasium.

Trustee Martinucci commented on what a great job everyone did putting it all together and keeping everyone safe.

Joseph Florio, Director of Campus Operations and Facilities, made a few comments before introducing Michael Wolff, Chief of Police. Michael is a very humble person. He watched Michael as interim chief, and he has surpassed what he has wanted to accomplish. He believes he has done a phenomenal job, and he's been a great asset to the police department.

Mr. Wolff gave a background on his experience and what he has accomplished over the last four months. The Police Department is now fully compliant with the state. We are working with the Cicero Police Department to set up a real-time crime center to report crimes instantly, and the department will help if backup is required. Mr. Wolff is also working on license plate readers for our entrances.

Trustee Hernandez said he can help with the license plate reader application for a grant. He added that there have been four police chiefs in a year and a half, so it's good we saved the best for last and congratulated Michael.

Mr. Wolff thanked Trustee Hernandez, and for his support.

Trustee Reitz questioned the current staffing situation.

Mr. Wolff replied that they are shorthanded. That is the main reason for developing a relationship with the Department of Cicero and using their Police Department when we are shorthanded. He is looking to

hire three to four more part-time officers, promote an officer to full-time, and possibly a full-time officer at night. He will also be submitting a proposal to start sending officers back to the police academy.

Trustee Reitz said that as board members, we sit here, and we've listened to a handful of different police chiefs over the past few years, and it's like a breath of fresh air hearing Michael speak. Especially with the reporting system with lead certification. She went on to thank him for making that a priority and getting it up to speed.

Dr. McLaughlin thanked Chief Wolff for all his work and for improving the police department and resources for our students and staff.

Dr. McLaughlin concluded his report with an announcement that the board retreat on March 7th will need to be changed and that he will work with the Trustees and the Chair on an alternative date.

7. Consent Agenda

Trustee Martinucci made a motion to approve the consent agenda, which includes agenda items 7.1 to 7.30.2, as listed below.

Trustee Grazzini seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried

- 7.1. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on January 24, 2024.
- 7.2. Approval and ratification of accounts payable and payroll for the month of January 2024, in the amount of \$2,472,733.00, and budget transfers in the amount of \$32,881.00.
- 7.3. Approval of the Monthly Budget Report for the fiscal year to date ending in January 2024.
- 7.4. Approval of the Treasurer's Report for January 2024.
- 7.5. Approval of the curriculum changes as submitted.
- 7.6. Approval of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for FY23, and the accompanying communication prepared by Forvis, LLP Auditors.
- 7.7. Approval of the Adjunct Faculty Assignment/Employment Report for the 2024 spring semester, in the amount of \$630,950.54.
- 7.8. Approval of the Overload Employment Report for the 2024 spring semester, in the amount of \$410,149.81, pending additional class cancelations and/or additions.
- 7.9. Approval of the increase to \$75,000.00 purchase funds for licenses and equipment from Paragonmicro for the remainder of the fiscal year 2024 as submitted.
- 7.10. Approval of the increase to \$75,000.00 purchase funds for licenses and equipment from NobleTec for the remainder of the fiscal year 2024 as submitted.
- 7.11. Approval of the membership with National League for Nursing, in the amount of \$1,545.00.
- 7.12. Approval of the Com-Ed Electricity delivery for Morton College District 527, in the amount of \$100,000.00.
- 7.13. Approval of the commencement and diploma reorder fee's structure, effective June 10th, 2024, to increase in the amount of \$1.30.

- 7.14. Approval of the Max Sports/McCook Athletic & Exposition Center rental facility for the athletic teams from November 2023 to April 2024, in the amount to not exceed \$45,000.00.
- 7.15. Approval of the agreement between Morton College and KEES, as a search firm, for the recruitment and selection of the VP of Academic Affairs vacancy, not to exceed \$60,800.00.
- 7.16. Approval of changes to the policy for release of transcripts or diplomas with student debt, effective March 1, 2024.
- 7.17. Approval of the partnership agreement between Morton College and District 99 for offering Act up Theatre Camp.
- 7.18. Approval of the partnership agreement between Morton College and District 99 for offering STEAMers Camp.
- 7.19. Approval of the resolution adopting a clinical affiliation agreement between Morton College District 527 and Lurie Children's Hospital for paramedic students.
- 7.20. Approval of the resolution adopting a clinical affiliation agreement between Morton College District 527 and Alexian Brothers Health System.
- 7.21. Approval of the resolution adopting a master educational affiliation agreement between Morton College District 527 and Alexian Brothers Health System Program Addendum.
- 7.22. Approval of the resolution adopting a master educational affiliation agreement between Morton College District 527 and Romano Orthopedic Center.
- 7.23. Approval of the resolution adopting a master educational affiliation agreement between Morton College District 527 and Northshore University Health System.
- 7.24. Approval of the resolution adopting a master educational affiliation agreement between Morton College District 527 and Northshore University Health System Memorandum.
- 7.25. Approval of employment status of seven non-tenure instructors for the Academic Year 2024-2025.
- 7.26. Approval of the Ford Motor Company/Ziegler Ford of North Riverside Vehicle Donation Agreement.
- 7.27. Approval of Facility Use Permits
 - 7.27.1. IHSA Girls Basketball Super Sectional Game (2A) be held on February 26, 2024.
 - 7.27.2. Berwyn Development Corporation to use a classroom for a Sanitation Manager Certification Class on March 15, 2024.
 - 7.27.3. South Berwyn District 100 Berwyn Band Festival on March 23, 2024.
 - 7.27.4. Chi-Town Classic Car Club to use the main parking lot for (4) Car shows in 5/4/2024, 6/28/2024, 7/26/2024, and 8/10/2024.
 - 7.27.5. LDE Soccer Pony's Group to use the soccer fields for practices and games through July 2024.
 - 7.27.6. 3rd Annual Dyanla "Dede" Rainey Foundation basketball benefit tournament, October 2024, Pending Certificate of Insurance.

12. Adjournment

Trustee Martinucci made a motion to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting at 10:48 AM.

Trustee Collozo seconded the motion.

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

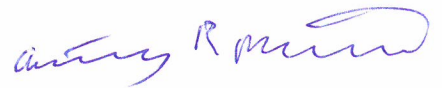
Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried



/s/ Leonard Cannata,
Board Chair



/s/ Anthony Martinucci
Vice Chair