

**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, was held on Monday, May 31, 2023, in Building D, Board Room D219, 9000 West College Parkway, Palos Hills, Illinois, 60465.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Kirkwood at 6:30 PM.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Present: Beth McElroy Kirkwood (Chair); Joseph Murphy; Patricia Joan Murphy; Jaclyn O'Day; Tiffany S. Robinson; Tracy Sullivan; Eileen Kerlin Walsh (via telephone); Demetri Sianis, Student Trustee

Absent: None

**III. REPORT OF PERSONNEL**

It was moved by Ms. O'Day and seconded by Ms. Robinson to approve agenda item 3.1, Appointment of College President, appointing Dr. Pamela Haney as College President.

ROLL CALL VOTE taken on motion to move to a closed session:

Yes: Kirkwood, J. Murphy, P. Murphy, O'Day, Robinson, Sullivan, Kerlin Walsh

Absent: None  
Student

Advisory: Yes

Motion carried.

The Board congratulated Dr. Pamela Haney on her appointment as College President, effective July 1, 2023. Dr. Haney thanked the Board of Trustees, faculty and staff, college deans, unions, and her family and friends for their support. She noted that she has been with the college for over 20 years and does not take the position lightly. Dr. Haney said that she has watched Dr. Sylvia Jenkins and past College Presidents and knows what it takes to run the college successfully. She said she is excited and up for the challenge.

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

Trustee Joseph Murphy noted his concern with the process for selecting a law firm to represent the college. Mr. Murphy stated he has no problem with the qualifications of the law firm that is being proposed to represent the college, but that he believes professional services should be approached through a formal request for proposals process. Mr. Murphy noted that he will vote no this agenda item, but that he does believe the law firm is well qualified. Chair McElroy Kirkwood asked Dr. Sylvia Jenkins if the Board must go through a bid process when selecting legal services. Dr. Jenkins said she believes it is the best practice to do it that way. Vice Chair Patricia Murphy asked if the college used a formal RFP process when hiring Robbins Schwartz. Dr. Jenkins said the college has worked with Robbins Schwartz for over twenty years and has never broken service with them. Trustee Tracy Sullivan said she supports transparency and competition when pursuing professional services, but she sees legal representation as a separate niche. She said that she supports moving forward with the appointment of Odelson, Murphey, Frazier, & McGrath, LTD. in the future, it may be beneficial to consider a formal bidding process for similar items that may occur. Chair McElroy Kirkwood thanked the other Trustees for their opinions and stated that she believes the law firm is incredibly qualified and that she does not know of any other firms that would compare to experience and expertise Odelson, Murphey, Frazier, & McGrath, LTD. can offer the college.

It was moved by Ms. Murphy and seconded by Ms. Robinson to approve agenda item 4.1, Legal Counsel Services, appointing Odelson, Murphey, Frazier, & McGrath, LTD. as counsel for Moraine Valley Community College.

Yes: Kirkwood, P. Murphy, O'Day, Robinson, Sullivan, Kerlin  
Walsh  
No: J. Murphy  
Absent: None  
Student  
Advisory: Yes

Motion carried.

**V. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

None

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:41 PM.