



MORTON COLLEGE

COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO.527

Minutes for the Decennial Committee Meeting

Wednesday, August 27, 2025

Approved

1. Call to Order

The Decennial Committee meeting was called to order by Board Vice Chair, Anthony Martinucci, at 11:15 AM on Wednesday, August 27, 2025, 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:

Susan Grazzini, Trustee
Charles Hernandez, Trustee
Anthony Martinucci, Trustee
Michele Mohr, Community Member
Oscar Montiel, Trustee
Frances F. Reitz, Trustee

Absent:

Leonard Cannata, Trustee
Jose Collazo, Trustee
Edgar Montiel, Community Member

Also Present:

Dr. Keith D. McLaughlin, President

4. Areas for Study of Efficiency – as required by the Decennial Committees on Local Government Efficiency Act (P.A. 102-1088), this committee convenes to “study local efficiencies and report recommendations regarding efficiencies and increase accountability.”

Vice Chair Martinucci reviewed the requirements of Illinois Public Act 102-1088, which mandates that all taxing bodies convene a Decennial Committee to study efficiencies, accountability, and shared services. The committee must meet at least three times in the next 18 months and submit a summary report to the county board. Future meetings were scheduled for September 24, 2025 and November 19, 2025, following regular board meetings.

Discussion for Areas for Consideration for the Committee:

Dr. McLaughlin noted the statutory requirement for the committee and introduced community member Michele Mohr, a former Morton College English Faculty member and union representative, who will assist with background research and drafting the committee’s report.

Community member Edgar Montiel was also appointed to the committee but was unable to attend due to travel.

The committee discussed potential areas of focus for improving efficiency and accountability:

- Intergovernmental Agreements (IGAs): Opportunities to expand collaboration with municipalities in Cicero, Berwyn, and other local governments.
- Shared Services: Continued exploration of cost savings through joint initiatives with municipal partners.
- Dual Credit/Dual Enrollment:
 - Michele Mohr suggested reviewing existing agreements with high schools for efficiency and improved coordination.
 - Dr. McLaughlin noted new state funding for a full-time Dual Credit/Dual Enrollment Coordinator and highlighted goals to expand course offerings, including both technical programs and general education/transfer courses.
 - Long-term vision includes enabling high school students to graduate with both a diploma and an associate degree, positioning them to enter four-year institutions.
- Local Business Participation: Trustees emphasized encouraging neighborhood businesses to participate in projects where possible.

The Committee's Decision:

The Decennial Committee agreed to review intergovernmental agreements, shared services, and dual enrollment/credit agreements.

5. Resident Survey

None

6. Adjournment

Trustee Hernandez made a motion to adjourn the Decennial Committee meeting at 11:24 a.m. Trustee Montiel seconded the motion.

Ayes: Trustees, Grazzini, Hernandez, Martinucci, Mohr, O. Montiel, and Reitz

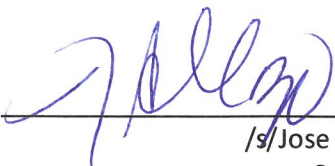
Nays: None

Absent: Cannata, Collazo, and E. Montiel

Motion Carried



/s/ Leonard Cannata,
Board Chair



/s/ Jose Collozo
Secretary