



Morton College

Decennial Committee Meeting

Friday, December 12, 2025, 10:30 AM



MORTON COLLEGE

COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO.527

Minutes for the Decennial Committee Meeting

Wednesday, September 24, 2025

1. Call to Order

The Decennial Committee meeting was called to order by Board Chair Leonard Cannata at 10:32 AM on Wednesday, September 24, 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:

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

Absent:

Edgar Montiel, Community Member

Also Present:

Dr. Keith D. McLaughlin, President

4. Approval of Minutes of the Decennial Committee Meeting held on August 27, 2025.

Trustee Reitz made a motion to approve the minutes of the Decennial Committee Meeting held on August 27, 2025.

Trustee Grazzini seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

Absent: E. Montiel

Motion Carried

5. Discussion of Proposed Recommendations for Areas of Efficiency.

Michele Mohr presented findings on two areas: shared services and intergovernmental agreements (IGAs).

- **Shared Services:**

- Dual credit and dual enrollment programs currently lack a single point of contact.
- Recommendation: Hire or appoint a full-time Dual Credit/Dual Enrollment Coordinator at Morton College.
- Dr. McLaughlin noted that Morton College is already pursuing this hire with anticipated state funding.
- Current Memorandum of Agreement (MOU) with high schools has not been updated since 2011. Recommendation: Update and review MOUs every five years.
- Discussion included coordination with the high schools and the possibility of students graduating with both a high school diploma and an associate degree.

- **Intergovernmental Agreements (IGAs):**

- Reviewed Morton College Dispatch Services Agreement (2023) and Berwyn Park District–Morton College shared use of facilities agreement (2018).
- Recommendation: Review and update IGAs every five years.

The Committee agreed to work with legal counsel on updating MOUs and IGAs, and to consolidate all agreements into one location for accessibility.

Trustee Discussion

Trustee Hernandez raised concerns about flooding at the Morton College baseball field. Questions arose regarding jurisdiction and responsibility, as the property is leased and likely owned by the Park District. The matter will be reviewed through the lease agreement and MOUs.

Trustees discussed the importance of clear agreements regarding property use and maintenance responsibilities.

Next Steps

Prepare a written report with the findings and recommendations.

The Committee has scheduled one final meeting in November to approve the report.

Further discussions will be held with high schools regarding appointing a point person for dual credit coordination, potentially through a jointly funded arrangement.

6. Resident Survey

None

7. Adjournment

Trustee Martinucci made a motion to adjourn the Decennial Committee meeting at 10:40 a.m.
Trustee Collazo seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

Absent: E. Montiel

Motion Carried

/s/ Anthony Martinucci,
Vice Chair

/s/ Jose Collozo
Secretary

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Decennial Committee on Local Government Efficiency
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SUMMARY OF WORK

Decennial Committee Establishment

The Morton College Decennial Committee on Local Government Efficiency, required under Illinois Public Act 102-1088, was established on September 24, 2024, by the College via Board action during a publicly scheduled and noticed Board of Trustees meeting. This action laid out the membership, duties, and charge of the committee.

Decennial Committee Membership

The committee is made up of the currently elected Morton College Trustees, the College President, and two community members.

Leonard B. Cannata, Chair

Anthony Martinucci, Vice Chair

Jose Collazo, Secretary

Charles Hernandez, Trustee

Frances Reitz, Trustee

Susan K. Grazzini, Trustee

Oscar Montiel, Trustee

Keith McLaughlin, President of Morton College

Michele Mohr, Community member

Edgar Montiel, Community member

Decennial Committee Duties and Charge

The committee's duties and charge are to study local efficiencies and report recommendations regarding efficiencies and increased accountability to the Cook County Board. This includes governing statutes, ordinances, rules, procedures, powers, jurisdiction, shared services, inter-governmental agreements, and interrelationship with

other governmental units and the State. The committee must collect, research, and analyze data as necessary to prepare a report, and submit that report to the County Board.

Decennial Committee Meetings

At each Morton College Decennial Committee meeting, community residents' input was sought, and surveys were provided for feedback.

- First Meeting: August 27, 2025—Committee review of the statute and duties of the committee and discussion of potential topics of study, Consensus was reached to focus on Shared Services and Inter-governmental Agreements.
- Second Meeting: September 24, 2025—Committee review of Shared Services, specifically Dual Credit/Dual Enrollment, and review of the Inter-governmental agreements.
- Third Meeting: November 19, 2025—Committee review and approval of Morton College's Decennial Committee on Local Government Efficiency report.

Findings

- Shared Services: Dual Credit/Dual Enrollment—The major challenge in this area is the coordination with local high schools as well as within the various areas of the college. The College recently hired through a grant a Dual Credit/Dual Enrollment coordinator, and the committee recommends that this position be institutionalized.
- Inter-governmental Agreements—The IGAs were reviewed for efficiency and adherence to both policy and statute. The committee recommends that all IGAs, including Memorandums of Understanding, be reviewed every five years and updates as necessary.

APPROVAL

Approved for submission to the Cook County Board.

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