



MORTON COLLEGE

COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO.527

Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting

Wednesday, August 28, 2024

Approved

1. Call to Order

The Regular Board meeting was called to order by Board Chair, Leonard Cannata at 10:06 AM on Wednesday, August 28, 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 (arrived at 10:18 a.m.)
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

Dr. McLaughlin mentioned the 2024 ACCT, Association of Community College Trustees, Leadership Conference will be held in Seattle, Washinton, at the end of October.

5.2 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. More information will be given at the next board meeting on this issue. Gizelle highlighted the NSO turnout was fantastic this year. Gizelle also highlighted the Meal Program-Summer, Summer Bridge Program and the Financial Aid Fest. All programs were very successful.

6. President's Report

Dr. McLaughlin highlighted this meeting marks his one-year anniversary as President of Morton College. He thanked the board for their support and confidence that they have put in him to lead the institution. Dr. McLaughlin looks forward to continuing to build on this very important relationship between the governing board and the administration of the college.

Dr. McLaughlin highlighted NSO and had the opportunity to welcome all the students that attended. Dr. McLaughlin thanked all the staff for putting together such an informative and welcoming new student orientation. He made note we for sure will look at the transportation assistance because we don't want that to be a barrier in any way for students to be able to come here and attend classes and so forth.

Dr. McLaughlin invited Dean Brandie Windham and Trisha Conley to share some highlights of the Summer Bridge Program.

Brandie Windham gave a brief overview of the dual credit dual enrollment here at the college; the summer bridge is an extension of our dual enrollment program.

Trisha Conley gave a brief overview of the Summer Bridge Programs field trips, excursions, and shared pictures.

Dr. McLaughlin thanked Dean Windham and Professor Conley for their leadership of this essential program.

Dr. McLaughlin mentioned that we are partnering with Walgreens for immunizations this fall. He thanked Nancy Jeffries and the nursing department and nursing staff for coordinating that effort.

Dr. McLaughlin mentioned in enrollment that it's always easy when we can talk about enrollment being on the plus side, which we started out the fall with that. As of this week, our headcount is up 1.5% and our credit hour enrollment is up 1.2%.

Dr. McLaughlin highlighted the opportunity to meet with National Great Rivers Research and Education Center. Dr. McLaughlin thanked Trustee Hernandez for joining and connecting us with the group. They have a number of partners that are involved in this, and it's essentially managing our rivers and our water quality and ecology and all that goes with it. He was very impressed with what they presented, and they identified Morton College as the only community college in the urban area, the Chicago region, that they would like to partner with right now.

Trustee Hernandez commented that they did a wonderful program and was particularly interested in bringing in their program to us because of their ability with stormwater remediation. If anything, let's learn how to alleviate this flooding in our communities.

Dr. McLaughlin highlighted the 100th anniversary celebration that will take place in September. The actual anniversary date is September 15th, which is a Sunday, and we will participate in the Mexican Independence parade. We've arranged to be the lead in that parade. Dr. McLaughlin thanked Trustee Reitz for connecting us with the right people to have those conversations. On September 18th, we will have our kickoff celebration for a year of events that will take place. We encourage everyone to come join us for that. We'll begin at 11:00 a.m. in the gymnasium, and then we will follow that with some food and music in the courtyard.

Dr. McLaughlin concluded his report by mentioning we're going to ensure that our board agendas have the right information and that we're following best practices.

7. Approval of the resolution adopting the Annual Budget for FY25, beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, of the Illinois Community College District No. 527, as submitted

Trustee Martinucci made a motion to approve the Annual Budget for FY25.

Trustee Grazzini seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None Absent: None

Motion Carried

8. Consent Agenda

Trustee Cannata made note that 8.37.4 has been removed from the consent agenda.

Trustee Martinucci made a motion to approve the consent agenda, which includes agenda items 8.1 to 8.38.7, as listed below, with the removal of 8.37.4.

Trustee Hernandez seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None Absent: None

Motion Carried

- 8.1. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held on June 24, 2024.
- 8.2. Approval and ratification of accounts payable and payroll for the month of June 2024, in the amount of \$2,654,397.00, and budget transfers in the amount of \$28,000.00.
- 8.3. Approval and ratification of accounts payable and payroll for the month of July 2024, in the amount of \$3,233,944.00, and budget transfers in the amount of \$0.00.
- 8.4. Approval of the Monthly Budget Report for the fiscal year to date ending in June 2024.
- 8.5. Approval of the Monthly Budget Report for the fiscal year to date ending in July 2024.
- 8.6. Approval of the Treasurer's Report for June 2024.
- 8.7. Approval of the Treasurer's Report for July 2024.
- 8.8. Approval to change the winter break 2024/2025 to December 23, 2024 – January 3, 2025.
- 8.9. Approval of the Differential Pay Report and CBA Report for Faculty, in the amount of \$8,812.16 as submitted, pending additional class cancellations and/or additions.
- 8.10. Approval of the Adjunct Faculty Assignment/Employment Report for the Summer 2024 semester, in the amount of \$127,955.83.
- 8.11. Approval of the Faculty Overload Report for the Summer 2024 semester, in the amount of \$656,096.57.
- 8.12. Approval of LoDestro Construction Company for the completion of the glass boards in the Tutoring Center, in the amount of \$15,000.00.
- 8.13. Approval of the renewal of the yearly agreement or contracted services for maintenance at Hawthorne Athletic Complex for Hector Munoz, in the amount of \$2,500.00 per month, not exceeding \$30,000.00 a year.

- 8.14. Approval of Michael Kautz Carpeting to install carpeting for current and upcoming projects, in the amount of \$40,000.00.
- 8.15. Approval of the Nicor Gas services for fiscal year 2025, not to exceed \$45,000.00.
- 8.16. Approval of the Nursing ATI Program for fiscal year 2025, in the amount of \$59,490.00.
- 8.17. Approval of the gas provider, Direct Energy, for fiscal year 2025, not to exceed \$68,000.00.
- 8.18. Approval of the purchase of new Mac computers from Apple for the Art Department Digital Art Computer Lab, in the amount of \$73,300.00.
- 8.19. Approval of purchases made with Citibank for FY25, in the amount not to exceed \$80,000.00 as submitted.
- 8.20. Approval of the increase to \$95,000.00 purchase funds for licenses and equipment from Paragonmicro for fiscal year 2024/25 as submitted.
- 8.21. Approval of the purchases made with Amazon Business for FY25, in the amount not to exceed \$250,000.00 as submitted.
- 8.22. Approval of Del Galdo Law Group, LLC for legal services, in the amount not to exceed \$250,000.00 as submitted.
- 8.23. Approval of the ComEd electric services for fiscal year 2025, not to exceed \$290,000.00.
- 8.24. Approval of purchases made with Old National Bank credit card services for FY25, in the amount not to exceed \$300,000.00 as submitted.
- 8.25. Approval of the FreePoint Energy electrical energy services for fiscal year 2025, not to exceed \$330,000.00.
- 8.26. Approval of a one-time stipend for Nancy Jeffries, Administrative Assistant – Health Careers, for additional work performed to assist the CAN Program Coordinator from Fall 2022 to July 29, 2024, in the amount of \$1,800.00.
- 8.27. Approval of the lane change, new salary per the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) for Asiyya Ashraf, Biology, FT Faculty, Biology, effective August 16, 2024.
- 8.28. Approval of the step change, new salary per the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) for Brian Gilligan, FT Faculty, Business, effective August 16, 2024.
- 8.29. Approval of the partnership agreement with the Council of Supply Chain Management Professionals (CSCMP), not to exceed \$6,000.00 paid from the Noncredit Training Grant.
- 8.30. Approval of the renewal of the clinical affiliation agreement between Morton College District 527 and Norwood Crossing for nursing student clinicals.
- 8.31. Approval of the resolution approving and adopting a master educational affiliation agreement between Morton College District 527 and Relive Physical Therapy.
- 8.32. Approval of the updated Global Articulation Agreement between Morton College District 527 and National Louis University.
- 8.33. Approval of the memorandum of understanding between Morton College and University of Illinois Chicago as submitted.

- 8.34. Approval of the resolution approving and adopting a master educational affiliation agreement between Morton College District 527 and Oasis Therapy Services.
- 8.35. Approval of the resolution approving and adopting a master educational affiliation agreement between Morton College District 527 and Orthopedic and Balance Therapy Specialists.
- 8.36. Approval of New/Updated Job Descriptions
 - 8.36.1. Senior HR Specialist – Revised Job Description
- 8.37. Approval of Position Changes
 - 8.37.1. Linda Koutney, increase per reclassification process, 2.5% increase FY25 and 2.5% increase FY26, effective July 1, 2024.
 - 8.37.2. Hector Jaimes, Reinstatement, effective August 12, 2024.
 - 8.37.3. Angelica Alvarado, Position Change, Admissions and Records Clerk I, effective August 21, 2024.
 - 8.37.4. Jessica Patterson, Position Change, Dispatcher, effective September 3, 2024.
- 8.38. Approval of Full-Time Employment
 - 8.38.1. Sheldon Walcher, VP of Academic Affairs, \$175,000.00, effective August 1, 2024.
 - 8.38.2. John Drew, Faculty, CIS, effective August 15, 2024.
 - 8.38.3. Efren Alonso, Health Career Recruitment Specialist, effective September 3, 2024.
 - 8.38.4. Jesse Galeana, Athletic Trainer, \$66,000.00, effective September 3, 2024.
 - 8.38.5. Jamar Orr, Dean of Student Services, \$110,000.00, effective September 3, 2024.
 - 8.38.6. Michael Traversa, Fitness and Nutrition Center Manager, \$60,000.00, effective September 3, 2024.
 - 8.38.7. Vanessa Nisbet, Athletic Success Coordinator, effective September 23, 2024.

9. Informational Only 9.1 – 9.3.2

10. Closed Session - Canceled

11. Approval Termination of Employment

Trustee Martinucci made a motion to approve the termination of employment of: Grissell Reyna, effective July 29, 2024.

Trustee Reitz seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried

12. Approval of the Settlement Authority between Illinois Community College Risk Management Consortium v. Morton Community College up to the amount of \$130,000.00.

Trustee Martinucci made a motion to approve the termination of employment of: Grissell Reyna, effective July 29, 2024.

Trustee Grazzini seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried

13. Adjournment

Trustee Martinucci made a motion to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting at 10:35 a.m.

Trustee Grazzini seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

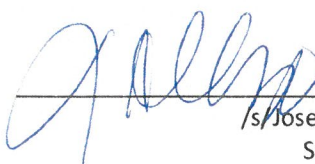
Absent: None

Motion Carried

Leonard B Cannata

Leonard B Cannata (Sep 30, 2024 13:34 CDT)

/s/ Leonard Cannata,
Board Chair



/s/ Jose Collozo
Secretary