

## 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 14, 2024, in Building D, Board Room D219, 9000 West College Parkway, Palos Hills, Illinois, 60465.

### **I. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Beth McElroy Kirkwood asked meeting attendees to rise and join her in reciting The Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was called to order by Chair Beth McElroy Kirkwood at 6:01 PM.

### **II. ROLL CALL**

Present: Beth McElroy Kirkwood, Chair; Joseph Murphy; Patricia Joan Murphy; Jaclyn O'Day; Tiffany S. Robinson (departed at 7:05 PM); Tracy M. Sullivan; Eileen Kerlin Walsh; 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 Secretary Robinson and seconded by Trustee Kerlin Walsh to approve the Unapproved Minutes - Regular Meeting, April 16, 2024; Unapproved Minutes - Closed Session Held April 16, 2024.

ROLL CALL VOTE taken on approval of the Unapproved Minutes - Regular Meeting, April 16, 2024; Unapproved Minutes - Closed Session Held April 16, 2024:

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

Absent: None  
Student

Advisory: Yes

Motion carried.

**IV. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

None.

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

**5.1 ICCTA Lobby Day Report**

Vice Chair Patricia Murphy reported on the May ICCTA meeting and Lobby Day. She said the ICCTA meeting was held on Wednesday, May 1. Vice Chair Murphy noted that she is applying for a position on the Executive Committee of ICCTA, and she thanked Chair McElroy Kirkwood and Dr. Haney for their support. She thanked Trustee Sullivan for sitting on the nominating committee as a representative for the south suburban region. In the evening, they met at the Illinois Community College Caucus Reception. She noted a discussion related to a bill requiring educational institutions to adopt a common course numbering system. Trustee Kerlin Walsh said the ICCTA meeting was enlightening and a deep dive into how we can advocate and assist in bringing more dollars to enhance college initiatives. Vice Chair Murphy said Lobby Day was held on Thursday, May 2. She said they invited many elected officials to visit the campus and noted they were engaged and receptive. Vice Chair Murphy thanked Dr. Haney and said she did a wonderful job laying out Moraine Valley's strategic priorities. She thanked Dr. Haney and the trustees who attended, noting that having a large representation of the college was exciting and impactful. Chair McElroy Kirkwood said the day was very productive and she appreciated the elected officials' attentiveness. Trustee Sullivan said Moraine Valley made an impact on Lobby Day and she encourages the administration to continue to build relationships with our elected officials.

**5.2 Student Trustee Report**

Student Trustee DaCosta presented her student Trustee report. She noted the college celebrated Community College Month with giveaways and treats. Student Trustee DaCosta said the college recognized Arab American Heritage Month with several events sponsored by Multicultural Student Affairs, the Celebrating Diversity Committee, the Arab Student Union, and the Muslim

Student Association. She noted the student success center hosted a celebration of Asian American and Pacific Islander Month with activities that included crafts, trivia, music, food, and giveaways. The Tritones Music Club held a Battle of the Bands, and all proceeds were donated to the Project Care Food Pantry on campus. Student Trustee DaCosta said Illinois State Congressman of the 6th district, Sean Casten, visited Moraine Valley to speak to political science students about climate change and other issues facing our country/area. She said the Moraine Chorale and Chamber Singers celebrated the fine and performing arts 30th anniversary with a medley of classics and a reception in the M building.

## **VI. REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATION**

Dr. Pamela Haney thanked Vice Chair Murphy and Student Trustee DaCosta for their reports.

### 6.1 Presentation to Debby Blatzer (retirement)

Dr. Haney invited Dr. Normah Salleh-Barone and Dr. Scott Friedman to congratulate Debby Blatzer, Assistant Dean of Academic Advising and New Student Orientation, on her upcoming retirement. Ms. Blatzer has been with the college since 1993. Ms. Blatzer thanked the Board of Trustees, Dr. Haney, Dr. Friedman, and Dr. Normah 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.

#### Volleyball:

- Undefeated in Skyway Conference
- Skyway champions
- Ranked 14th in the NJCAA Division II
- 5 All-Conference team players
- 3 All-Region team players
- 2 District A All-Tournament Team players
- NJCAA Division II All-America second team player
- Skyway Libero of the Year
- Skyway Player of the Year
- Skyway Coach of the Year

- Coach Lorenz named Female Skyway Coach of the Year

Men's Cross Country:

- Undefeated in Skyway Conference
- Skyway champions
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Women's cross country:

- 2nd place in Skyway Conference
- 2 runners ran at nationals
- 2 All-Region runners
- 4 All-Conference runners
- 2 Cross Country Association All-Academic Athletes

Women's Tennis:

- 2nd in the Skyway Conference
- 1 singles and 1 doubles conference championship
- 1 singles and 2 doubles region championships
- 2 tennis players competed at nationals in Tyler, Texas

Men's Basketball:

- 5 All-Conference honors
- 1 All-Region player
- Freshman Amarion Johnson ranked 5th in NJCAA Division II for blocked shots (82)

Women's Basketball:

- 3 All-Conference honors
- 1 All-Region player
- Sophomore Andrea Robertson ranked No. 1 nationally for defensive rebounds (320), No. 2 blocks (131), No. 3 total rebounds (399)

In addition to the athletic achievements, Mr. McArthur reported 69 student-athletes achieved a 3.0 GPA or higher, 13 of which achieved a 4.0 for the fall semester. He also said that for the first time, the region recognized student-athletes for their academic achievements, and the college had 55 students acknowledged. Student-athletes were required to perform community and campus engagement to give back to those who help and support Athletics throughout the year. Mr. McArthur said some teams helped with events on campus, such as the Athletics Hall of Fame ceremony, Special Olympics, and the Skyway Conference co-curricular writing contest. Other teams gave back to local communities by helping at Lake Katherine, The Bridge Teen Center, My Joyful Heart, the Chicago Red Stars, and the Bank of America Chicago Marathon. Mr. McArthur thanked the Executive Leadership Team and the Board of Trustees for their continued support of the Athletics department and our student-athletes.

- Forensics Team: Krista Appelquist, Speech Instructor and Coach of the Moraine Valley Forensics Team, reported on the accomplishments of the forensics team. Ms. Appelquist noted that the Forensics Team traveled to ten tournaments, and we hosted three on our campus. They participated in the Phi Rho Pi National Forensics Competition and won first place for the third year in a row. They also took second place at the IL State Tournament and won a regional tournament. Kandyce Swain of Blue Island earned a gold medal in informative and persuasive speaking and a silver medal in speech to entertain; she was also recognized as the top 5th speaker in the nation. Oswaldo Ocampo of Burbank earned a bronze medal in prose and program of oral interpretation and a gold medal in persuasion. Aaron Lopez of Bridgeview earned bronze medals in persuasion, communication analysis & speech to entertain. Marel Doon of Chicago Ridge earned a bronze medal in informative speaking. James Murphy of Justice earned a bronze medal in prose. She said the students on the team are passionate and champion issues, communities, and public policy. She thanked the Board of Trustees, Dr. Haney, and Dr. Cindy Anderson, Dean of Liberal Arts, for their support.
- 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. Peter Placas (STEM), and Erik LaGattuta (Art). She recognized the following students who received awards in each of the competitions:

SKYWAY ART COMPETITION

Koda Kasper (Collage – *The Shrike*)

Isaiah Lewis (Digital Photography - *Sweet Taste of Lavender*)

Zoe Pham (Acrylic on Canvas - *Still Life in Violet*; Graphite and Charcoal - *Two-Point Perspective Room*)

Priscilia Sossah (Digital Photography – *Naturals in Nature Triptych*)

Brenda Velazquez (Mixed Media - *Self Portrait Playing Card*)

LEAGUE ART COMPETITION

Koda Kasper (Colored Pencil, Oil Pastel – *Funky Bird*)

Samantha Mares (Adobe Illustrator - *Tear it up!*)

Helena Smith (Ceramic – *Heartbreak*)

Priscilia Sossah (Digital Photography – *Naturals In Nature Triptych*)

Reese Wedrall (Acrylic – *Reese*)

SKYWAY JAZZ COMPETITION

Johnny Poindexter, Drums (Outstanding Soloist)

Andrew Gates, Trumpet (Outstanding Soloist)

Andrew Gates, Trumpet (Honorable Mentions)

SKYWAY STEM POSTER COMPETITION

Myra Ryes - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place/Biology Category - *Microbial Interactions in the Rhizosphere of *Dalea purpurea**

Lina Nofal, Andrea Ariaza and Juliana Ramirez - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place/Environmental and Earth Science Category - *Comparative FOI Analysis of a Twenty Year Period in a Small Site Prairie*

Marcin Hodorowicz, Anthony Wnek, Michael Cyrwus and Lauren Williams - 2nd Place – Engineering, Math, Computer Science Category - *Visually Impaired Assistance Device*

SKYWAY WRITER’S COMPETITION

Rain Abdelkarim (1<sup>st</sup> Place Non-Fiction – “*A Name That Paints the Whole Picture*”)

LEAGUE LITERARY COMPETITION

Drama

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Katis Varela – “*A Bar Called Eden*”

Fiction

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Emmett Grady – “*Air Jesus*”

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Valentina Villadiego Contreras – “*Don’t Forget Your Smile*”

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Alexis Griffin – “*Goodnight Promises*”

Non-Fiction

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Rain Abdelkarim – “*A Name That Paints the Whole Picture*”

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Natalie Potempa – “*Wounds Too Deep to Heal*”

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Amira Froukh – “*The Real City That Never Sleeps*”

Poetry

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Eileen McInerney – “*Anchor Me Down*”

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Ilaina Rosado – “*Painted Skies*”

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Deniza Fuentes – “*My Journey Traveling Through Mexico’s Beauty*”

- Phi Theta Kappa: Kent Marshall, Dean of Students and Compliance Officer, recognized Evie Roth, a student involved with Moraine Valley’s Alpha Iota Lambda chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society. Evie Roth submitted a short story entitled, “Devotion,” to a national publication through Phi Theta Kappa. Her story was selected to be published this summer in the 29<sup>th</sup> edition of Nota Bene. Dean Marshall noted that Evie graduated from Moraine Valley last spring with a 4.0 GPA and they are currently attending Columbia College Chicago, working towards a degree in Creative Writing-Fiction.
- *Glacier*: Kent Marshall, Dean of Students and Compliance Officer, reported that the Glacier student newspaper won 16 statewide awards at the Illinois Community College Journalism Association Contest, including second place in Best Student Media and the Mike Foster General Excellence Award. Individual student awards include five First Place Awards (Podcast, Sports Column, Reporter of the Year, Arts Review, and Staff Editorial), six Second Place Awards (Graphics, News Story of the Year, Feature Photo, News Column, News Photo, and Sports Game Story), and three Honorable Mention Awards (Editorial Writer of the Year, News Column, and Sports Game Story). Mr. Marshall congratulated the students and thanked Student Publications Advisor, Jan Kopischke, for her leadership in working with this great group of students.

6.3 President’s Report

- Strategic Plan: Dr. Sadya Khan, Executive Director of Institutional Research, Planning and Effectiveness, presented the Strategic Plan for 2025-2030. Dr. Khan said 400 individuals participated in the strategic planning process over 18 months. The college held focus groups, which led to the creation of six new priorities for the 2025-2030 Strategic Plan. Dr. Khan reminded the Board that strategic plans are completed every five years. She provided a timeline of the strategic planning process and outlined the core external trends that the strategic planning committee selected. Dr. Khan noted that the next step in the strategic planning process is to request approval from the Board of Trustees at the June Board meeting. Once approved, the college will share the plan with the community. Trustee Kerlin Walsh asked if previous strategic plans informed the 2025-2030 strategic plan. Dr. Khan said many of the priorities in the new strategic plan are the same as those in the previous strategic plan. Secretary Robinson thanked Dr. Khan for compiling the data, and she said it is helpful to see honest feedback from college employees, students, and the community. Trustee Sullivan requested an electronic copy of the presentation. Dr. Khan said she would send an electronic copy of the presentation to the Board. Chair Kirkwood thanked Dr. Khan for the presentation.

## **VII. COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

## **VIII. FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

### 8.1(a) Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report showing an ending balance of \$157,794,321.89 will be filed for audit. (DOCUMENT A - SUPPLEMENT TO MINUTES)

### 8.1(b) Budget Report

(DOCUMENT B - SUPPLEMENT TO MINUTES)

### 8.1(c) Investments

(DOCUMENT C – SUPPLEMENT TO MINUTES)

## **CONSENT AGENDA (IX – XII):**

It was moved by Trustee Joseph Murphy and seconded by Trustee Sullivan 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	\$5,825,226.41
9.3	Operation & Maintenance Fund	861,701.04
9.4	Operation & Maintenance Fund (Restricted)	669,404.75
9.5	Bond & Interest Fund	-0-
9.6	Auxiliary Enterprise Fund	824,213.52
9.7	Restricted Purpose Fund	1,527,921.99
9.8	Working Cash Fund	-0-
9.9	Trust and Agency Fund	9,105.47
9.10	Audit Fund	-0-
9.11	Liability, Protection & Settlement Fund	-0-

(DOCUMENT D - SUPPLEMENT TO MINUTES)

**X. REPORT OF PERSONNEL**

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

10.1-1 Full-Time

James Ivetic - Technical Engineer - Effective: 5/6/24  
 George Lam - Instructor, Economics - Effective: 8/12/24  
 (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 (LOA)

None.

10.1-5 Resignations/Terminations

Maria Aguilar – Secretary II - Effective: 4/23/24

Nolan Kelleher – Groundskeeper – Effective: 4/8/24

Alecia Person – Departmental Assistant – Effective: 4/12/24

(DOCUMENT G - SUPPLEMENT TO MINUTES)

10.1-5(a) Retirement - Professional Staff

Robert Rice - Maintenance Mechanic IV – 11/26/24

(DOCUMENT H - SUPPLEMENT TO MINUTES)

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

Christina Cotta – from Departmental Assistant, Transfer Center/Counseling to

Departmental Assistant, Corporate, Community and Continuing Education -

Effective: 5/13/24

(DOCUMENT I - SUPPLEMENT TO MINUTES)

**XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**XII. NEW BUSINESS**

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

12.1 Affiliation Agreement with Illinois Bone and Joint Institute, LLC (Radiologic Technology and Computed Tomography)

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the Affiliation Agreement with Illinois Bone and Joint Institute, LLC (Radiologic Technology and Computed Tomography).

(DOCUMENT J - SUPPLEMENT TO MINUTES)

12.2 Affiliation Agreement with Rush University Medical Center (Sleep Technology)

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the Affiliation Agreement with Rush University Medical Center (Sleep Technology).  
(DOCUMENT K - SUPPLEMENT TO MINUTES)

### 12.3 Dates for Regular Meetings

It is recommended that the Board approve the dates of the regular meetings of the Board of Trustees for the 2024-2025 Academic Year.  
(DOCUMENT L - SUPPLEMENT TO MINUTES)

### 12.4 Custodial Services Bid 2024-2027

It is recommended that the Board approve the Custodial Services Bid 2024-2027 to Smith Maintenance Co in the amount of \$5,776,044.98 for a three-year agreement.  
(DOCUMENT M - SUPPLEMENT TO MINUTES)

### 12.5 Moraine Valley Community College 2024-2025 Mailers Printing Bid

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the Moraine Valley Community College 2024-2025 Mailers Printing Bid to Precise Printing Network, Inc. in the amount of \$221,916.00.  
(DOCUMENT N - SUPPLEMENT TO MINUTES)

### 12.6 MVCC Building T Chilled Water Upgrades Phase III Bid

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the MVCC Building T Chilled Water Upgrades Phase III Bid to Monaco Mechanical Inc. in the amount of \$798,000.00.  
(DOCUMENT O - SUPPLEMENT TO MINUTES)

### 12.7 Preventative Maintenance Program for HVAC Equipment Bid

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve Preventative Maintenance Program for HVAC Equipment Bid to Anchor Mechanical Inc. in the amount of \$477,400.00.  
(DOCUMENT P - SUPPLEMENT TO MINUTES)

### 12.8 Board-Designated Expert Panel

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the Board-Designated Expert Panel effective May 14, 2024.

(DOCUMENT Q - 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, 12.5, 12.6, 12.7, and 12.8:

Yes: McElroy Kirkwood, J. Murphy, P. Murphy, O'Day, Sullivan, Kerlin Walsh  
Absent: Robinson  
Student  
Advisory: Yes.

Motion carried.

**XIII. MISCELLANEOUS**

Trustee O'Day said the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) Public Policy and Advocacy Committee is building the fiscal year 2025-2026 legislative agenda. Trustee O'Day serves on the committee and noted that the committee is allowing the submission of policy ideas and legislation, which will be part of the agenda for Lobby Day. She asked the Board and administration to provide her with any policy ideas or legislation they believe should be included on the agenda.

**XIV. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

None.

**XV. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:13 PM.