

## **APPROVED**

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

The Governing Board of Moraine Valley Community College, District No. 524, Regular Meeting, was held on Tuesday, May 18, 2021, in the Board Room D219, 9000 West College Parkway, Palos Hills, Illinois 60465. Meeting was held online in a virtual format, pursuant to the State of Illinois Executive Orders with all meeting content and public comments, via phone or otherwise, being recorded.

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

The meeting was called to order by Chair Brian O'Neill at 6:04 PM.

Chair O'Neill requested anyone speaking to state their name when speaking or making a motion for the record. He also asked those not speaking to keep their devices on mute.

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

Present: Brian O'Neill, Chair; Bernadette Barrett; John Coleman (arrived 6:34PM); Kimberly Hastings Cristelli; Beth McElroy Kirkwood; Delilah Wietasch, Student Trustee

Absent: Joseph Murphy, Patricia Joan Murphy

Chair O'Neill indicated for the record that per Illinois Governor Pritzker's executive orders regarding the temporary suspension of the Open Meetings Act (OMA) requirements for a quorum of members to be physically present, the executive order allows call-in participation to constitute a quorum. Additionally, Chair O'Neill noted that Dr. Jenkins was on site at the campus for the meeting.

#### **III. MINUTES**

It was moved by Ms. Kirkwood and seconded by Mrs. Cristelli to approve the unapproved minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 20, 2021; the unapproved minutes of the Special/Reorganization Meeting of May 4, 2021; and the unapproved minutes of the Closed Session held April 20, 2021.

ROLL CALL VOTE taken on approval of minutes for the Regular Meeting of April 20, 2021; the Special/Reorganization Meeting of May 4, 2021; and the Closed Session held April 20, 2021:

Yes: Barrett, Cristelli, Kirkwood, O'Neill  
Absent: Coleman, J. Murphy, P. Murphy  
Student  
Advisory: Yes

Motion carried.

**IV. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

None.

Chair O'Neill publicly recognized three retirements for the month of May. Rosemary Deneen, Associate Professor of Culinary Arts, retires May 21. Rosemary has been a faculty member since 2010. Kevin O'Connell, Professor of French in Liberal Arts, retires May 31. Kevin has been a faculty member since 1997. Laura Apostal, Secretary II in the Science, Business & Computer Technology subdivision, also retires May 31. Laura has been a support staff member at the college since 2002. On behalf of the board and the administration, Chair O'Neill congratulated Rosemary Deneen, Kevin O'Connell, and Laura Apostal, and wished each of them a long and happy retirement.

**V. BOARD REPORTS AND/OR REQUESTS**

5.1 Student Trustee Report

Ms. Wietasch reported that she had her official photo taken recently and attended two ribbon cutting ceremonies. She also submitted her first article as Student Trustee to the *Glacier* student newspaper. She reported that the Liberal Arts and Psychology department sponsored a mental health event to promote wellness and awareness of mental health. In April, students celebrated Earth Day on April 22 by cleaning up debris and planting flowers and trees. The students also got to submit a selfie to commemorate their hard work.

**VI. REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATION**

### 6.1 Recognition of Student Accomplishments

- Athletics Report/Update – Bill Finn, Director, Health, Fitness & Recreation Center/Athletics Director, reported that almost exactly a year ago, the college won the Skyway All Sports trophy for the third time in a row and 12<sup>th</sup> time in 15 years, indicating that this has been a long year between, but the college has had an amazing and successful athletics program for many years. He reported that the most important thing to the athletes is to be able to play and, working with the administration, they were able to put together a safe sports season, although shortened and with limited travel. He reported that 170 athletes played 190 matches and games this year, with only three positive Covid results during the year. He reported that the new baseball field opening last week was a huge day for athletics and thanked the administration and Board for its support to make that possible.
- Forensics Team – John Nash, Director of Forensics and Professor of Communications, reported that he worked with the forensics coach at Harper and created a region-affiliated forensics league, providing an opportunity to do meets and tournaments so students in the region and across the United States could still compete and not lose out on competition opportunities. He recognized fellow coaches Krista Applequist and Amanda Pettigrew, and others who contributed to being able to have a successful year. He reported that the team had four gold medal and two silver medal wins at tournaments. They were able to compete at the University of Utah tournaments, at which Moraine Valley was the only community college competing. They also went to the state tournament, taking second place. They took a gold medal at the regional tournament, which includes seven states in this region. He introduced team members who were present: Aidan McGuire, Shelby Woody, and Tyler Orel and noted some of the awards won by individual team members. He recognized Tyler Orel for winning the Don Haggerty Award, which is voted on by all the students in the region and recognizes an individual who best represents what forensics means. He expressed appreciation for the support to be able to hold a successful season and allowing students the opportunity to compete during the pandemic.
- League for Innovation Art and Literary Competition Winners and Skyway Conference Art, Writing & STEM Competition Winners – Dr. Lisa Kelsay, Assistant Dean, Liberal Arts, reported on student accomplishments in the League for Innovation and Skyway Conference competitions. She recognized competition coordinators, including Lisa Couch (literary),

Douglass Bratt (jazz), Dr. Ryen Nagle (STEM), and Lynn Peters (Art). She noted that while all the competitions were held virtually this year, the jazz competition had only two colleges participating, so no awards were presented this year, but the concert is available on YouTube. She recognized the following students who received awards in each of the competitions:

SKYWAY ART COMPETITION

Emily Lesniak (Ceramics – *Equal Poise*)  
Ashley Nanz (Acrylic Paint on Canvas – *Ash*)  
Linh Nguyen (InDesign Brochure – *Taking Care of U*)  
Haley Smith (Charcoal – *Unusual City Streets*)  
Giuliana Suarez (Digital Photograph – *Youth*)

LEAGUE ART COMPETITION

Jennifer Diaz (Digital – *Let’s Talk About Mental Health*)  
Erendira Evers (Digital – *Light and Heavy*)  
Emilie Lesniak (Ceramics – *Equal Poise*)  
Aidan McGuire (Photograph – *Road Less Traveled*)  
Ashley Nanz (Bristol Board with Ink – *Overgrown*)

SKYWAY WRITER’S FESTIVAL COMPETITION

Gabrielle Lynch (2<sup>nd</sup> Place – “*In a World of Nancy Kerrigans*”)

SKYWAY STEM POSTER COMPETITION

1<sup>st</sup> Place Tie/Engineering, Mathematics & Technology  
Jay Bushnell – *Unconventional Monetary Policy and its Effect on Inflation, Unemployment, and Asset Prices*  
1<sup>st</sup> Place Tie/Engineering, Mathematics & Technology  
William Karopulos, Oscar Zarco-Delgado, Matt Cryan, Matt Straczek – *Heated Mirrors and Safer Driving*  
1<sup>st</sup> Place/Environmental Biology  
Madison Maka, Carrie Bykowski, Melissa Carroll, Jessica O’Connor – *A New Ocean Microplastic Detection and Removal Method that also Reduces Environmental Impact*

LEAGUE LITERARY COMPETITION

Personal Essay  
1<sup>st</sup> Place – Gabrielle Lynch – “*In a World of Nancy Kerrigans*”  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Valeria Olivares – “*A Letter to COVID-19*”

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Asmaa Herzallah – “*He’s Your Hope, He’s My Hope, He’s J-hope*”

Poetry

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Raven Terry – “*Most Colored*”

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Keram Ottman – “*The Cloud Disorder*”

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Janie Gestautas – “*Pen and Paper*”

Short Fiction

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Raven Terry – “*ISSA*”

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Cody Barton – “*My Eyes Are Blue*”

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Nicole Dela Rosa – “*A Robins’ Search for Home*”

- Phi Theta Kappa and *Glacier* – Kent Marshall, Dean of Students and Compliance Officer, reported that the Alpha Iota Lambda Chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa society was recently recognized as a REACH chapter for its membership development at the national level. Amanda O’Connor, Manager of Student Life and advisor to the chapter, successfully completed the five-star advisor plan. One PTK member, Shadrach Codjoe Allotey, was recognized as one of only 30 students from the international organization to receive a Walgreen’s pharmacy technician certification scholarship and two students, Amanda Carston and Micaela Unzueta, were selected for the 2021 All-Illinois Academic Team. He congratulated the PTK students and club advisor for these achievements. Dean Marshall also reported that the *Glacier* student newspaper received a number of awards this year, including 2<sup>nd</sup> place at the 2020 Scholastic Newspaper Awards sponsored by the American Scholastic Press Association and 14 various awards at the 2021 Illinois Community College Journalism Association. One of those 14 awards was a 4<sup>th</sup> place overall award against the 15 community colleges competing in the contest. He commended the *Glacier* staff and recognized advisor Jan Kopischke and Communications faculty member Lisa Couch for their direction and leadership.

## 6.2 President’s Report

Dr. Jenkins congratulated all of the students recognized and thanked the faculty, staff, coaches, administrators, and the Board of Trustees for the support that empowers Moraine Valley students to excel. She thanked the trustees for participating in the recent ribbon cuttings for the baseball field and restaurant, indicating that the faculty, staff and students are excited about these new spaces. She reported that the 2021 graduation will be a virtual event and that college staff arranged for “red carpet” events today and tomorrow for graduating students picking up their caps and gowns to have pictures taken and

enjoy a little celebrity. She reported that the college, along with Dakota State University, cohosted a virtual national cybersecurity conference last week, attended by more than 200 participants. The first vaccination clinic was held on the campus yesterday, provided by Osco, and served about 137 people. The college is also working with the Illinois Department of Public Health on additional vaccination opportunities for staff and community members. The college has a phased-in return to campus work plan effective June 1, and, based on the science, is working toward fully reopening for the fall semester. The college will continue to require masks on campus until further notice. She reported that the ICCTA annual convention will be June 4-5 and announced that Dawn Fredrikson will be recognized as Professional Board Staff Member of the Year at the convention.

Board members offered individual congratulations on receiving this recognition.

**VII. COMMUNICATIONS**

7.1 Letter from Higher Learning Commission (HLC) Approving New Certificate in American Sign Language (ASL) Deaf Studies

**VIII. FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

8.1 Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report showing an ending balance of \$117,297,330.76 will be filed for audit. (DOCUMENT A - SUPPLEMENT TO MINUTES)

8.2 Budget Report

(DOCUMENT B - SUPPLEMENT TO MINUTES)

8.3 Investments

(DOCUMENT C – SUPPLEMENT TO MINUTES)

**CONSENT AGENDA (IX – XII):**

It was moved by Mr. Coleman and seconded by Mrs. Cristelli to approve the following consent agenda items:

**IX. WARRANTS**

The warrant summaries are presented to the Board.

9.1	Account Expenditure Summaries	
9.2	Education Fund	\$5,158,693.97
9.3	Operation & Maintenance Fund	647,370.26
9.4	Operation & Maintenance Fund (Restricted)	51,874.02
9.5	Bond & Interest Fund	-0-
9.6	Auxiliary Enterprise Fund	527,870.44
9.7	Restricted Purpose Fund	3,718,228.64
9.8	Working Cash Fund	-0-
9.9	Trust and Agency Fund	1,951.62
9.10	Audit Fund	-0-
9.11	Liability, Protection & Settlement Fund	-0-

(DOCUMENT D - SUPPLEMENT TO MINUTES)

**X. REPORT OF PERSONNEL**

Chair O’Neill publicly identified the nature of the agenda items contained in the Report of Personnel.

10.1-1 Full-Time

Katrina Escarilla – Instructor, Nursing, Career Programs – effective 8/16/21  
(DOCUMENT E - SUPPLEMENT TO MINUTES)

10.1-2 Part-Time/Supplemental/Other

(DOCUMENT F - SUPPLEMENT TO MINUTES)

10.1-3 Salary Revisions – Vice Presidents

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the recommendation as presented for the Vice President of Academic Affairs, Vice President of Administrative Services, Vice President of Information Technology, Vice President of Financial and Business Services/College Treasurer, and the Vice President of Student Development.  
(DOCUMENT G - SUPPLEMENT TO MINUTES)

10.1-3(a) Salary Revisions: Administrative & Professional Staff,  
Administrative Classified Staff

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the recommendation as presented for the Administrative Professional Staff and the Administrative Classified Staff.

(DOCUMENT H - SUPPLEMENT TO MINUTES)

10.1-3(b) Salary Revisions: Part-Time On-Call, Casual, Auxiliary, Temporary  
Non-Bargaining Unit

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the recommendation as presented for the Part-Time On-Call, Casual, Auxiliary, and Temporary Non-Bargaining Unit employees.

(DOCUMENT I - SUPPLEMENT TO MINUTES)

10.1-4 Leave of Absence

None.

10.1-5 Resignations/Terminations

Esmeralda Diaz – Secretary II, Student Life and Code of Conduct –  
resignation effective 5/21/21

Romaine Nowakowski – Program Assistant, Southwest Education  
Center, Academic Outreach – resignation effective 5/14/21

(DOCUMENT J - SUPPLEMENT TO MINUTES)

10.1-5(a) Retirement – Support Staff

Laura Apostal – Secretary II, Science, Business & Computer  
Technology – retirement effective 5/31/21

(DOCUMENT K - SUPPLEMENT TO MINUTES)

10.1-6 Reclassifications (Promotions, Transfers, Corrections, etc.)

Michele Foote – from Instructor, Nursing, Career Programs to Assistant  
Professor - effective Academic Year 2021-2022

Georgina Murphy – from Director of Nursing Program, Career Programs  
to Instructor, Nursing – effective 8/16/21



LaToya Pryor – from Instructor, Respiratory Therapy, Career Programs to Assistant Professor - effective Academic Year 2021-2022  
LoShay Willis – from Assistant Dean of Career Programs, Academic Affairs to Dean of Career Programs - effective 5/24/21  
(DOCUMENT L - SUPPLEMENT TO MINUTES)

**XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**XII. NEW BUSINESS**

Chair O’Neill identified the nature of the agenda items contained in New Business.

12.1 Affiliation Agreement with Dr. Dinesh K. Jain, M.D. (Medical Assistant)

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the affiliation agreement with Dr. Dinesh K. Jain, M.D. for Medical Assistant.  
(DOCUMENT M - SUPPLEMENT TO MINUTES)

12.2 Affiliation Agreement with Chicago Ridge Fire Department (Fire Science Program)

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the affiliation agreement with Chicago Ridge Fire Department for the Fire Science Program.  
(DOCUMENT N - SUPPLEMENT TO MINUTES)

12.3 Revised Board Policy #8310: Finance – Investment Policy

It is recommended that the Board approve the revision to Board Policy #8310 – Finance: Investment Policy, as presented.  
(DOCUMENT O - SUPPLEMENT TO MINUTES)

ROLL CALL VOTE TAKEN on Consent Agenda Items 9.1, 9.2, 9.3, 9.4, 9.5, 9.6, 9.7, 9.8, 9.9, 9.10, and 9.11; 10.1-1, 10.1-2, 10.1-3, 10.1-3(a), 10.1-3(b), 10.1-4, 10.1-5, 10.1-5(a), and 10.1-6; and 12.1, 12.2, and 12.3:

Yes: Barrett, Coleman, Cristelli, Kirkwood, O’Neill  
Absent: J. Murphy, P. Murphy

Student  
Advisory:            Yes

Motion carried.

**XIII.    MISCELLANEOUS**

None.

**XIV.    AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

None.

**XV.    ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM.