



MORTON COLLEGE
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO.527
Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting
Friday, December 12, 2025

Approved

1. Call to Order

The Regular Board meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Anthony Martinucci at 10:05 AM on Friday, December 12, 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:

Jose Collazo, Trustee
Susan Grazzini, Trustee
Charles Hernandez, Trustee
Anthony Martinucci, Trustee
Oscar Montiel, Trustee

Absent:

Leonard Cannata, Trustee
Frances F. Reitz, Trustee
Eliana Ruiz, 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 Student Trustee – None

6. President's Report

Dr. McLaughlin extended holiday greetings and highlighted outstanding accomplishments in Morton College Athletics, emphasizing student-athlete success and community engagement.

The Athletic Director, Lee Milano, reported on:

- Community service clinics held on October 13, including soccer, baseball, and softball clinics with over 75 youth participants.
- Basketball clinics and outreach activities supported by Trustee Montiel and Trustee Martinucci.
- Recognition of a historic volleyball season, including:

- School record for wins.
- Skyway Conference Championship (first since 1981).
- Conference Player of the Year, Regional Player of the Year, and multiple All-Region and All-American honors.

The volleyball coaching staff and student-athletes were recognized, and remarks were offered by the Head Coach, Steve Dowjotas, thanking the Board, administration, and campus community. Special recognition was given to Nina, Skyway Conference and Regional Player of the Year, who has committed to a Division I program.

Dr. McLaughlin concluded his report by recognizing Eamon Carroll, member of the Morton College Debate Team, who won the JV Championship at the Study Break Debate Tournament at Webster University in St. Louis, Missouri.

7. Consent Agenda

Trustee Grazzini made a motion to approve the consent agenda, which includes agenda items 7.1 to 7.16.2, as listed below.

Trustee Hernandez seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Cannata, Reitz, and Ruiz

Motion Carried

- 7.1. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board meeting and Special/Board Retreat meeting held on November 22, 2025.
- 7.2. Approval and ratification of accounts payable and payroll for November 2025 in the amount of \$2,857,137.00 and budget transfers in the amount \$20,653.00.
- 7.3. Approval of the Monthly Budget Report for the fiscal year to date ending in November 2025.
- 7.4. Approval of the Treasurer's Report for November 2025.
- 7.5. Approval of the Calendar of the Regular Board Meetings from January to December 2025.
- 7.6. Approval of the curriculum changes as submitted.
- 7.7. Approval of the Adjunct Faculty consultation hours report for the fall 2025 semester, in the amount of \$16,831.44, as submitted.
- 7.8. Approval of a one-year, nine-month agreement for the Anthology Ally License (Blackboard course integration) for unlimited accounts, in the amount of \$21,373.00.
- 7.9. Approval of the re-licensing fee for the agreement between Morton College District 527 and the Association of College and University Educators (ACUE), in the amount of \$35,000.00.
- 7.10. Approval of a continuing agreement for FY26 with 3OE Higher Education Solutions, in the amount of \$45,000.00, for completion, publishing and management of new college website; comprehensive strategic planning updates; updated 3-year strategic enrollment growth plan.
- 7.11. Approval of a contract with CampusWorks, December 16, 2025–March 31, 2026, for up to 300 hours of Senior Technology Advisor support for CIO onboarding and key technology projects, in the amount of \$57,300.00.
- 7.12. Approval of a two-year agreement with Mansfield Power & Gas LLC at an annual cost of \$100,000.00.
- 7.13. Approval of the resolution approving and adopting a master educational affiliation agreement between Morton Community College District 527 and Renewal Rehab, LLC.

- 7.14. Approval of the resolution approving and adopting a master educational affiliation agreement between Morton Community College District 527 and Functional Pathways.
- 7.15. Approval of the donation of four (4) obsolete, usable wrestling mats to Morton High School.
- 7.16. Approval of Full-Time Employment
- 7.16.1. Darren Robards, CIO, Non-Union Position, \$150,000.00, effective January 5, 2026.
- 7.16.2. Dayanara Diaz, Dual Credit and Dual Enrollment Coordinator, Union Position, effective January 7, 2026.

8. Closed Session – Canceled

9. Approval of the resolution authorizing the 2025 Tax Levy and certifying compliance with the Truth in Taxation Act, as submitted.

Trustee Grazzini made a motion to approve the resolution authorizing the 2025 Tax Levy and certifying compliance with the Truth in Taxation Act, as submitted.

Trustee Collazo seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Cannata, Reitz, and Ruiz

Motion Carried

Dr. McLaughlin introduced Mr. Darren Roberts, newly appointed Chief Information Officer, following a nationwide search. Mr. Roberts briefly addressed the Board, sharing his background and enthusiasm for joining Morton College in January.

10. Adjournment

Trustee Grazzini made a motion to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting at 10:20 a.m.

Trustee Collazo seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Cannata, Reitz, and Ruiz

Motion Carried



/s/ Leonard Cannata,
Board Chair



/s/Anthony Martinucci,
Interim Secretary