

## **APPROVED**

### **MORAIN VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE 9000 West College Parkway Palos Hills, IL 60465**

The Governing Board of Moraine Valley Community College, District No. 524, Special Meeting/Board Retreat, was held on Saturday, July 20, 2019, in Building B, Room B156, 9000 West College Parkway, Palos Hills, Illinois 60465. Public notice was given pursuant to the Open Meetings Act Section 42.02 (attached).

#### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Kimberly Hastings Cristelli at 9:00 AM.

#### **II. ROLL CALL**

Present: Kimberly Hastings Cristelli, Chair; Bernadette Barrett; John Coleman; Beth McElroy Kirkwood; Joseph Murphy (arrived 11:15AM); Patricia Joan Murphy; Brian O'Neill

Absent: Andrew Williams, Student Trustee

#### **II. GENERAL DISCUSSION OF MATTERS RELATING TO THE SHORT- AND LONG-TERM FUTURE OF THE COLLEGE**

##### 1) Master Facilities Plan Update

Dominick Demonica provided an overview and some background on college facilities, including off-campus sites. He shared the planning process and planning objectives for this update to the Master Facilities Plan. Focus groups across campus and with students were held to gather input on future directions. He outlined both short-term and long-term plans for new construction and renovations. New construction includes planning for an allied health and nursing building and a northeast center to focus on career programs for the northeast sector of the district. Renovations would consider moving related services/functions to centralized areas and would renovate vacated areas with a focus on expansion of educational and storage spaces. There was some discussion of the priority of these projects, with the allied health and nursing building driving many of the renovations when space is vacated if the facility is constructed.

Dr. Jenkins explained that this update to the Master Facilities Plan is earlier than every five years required by the state but helps drive the college's submission of Resource Allocation Management Plans (RAMP) projects that are voted on by the board. She indicated that Dominick will come to the Board meeting in September to update the Board when the Master Facilities Plan is recommended for approval. Dr. Jenkins emphasized that the Board's approval of the Master Facilities Plan does not mean approval of all the individual projects. Projects are considered as funding is available. She explained that there are things from previous Master Facilities Plans that have not occurred; the plan is primarily a planning tool for the college's continued growth and responsiveness to the needs of the district.

Dr. Pamela Haney, Vice President of Academic Affairs, provided information about the college's allied health programs and the college's part in addressing the shortages of skilled labor in allied health fields. She shared information about continuing accreditation of allied health programs and pass rates for graduates.

Dr. Normah Salleh-Barone, Vice President of Student Development, also provided information about how cooperative agreements and chargebacks work and how they impact enrollments.

- 2) Allied Health and Nursing Building – Michael Lundeen of Legat Architects, shared information about how teaching methods in allied health programs have changed over time and that simulations and realistic environments are critical for teaching critical skills to allied health students. Information on current and proposed health science programs was shared. He explained that the proposed facility would have flexible spaces in order to accommodate changes in the future. He shared diagrams of the proposed location for the facility, the building's layout, and possible program assignments within the building, as well as prospective costs for construction and completion of the facility.
- 3) Financial Strategies for Facilities Expansion – Theresa O'Carroll, Vice President of Business and Financial Services, introduced Tammie Beckwith Schallmo and Jennifer Currier of PMA Securities, LLC. Tammie and Jennifer shared information about financing options for funding capital projects, the college's credit rating and the current environment in the bond market. The Illinois Public Community College Act and Debt Reform Act prescribe specific methods of funding for community colleges. Information was provided on the various funding options and what each would require. Ms. Schallmo indicated that the college has the highest credit rating and the management has done many things over the years to secure this great credit

rating. She noted a couple of major influences on the bond market—one, the stock market continues to be volatile, which might send investors to the safer bond market; and two, there is a shortage of municipal bonds for investors to take advantage of. There was discussion about the capital appropriations, potential impact on tuition and fees, how a referendum is conducted, and demand for allied health programs and outlook for employment. A follow-up retreat is recommended to continue these discussions.

The trustees were invited to tour the existing allied health program spaces following the retreat.

- 4) Legislative and Advocacy Update – Senator Ed Maloney shared his background and how MJS Associates was developed to advocate on behalf of higher education in Springfield. While he was a senator, he served as chair of the higher education committee, and he became a resource on higher education for other legislators. He reported that the most recent legislative session was productive, more so than previous sessions because legislators wanted to take something home to their constituents. He recommended that the college could send a letter to the legislators about the capital appropriations, letting them know it is appreciated and the difference it will make to the students and the community. He suggested that the primary election is a good time to propose a referendum, but cautioned that any tax increase will be sensitive. He responded to questions and comments from the trustees and suggested that legislators are easiest to approach when they are at their home offices in their districts.

Dr. Jenkins reported that the Illinois Council of Community College Presidents also work with legislators on higher education issues. She reported that the college will send letters of appreciation to the legislators about the capital appropriations.

**IV. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

None.

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 12:20 PM.

July 9, 2019

## **Meeting Notice**

The Moraine Valley Community College Board of Trustees will hold a board retreat on Saturday, July 20, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., in Building B, Room B156, on campus, 9000 W. College Parkway, Palos Hills.

## **A G E N D A**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **ROLL CALL**
3. **GENERAL DISCUSSION OF MATTERS RELATING TO THE SHORT- AND LONG-TERM FUTURE OF THE COLLEGE**
4. **ADJOURNMENT**