



MORTON COLLEGE
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO.527
Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting
Thursday, November 21, 2024

Approved

1. Call to Order

The Regular Board meeting was called to order by Board Chair, Leonard Cannata at 10:08 AM on Thursday, November 21, 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
Charles Hernandez, Trustee
Anthony Martinucci, Trustee
Oscar Montiel, Trustee
Frances F. Reitz, Trustee
Gizelle Beltran, Student Trustee

Absent:

Susan Grazzini, 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 spoke about the ICCTA meeting that he and President McLaughlin attended on November 15 – 16, 2024, in Schaumburg, IL. Trustee Hernandez highlighted two topics that were discussed, DEI and Student Success. All together was a wonderful couple of days and had great representation. Trustee Hernandez also shared the ICCTA 2025 Strategic Plan.

5.2 Student Trustee – Gizelle Beltran

Student Trustee Gizelle Beltran followed up on the Transportation Assistance Program and highlighted multiple events, including the ICCB-SAC Meeting Report, the SGA Chapter Meeting, the Giving Thanks Luncheon, and the Art Institute Event.

6. President's Report

Dr. McLaughlin highlighted several items, beginning with introducing Dean Brandie Windham to give a brief overview of the Art Institute Event and the Cook County Jail Poetry Slam.

Dean Brandie Windham introduced Faculty Shannon Martino to talk more about the Art Institute Initiative. Shannon highlighted that this program has been around since 2021, and it has grown. There is free admission to all students for the entire year, which includes the special exhibits. Results from last year, 275 students took advantage of that. 50 free general admission tickets and a 10% discount on museum membership for everyone at the college. There are two MC events each year, professional development opportunities, and the ability to schedule special tours.

Faculty Sam Chesters spoke about her experience with the Cook County Jail. In the Fall of 2023, Sam reached out to the Cook County Department of Corrections and asked them if they would be interested in any programs at the jail and they responded that they are voraciously hungry for programming and classes and education for the students. Sam has done 3 poetry slams. She was shocked at how curious, insightful, and hungry they were for education. Sam has been volunteering for the past year and a half and would love to see if we could have some conversations about trying to get more programming from Morton there.

Dr. McLaughlin thanked everyone who was involved in the Art Institute Initiative and to Sam for volunteering her time at the Cook County Jail.

Dr. McLaughlin congratulated the Men's Soccer National Regional Champs. Keith thanked Lee Milano and Chris Wido for their leadership in athletics and for supporting our athletes. Athletic Director Lee Milano wanted to highlight what a huge accomplishment in our region. Lee was thankful for the support of the athletic program and for allowing them to participate in something like that. It is a life experience that they will never forget.

Dr. McLaughlin highlighted his visit to the Boys and Girls Club of Cicero, hosted by Trustee Montiel and his brother Edgar. It was tremendous to see the work they were doing there in terms of the programming, especially after school. Trustee Montiel shared they will be celebrating their 75th year and thanked President McLaughlin for coming out, and he is looking forward to partnering with Morton and creating more opportunities for the community.

Dr. McLaughlin thanked Trustee Hernandez for participating in and representing the board at the ICCTA meetings. We had a full agenda and then joined the Trustees in an afternoon session on legal updates.

Dr. McLaughlin highlighted the Veteran's Day Luncheon that was hosted by Senator Mike Porfirio, Senator Cervantes, and Congressman Garcia. Congressman Garcia presented six flags that were flown over the capital to several individuals including Micheal Kott recognizing his service and Brian Gilligan, Business Instructor here, as well as our 100h year alum. Dr. McLaughlin also thanked Chair Cannata and Trustee Hernandez for joining us for that event.

Dr. McLaughlin addressed the construction that is going on outside. Director of Campus Operations and Facilities, Joseph Florio commented that construction is on schedule with a completion date of June 2025.

Dr. McLaughlin concluded his report by wishing everyone a healthy and enjoyable Thanksgiving!

7. Consent Agenda

Trustee Martinucci made a motion to approve the consent agenda, which includes agenda items 7.1 to 7.9.1, as listed below.

Trustee Collazo seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Grazzini

Motion Carried

- 7.1. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held on October 30, 2024.
- 7.2. Approval and ratification of accounts payable and payroll for the month of October 2024, in the amount of \$2,952,061.00, and budget transfers in the amount of \$129,903.00.
- 7.3. Approval of the Monthly Budget Report for the fiscal year to date ending in October 2024.
- 7.4. Approval of the Treasurer's Report for October 2024.
- 7.5. Approval of the proposed Calendar of the Regular Board Meetings from January to December 2025.
- 7.6. Approval of the English 10% compensation for Adjunct Faculty for the Fall Semester 2024, in the amount of \$4,561.86 as submitted.
- 7.7. Approval of the Adobe License renewal, in the amount of \$36,913.25.
- 7.8. Approval of Facility Use Permits
 - 7.8.1. Hispanic Business Network to host a toy drive on December 7, 2024, in the cafeteria.
- 7.9. Approval of Position Changes
 - 7.9.1. Richard Wagner, Lateral Change from Custodian to Shipping & Receiving/Mail Clerk, effective November 22, 2024.

8. Informational Only 8.1 – 8.3.2

9. Approval of the first reading of the updated Title IX Policy for Morton College.

Trustee Martinucci made a motion to approve the first reading of the updated Title IX Policy for Morton College.

Trustee Collazo seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Grazzini

Motion Carried

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

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

Trustee Reitz seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Grazzini

Motion Carried

11. Approval of the estimated Tax Levy.

Trustee Martinucci made a motion to approve the estimated Tax Levy.
Trustee Reitz seconded the motion.
Ayes: Trustees, Cannata, Collazo, Hernandez, Martinucci, Montiel, and Reitz
Nays: None Absent: Trustee Grazzini
Motion Carried

12. Closed Session - Cancelled

13. Approval of the Termination of Employment

Trustee Martinucci made a motion to approve the Termination of Employment of Michael Westlove, effective November 12, 2024.
Trustee Reitz seconded the motion.
Ayes: Trustees, Cannata, Collazo, Hernandez, Martinucci, Montiel, and Reitz
Nays: None Absent: Trustee Grazzini
Motion Carried


14. Approval of the Settlement Agreement and Release between the Illinois Community College Risk Management Consortium (ICCRM) and Morton College District 527.

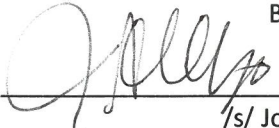
A discussion ensued between Trustee Hernandez, Dr. Keith McLaughlin, and CFO Mireya Perez.

Trustee Martinucci made a motion to approve the Settlement Agreement and Release between the ICCRM and Morton College District 527.
Trustee Collazo seconded the motion.
Ayes: Trustees, Cannata, Collazo, Grazzini, Hernandez, Martinucci, Montiel and Reitz
Nays: None Abstain: Trustee Hernandez Absent: Trustee Grazzini
Motion Carried

15. Adjournment

Trustee Martinucci made a motion to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting at 10:38 a.m.
Trustee Collazo seconded the motion.
Ayes: Trustees, Cannata, Collazo, Hernandez, Martinucci, Montiel, and Reitz
Nays: None Absent: Trustee Grazzini
Motion Carried



/s/ Leonard Cannata,
Board Chair


/s/ Jose Collozo,
Secretary