

**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 16, 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 Beth McElroy Kirkwood at 6:03 PM.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Present: Beth McElroy Kirkwood, Chair; Joseph Murphy; Patricia Joan Murphy; Jaelyn O'Day; Tiffany S. Robinson; Tracy M. Sullivan; Eileen Kerlin Walsh (Arrived at 6:08 PM); Demetri Sianis, Student Trustee

Absent: None

Chair McElroy Kirkwood requested anyone calling in to state their name when speaking or making a motion for the record. She also asked those not speaking to keep their devices on mute.

**III. MINUTES**

It was moved by Mr. Murphy and seconded by Ms. Robinson to approve the unapproved minutes of the regular meeting on April 18, 2023 and the unapproved minutes of the special meeting/reorganization held on April 25, 2023.

ROLL CALL VOTE taken on approval of the unapproved minutes of the regular meeting on April 18, 2023 and the unapproved minutes of the special meeting/reorganization held on April 25, 2023:

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

Abstain: Sullivan

Absent: Kerlin Walsh

Student

Advisory: Yes

Motion carried.

**IV. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

None.

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

**5.1 ICCTA Meeting and Lobby Day Report**

Vice Chair Patricia Murphy reported on the May ICCTA meeting and Lobby Day. She said that the ICCTA meeting was held on Tuesday, May 2. Trustee Murphy said her day began with her interview for a position on the ICCTA Executive Board for 2023-24. After her interview, she joined an executive meeting where the ICCTA award committee discussed nominees for the ICCTA Legislative Award. Vice Chair Murphy said she nominated IL Governor JB Pritzker for the award because of his continued support of community colleges. Vice Chair Murphy noted that she was told she was nominated to serve as the secretary for the 2023-24 ICCTA Executive Board. She said the members would be chosen at the ICCTA meeting on June 2, and she hoped she would be elected. Vice Chair Murphy said that she was joined by Dr. Sylvia Jenkins at the Illinois Community College Caucus Reception on Tuesday night with keynote speaker Governor JB Pritzker. She noted that Lobby Day was on Wednesday, May 3, and that they lobbied on behalf of Moraine Valley Community College, focusing on the passage of the 7% increase in community college funding in the Governor's proposed budget. She said they also lobbied to release funds that had been allocated to the college years ago but have not yet been released. Vice Chair Murphy noted that they lobbied for the passage of Illinois Senate Bill 2288, which mandates the transfer of courses from community colleges to 4-year institutions. Vice Chair Murphy asked Trustees who had any questions to contact her.

**5.2 Student Trustee Report - D. Sianis**

Student Trustee Demetri Sianis provided his report on events happening around campus. He discussed the Gateways Gala Foundation event, which raised money for student scholarships. He noted that Dr. Jenkins was honored with a new scholarship in her name to be awarded to students nearing the end of their degree or certificate program. Mr. Sianis noted that the Muslim Student Association, Students for Justice in Palestine, and Phi Theta Kappa held a food drive throughout April. He said that an educational program regarding the effects of alcohol was held on April 11 by Counseling, Student Life, and Addictions Studies program. Mr. Sianis noted that FitRec and Student Life held

a Spring into Fitness Program on April 19, providing students with information regarding fitness, nutrition, and healthy lifestyles.

**VI. REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATION**

**6.1 Presentation to Deborah Stoffregen.**

- Dr. Jenkins invited Theresa O’Carroll to congratulate Deborah Stoffregen, Administrative Assistant in Finance, on her upcoming retirement. Ms. Stoffregen has been with the college since 2005. Ms. O’Carroll thanked Ms. Stoffregen for her years of service and said she had been a great leader in the finance department. Ms. Stoffregen thanked the Board of Trustees, Dr. Jenkins, and Ms. O’Carroll for the recognition.

**6.2 Recognition of Student Accomplishments**

- Athletics Report/Update – General McArthur, Athletic Student Success Specialist, provided the report on athletic student accomplishments. In the fall, the women’s tennis team reclaimed the Illinois Skyway Collegiate Conference title after seven years and won the NJCAA Championship. Mr. McArthur noted that one player finished 5th overall, and the team claimed 21st place out of 29 teams at the national tournament in Texas. He said the men’s and women’s cross-country teams won conference championships. The men’s cross-country team finished second at the NJCAA Region IV Championships, with four runners qualifying for the NJCAA Division II Cross Country Championships in Florida. Two of the runners finished in the top 40 at nationals. He noted that the top runner was the Skyway Runner of the Year and that he also broke the Moraine Valley Community College record for the 8k this season. Mr. McArthur noted that all three women on the cross-country team qualified for and ran in the national tournament. He said that the volleyball team won conference and regional championships and competed at the national tournament, where they finished 13th in the country. Their setter was named NJCAA All-American honorable mention and Skyway Player of the Year. The men’s basketball team won their second conference title in the last four years. One of the players was named to the NJCAA All-American third team and Skyway Player of the Year. Mr. McArthur said the college missed the Skyway Conference All-Sports trophy by only three points this year. He said that a number of student athletes were nominated for student awards and that 40 student athletes petitioned for graduation this spring.

- Forensics Team – Dr. Lisa Kelsay, Assistant Dean, Liberal Arts, reported on the accomplishments of the forensics team on behalf of coaches John Nash and Krista Appelquist. Dr. Kelsay recognized the following students who received awards this year:

NATIONAL GOLD MEDAL CHAMPIONS

Aidan McGuire (National Gold Medal Champion)  
Oswaldo Ocampo (National Gold Medal Champion)  
Gabe Dunkle (National Gold Medal Champion)  
Kandyce Swain (National Gold Medal Champion)  
Lydia Garcia (National Gold Medal Champion)

SILVER MEDAL WINNERS

Kandyce Swain (Silver Medal Winner)  
Gabe Dunkle (Silver Medal Winner)  
Oswaldo Ocampo (Silver Medal Winner)

BRONZE MEDAL WINNERS

Kandyce Swain (Bronze Medal Winner)  
Oswaldo Ocampo (Bronze Medal Winner)  
Aidan McGuire (Bronze Medal Winner)  
Chayse Mueller (Bronze Medal Winner)  
Lydia Garcia (Bronze Medal Winner)

WARREN-DAHLIN STUDENT FELLOWSHIP AWARD

Oswaldo Ocampo

- League for Innovation Art and Literary Competition Winners and Skyway Conference Art, Jazz, Writing & STEM Competition Winners – Dr. Lisa Kelsay, Assistant Dean, Liberal Arts, reported on student accomplishments in the League for Innovation and Skyway Conference competitions, briefly sharing information about the Illinois Skyway Collegiate Conference. She recognized competition coordinators, including Douglass Bratt (jazz), Lisa Couch (literary), Dr. Ryen Nagle (STEM), and Erik LaGattuta (Art). She recognized the following students who received awards in each of the competitions:

SKYWAY ART COMPETITION

Kassandra Fabara (Adobe Illustrator – *Empty*)  
Jessica Garcia (Digital Photography – *Hand Distortion*)  
Jessica Garcia (Digital Photography – *Stairway*)

Rita Jennings (Oil on Canvas – *Memories of my Mother*)  
Rita Jennings (Silkscreen Print – *This is not Propaganda*)  
Chloe Murray (Ink – *Out Came the Hummingbirds*)

LEAGUE ART COMPETITION

Fatema Alharsha (Procreate – *Where did the time go?*)  
Rebecca Crivellone (Adobe Illustrator - *Vector “Pixel” Self Portrait*)  
Jessica Garcia (Digital Photography – *Blue Hands*)  
Rita Jennings (Oil on Canvas – *Family Portrait*)  
Chloe Murray (Ink – *Out Came the Hummingbirds*)

SKYWAY JAZZ COMPETITION

Johnny Poindexter, Drums (Outstanding Soloist)  
Jerry Goodwin, Drums (Outstanding Soloist)  
Emmanuel Onyango, Alto Sax (Outstanding Soloist)  
Tom Tumino, Trumpet (Outstanding Soloist)  
Joni Hoerger, Piano (Outstanding Soloist)  
Scott Kirby, Bass (Outstanding Soloist)  
Liam van Drill, Trumpet (Honorable Mentions)  
Marvin Davis, Trumpet (Honorable Mentions)

SKYWAY STEM POSTER COMPETITION

1<sup>st</sup> Place/Chemistry, Physics, and Computer Science Category  
*Determining the Distance to a Star Cluster Using the Skynet Telescope System*  
Alejandro Jaime

SKYWAY WRITER’S COMPETITION

Savanna Wright (3<sup>rd</sup> Place Non-fiction – *“Always Reach for the Stars”*)

LEAGUE LITERARY COMPETITION

Short Fiction

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Hannah (Rosie) Finnegan – *“The Vampire in My Home”*  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Noelle Chase – *“The Argent Hourglass”*  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Sofia Carrillo Ocon – *“The Flight of Birds, The Fall of Humanity”*

Poetry

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Ameera Judeh – *“Living a Fake Identity”*  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Nick Stulga – *“Hidden Valley Ranch Dressing w/Iceberg Lettuce”*  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Wren Theriault – *“Spell”*

Personal Essay

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Niki Kowal – “*The Things I’ve Learned from Fourteen Years of Collecting American Girl Dolls*”

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Cameron Szyszka – “*A Forever Hug*”

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Sarah Diaz – “*The Man I Call Dad*”

- *Glacier* – Kent Marshall, Dean of Students and Compliance Officer, reported that the *Glacier* student newspaper received 20 statewide awards at the Illinois Community Collee Journalism Association Contest, including being named Best Student Media in the state and the Mike Foster General Excellence Award for its website. He reported individual student awards.

INDIVIDUAL STUDENT AWARDS - GLACIER

Nick Stulga and Mariah Trujillo; 1st Place, News Story of the Year

Nick Stulga; 2nd Place, Reporter of the Year; 1st Place, Arts Review; 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Headline; 1st Place, Sports Game Story

Aidan McGuire; 2nd Place, Feature Photo; 2nd place, News Photo

Mohammed Jbara; 3rd Place, Sports Column; 1st Place, Sports Feature

Rosie Finnegan; 2nd Place, Editorial Writer of the Year; 1st Place, Staff Editorial

Omar Shalabi; 1st place, Feature Writing; 1st Place, News Story

Connor Dore; 2nd place, Podcast

Malak Alomari; 1st Place, Editorial Cartoon

Sarah Schudt; 3rd Place, Graphics

Kirsten Duffy; 3rd Place, Sports Game Story

Mike Pocza; 3rd Place, Sports Feature

Mr. Marshall congratulated the students and thanked Student Publications Advisor, Jan Kopischke, for her leadership in working with this great group of students, and Lisa Couch, Journalism Instructor, for her support this past year.

6.3 President’s Report

Dr. Jenkins congratulated all of the award winners. She thanked the faculty and staff who have been working with students to achieve their goals. Dr. Jenkins invited Theresa O’Carroll to present budget.

- Budget Presentation – Theresa O’Carroll, Vice President of Financial and Business Services/College Treasurer, noted that the Board received a copy of the comparative budget. She provided an overview of the proposed FY24

budget, identifying the various funds, including the education and operations and maintenance funds making up the operating fund and the operations and maintenance restricted fund, bond and interest fund, auxiliary enterprises fund, restricted purpose fund, audit fund, and liability and protection fund, noting that the college's account structure follows the Illinois Community College Board's fiscal management manual. She stated that the Board will not be voting on the budget tonight, and that the budget will hopefully be on the agenda for the Board meeting on June 20, 2023. The total operating fund revenue for FY24 is projected at \$96 million. Ms. O'Carroll shared five-year trends and noted that Fiscal Year 2024 is the final year of the negotiated union contracts. She outlined budgeted capital projects for FY24 noting that the updates to the Fire Doors in Buildings A, B, and L were previously approved by the Board. She also noted that the college is anticipating \$500,000 for upgrades to the Nondestructive Testing (NDT) Program Lab. She reported that total projected revenues for all funds is \$176,358,907; total projected expenditures for all funds is \$179,126,967, noting that the difference will come from fund balance reserves. She indicated that any questions about the FY24 budget can be directed to her, and a copy of her presentation will also be sent out to the board members.

Dr. Jenkins thanked Theresa for her presentation. She asked that the Trustees reach out to Theresa with any questions they may have regarding the budget. Dr. Jenkins thanked all of the staff members who volunteered to assist during the graduation ceremonies on Friday, May 19. She also thanked the Trustees who planned to attend. Dr. Jenkins said she was pleased to announce that the college will be conferring an honorary degree to former Trustee John Coleman during the graduation ceremony.

## **VII. COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

## **VIII. FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

### **8.1 Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer's Report showing an ending balance of \$149,578,585.90 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):**

Chair Kirkwood noted that Agenda Item 10.1-7 would be voted on separately from the consent agenda. It was moved by Mr. Murphy and seconded by Ms. Murphy 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	\$5,592,548.69
9.3	Operation & Maintenance Fund	805,420.80
9.4	Operation & Maintenance Fund (Restricted)	487,373.58
9.5	Bond & Interest Fund	-0-
9.6	Auxiliary Enterprise Fund	425,923.81
9.7	Restricted Purpose Fund	3,536,466.92
9.8	Working Cash Fund	-0-
9.9	Trust and Agency Fund	6,557.33
9.10	Audit Fund	-0-
9.11	Liability, Protection & Settlement Fund	-0-

(DOCUMENT D - SUPPLEMENT TO MINUTES)

**X. REPORT OF PERSONNEL**

Chair Kirkwood publicly identified the nature of the agenda items contained in the Report of Personnel.

10.1-1 Full-Time

- Megan Amato - Admissions Support Assistant - Effective: 5/22/23
- Elizabeth Barrera - Student Success Specialist - Effective: 5/22/23
- Katrina Carline - Staff Accountant II - Effective: 6/5/23
- Rafael Cooke - Educational Case Manager - Effective: 6/5/23
- Laura Early - Instructor, Humanities - Effective: 8/14/23

Tracy Hall - Instructor, Sleep Technology - Effective: 8/14/23  
David Kleinberg - Director, International Student Affairs - Effective: 5/22/23  
Amy Lubke - Instructor, Art- Effective: 8/14/23  
Gregory Pateras - Coordinator, Code of Conduct - Effective: 6/5/23  
Carole Sharwarko - Project Coordinator - Effective: 6/5/23  
(DOCUMENT E - SUPPLEMENT TO MINUTES)

10.1-2 Part-Time/Supplemental/Other

(DOCUMENT F - SUPPLEMENT TO MINUTES)

10.1-3 Salary Revisions

None.

10.1-4 Leave of Absence

None.

10.1-5 Resignations/Terminations

Joseph Peloso - Manager of Network Services - Effective: 4/18/23  
Samantha Sugrue - P.T. Library Assistant II - Effective: 5/19/23  
Kimberly Vagnoni - Staff Accountant II - Effective: 4/24/23  
(DOCUMENT G - SUPPLEMENT TO MINUTES)

10.1-5(a) Retirement – Support Staff

Diana Lenckus – Financial Aid Expeditor: Effective: 5/3/23  
(DOCUMENT H - SUPPLEMENT TO MINUTES)

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

Paula DeAnda-Shah - from Associate Professor, Developmental Math to Associate Professor, Mathematics – Effective: 8/17/23  
Michelle Flory - from Assistant Professor, Developmental to Assistant Professor, Communications - Effective: 8/17/23  
Amanda Gerdes - from Instructor, Developmental to Instructor, Communications - Effective 8/17/23  
Kimberly Golk - from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor - Effective: Academic Year 2023-2024

Judy Healy - from Director, Payroll to Accounting Systems Analyst – Effective 7/3/23

Anna Jannak - from Instructor, Medical Assistant to Assistant Professor – Effective: Academic Year 2023-2024

Gianna Kafka - from Administrative Assistant to International Student Affairs - Effective: 7/3/23

Jason King - from Associate Professor, Developmental Math to Associate Professor, Geography - Effective: 8/17/23

Deborah Morley - from Assistant Professor, Health Information Technology to Associate Professor - Effective: Academic Year 2023-2024

(DOCUMENT I - SUPPLEMENT TO MINUTES)

**XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**XII. NEW BUSINESS**

Chair Kirkwood identified the nature of the agenda items contained in New Business.

**12.1 Affiliation Agreement with Riveredge Hospital (Nursing)**

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the affiliation agreement with Riveredge Hospital.

(DOCUMENT J - SUPPLEMENT TO MINUTES)

**12.2 Building T Chilled Water Upgrades Phase II Bid**

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees award this bid and authorize the issuance of a purchase order in the amount of \$894,000.00 to Monaco Mechanical Inc. for the MVCC Building T Chilled Water Upgrades Phase I Bid.

(DOCUMENT K - SUPPLEMENT TO MINUTES)

**12.3 Noncredit Class Schedule Fall 2023 Mailer Bid**

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees award this bid and authorize the issuance of a purchase order in the amount of \$27,894.00 to Precise Printing Network Inc., for the printing of the noncredit mailer plus \$2,050.00 for the

additional 8-page text signature, if needed, for the Noncredit Class Schedule Fall 2023 Mailer Bid.  
(DOCUMENT L - SUPPLEMENT TO MINUTES)

12.4 Approval of New Certificate Program: Cloud Networking and Virtualization

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the Cloud Networking and Virtualization Certificate program for submission to the Illinois Community College Board and Illinois Board of Higher Education for new program approval effective fall, 2024.  
(DOCUMENT M - SUPPLEMENT TO MINUTES)

12.5 Appointment of Decennial Committee on Local Government Efficiency Act

(DOCUMENT N - 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 (including travel reimbursements); 10.1-1, 10.1-2, 10.1-5, 10.1-5(a), and 10.1-6; and 12.1, 12.2, 12.3, 12.4, and 12.5:

Yes: Kirkwood, J. Murphy, P. Murphy, O’Day, Sullivan, Robinson, Kerlin Walsh  
Absent: None  
Student  
Advisory: Yes

Motion carried.

10.1-7 President Emeritus Designation

At Chair Kirkwood’s request, Secretary Tiffany Robinson read the full title and description of Agenda Item 10.1-7, President Emeritus Designation, into the official meeting record

It was moved by Mr. Murphy and seconded by Ms. Murphy to approve Agenda Item 10.1-7.

Yes: Kirkwood, J. Murphy, P. Murphy, O’Day, Sullivan, Robinson, Kerlin Walsh  
Absent: None

Student  
Advisory: Yes

Motion carried

**XIII. MISCELLANEOUS**

None.

**XIV. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Kevin Navratil, Political Science Professor, asked to address the Board of Trustees. Mr. Navratil thanked Dr. Jenkins and the Board of Trustees for taking the time to allow him to speak. He noted that he has worked at the college for 17 years. Mr. Navratil said he was joined by Lynn Doulas, Support Staff President, Michelle August, Faculty Association President, and Delwyn Jones, Faculty Association Grievance Chair. Mr. Navratil provided the Board of Trustees with a letter signed by 153 of the 204 full-time faculty members in support of Dr. Pamela Haney to be the next College President. He noted that the document was created the day before and that within 27 hours, they received 153 signatures. He also noted that 139 of 211 members of the support staff signed the letter. Mr. Navratil read the letter aloud to the Board of Trustees. He thanked the Board of Trustees for their time and consideration. Chair Kirkwood thanked Mr. Navratil for sharing the letter.

**XV. CLOSED SESSION**

It was moved by Ms. Robinson and seconded by Ms. Murphy to move to closed session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body pursuant to Sections 2(c)(1) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

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

Yes: Kirkwood, J. Murphy, P. Murphy, O'Day, Sullivan, Robinson,  
Kerlin Walsh  
Absent: None  
Student  
Advisory: Yes

Motion carried.

The Board moved to closed session at 7:34 PM. The Board returned from open session at 10:05 PM.

**XVI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 10:06 PM.