



MORTON COLLEGE

COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO.527

Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 30, 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, October 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. 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

Trustee Hernandez highlighted that ACCT will be holding a meeting on November 15th at the Chicago Marriot in Schaumburg. Two of the topics they will explore include how to manage problems with our students, particularly as the population ages, and how to track high school students who are taking college classes.

5.2 Student Trustee – Gizelle Beltran

Student Trustee Gizelle Beltran highlighted multiple events that happened on campus, Congressman “Chuy” Garcia’s visit, student relations meeting, and Phi That Kappa.

6. President's Report

Dr. McLaughlin highlighted several items, which included Phi Theta Kappa, an outstanding opportunity for our students, and we're so pleased to hear about the increase in the numbers that have enrolled.

The other item Dr. McLaughlin mentioned was Senator Cervantes has been sponsoring several events on campus, which we always appreciate because it brings people to the campus. These are beautiful facilities here and it also introduces them to the opportunities, programs, and services we offer. Senator Cervantes sponsored an event with ComEd and a Financial Literacy Event.

The Student Trustee mentioned Congressman Garcia's visiting us and we are so appreciative of the support that he provides to higher education and Morton College specifically. Dr. McLaughlin thanked Trustee Hernandez and Trustee Reitz for participating in that session with Congressman Garcia. It was very informative and very engaging, and we were just so pleased to hear the students talk about the positive experiences that they have here at Morton College. Trustee Reitz and Trustee Hernandez agreed that it was a great forum.

Dr. McLaughlin highlighted the robust ACCT Conference that he and Trustee Grazzini attended out in Seattle, WA. It was attended by over 1,800 trustees, presidents, and others. Trustee Grazzini added that she attended a very interesting session about community colleges offering bachelor's degrees. Dr. McLaughlin thanked Trustee Grazzini for attending and bringing that session to our attention.

In terms of AI, we certainly want to be at the forefront. We want to pay attention to that, in terms of its impact on education and higher education.

Dr. McLaughlin addressed the construction taking place on campus and things looking kind of bare. Progress involves having to go through this for us to get to a better place with the perimeter project. The end result will be very beautiful. Dr. McLaughlin thanked Cicero Town President, Larry Dominick and also Derek Dominick with the Cicero Department of Public Works for assisting us with the project of helping us to take those trees down. Joseph Florio, Director of Campus Operations & Facilities also thanked President Dominick for their support in helping make this project move forward.

Dr. McLaughlin read an e-mail that we received from a student who graduated from Morton College and had a very positive experience with a particular faculty member, Behrooz Sedaie, who is our Economics Faculty member. It is always rewarding to be in this work when our faculty is recognized by former students.

Dr. McLaughlin concluded his report by reminding the Trustees about the board retreat coming up in November.

7. Consent Agenda

Trustee Cannata stated that he wanted to remove item 7.13 to be voted on separately.

Trustee Martinucci made a motion to approve the consent agenda as amended with the removal of item 7.13, which includes agenda items 7.1 to 7.18.1, as listed below.

Trustee Reitz seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Trustee Martinucci made a motion to approve item 7.13.

Trustee Grazzini seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None Abstain: Trustee Cannata

Motion Carried

- 7.1. Approval of the Minutes of the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held on September 30, 2024.
- 7.2. Approval and ratification of accounts payable and payroll for the month of September 2024, in the amount of \$3,756,876.00, and budget transfers in the amount of \$113,500.00.
- 7.3. Approval of the Monthly Budget Report for the fiscal year to date ending in September 2024.
- 7.4. Approval of the Treasurer's Report for September 2024.
- 7.5. Approval of the changes in Curriculum as submitted.
- 7.6. Approval of an Obsolete Equipment sale to be held on November 21, 2024.
- 7.7. Approval of a temporary 10% salary increase for Erika Alonso to assist with the responsibilities and tasks of the Adult Education Enrollment & Data Specialist, effective January 6, 2025, for 12 weeks.
- 7.8. Approval of the Differential Pay Report for the Faculty in the amount of \$25,955.144 as submitted, pending additional class cancellations and/or additions.
- 7.9. Approval of a 60-month lease agreement that includes support services with Konica Minolta Business Solutions for a total amount of \$28,726.20 or 478.77/month.
- 7.10. Approval of G.A. Paving LLC for blacktop walking path replacement, in the amount of \$42,000.00.
- 7.11. Approval of the one-year extension agreement with Lake County Press for an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 for fiscal year 2025.
- 7.12. Approval of the resolution approving and adopting a master educational affiliation agreement between Morton Community College District 527 and Maximum Rehabilitation Services LTD.
- 7.13. Approval of the resolution approving and adopting a cooperation agreement between Morton College Community College District 527 and the Village of North Riverside.
- 7.14. Approval of the resolution approving and adopting an education affiliation agreement between Morton College Community College District 527 and Loyola University Health System.
- 7.15. Approval of Facility Use Permits
 - 7.15.1. Morton High School Softball Team to use the college softball field on 32nd and Central on April 11, 2025, from 6:00 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.

7.16. Approval of New/Updated Job Descriptions

7.16.1. Executive Director of Institutional Effectiveness and Academic Planning – New JD

7.17. Approval of Position Changes

7.17.1. Gustavo Rodriguez, Status change from Temporary to Permanent Custodian, effective November 1, 2024.

7.18. Approval of Full-Time Employment

7.18.1. Amy Kinney, Grants Manager, Adult and Career & Technical Education, \$65,000.00, effective November 1, 2024.

8. Informational Only 8.1 – 8.3.1

9. Closed Session - Cancelled

10. Approval of the Settlement Agreement and Waiver and Release of All Claims between Morton College and Carla Fortuna.

Trustee Martinucci made a motion to approve the Settlement Agreement and Waiver and Release of All Claims between Morton College and Carla Fortuna.

Trustee Grazzini seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

11. Approval of the Settlement and Release Agreement between Morton College and Reed Illinois Corporation d/b/a Reed Construction.

Trustee Grazzini made a motion to approve the Settlement and Release Agreement between Morton College and Reed Illinois Corporation b/b/a/ Reed Construction.

Trustee Martinucci seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

12. Adjournment

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


Trustee Grazzini seconded the motion.

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

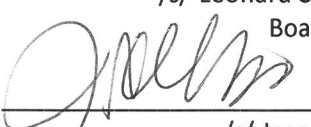
Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Cannata and Montiel

Motion Carried



/s/ Leonard Cannata,
Board Chair



/s/ Jose Collozo,
Secretary