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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 13, 2025, 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 6:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Beth McElroy Kirkwood, Chair; Walter Fronczek, Patricia Joan Murphy; Jaclyn O'Day (Virtually present at 6:00 p.m.); Diane Shaar; Tracy M. Sullivan; Eileen Kerlin Walsh; Garrett Weigel, 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 Trustee Shaar and seconded by Secretary Kerlin Walsh to approve the unapproved minutes of the regular meeting on April 15, 2025; the unapproved minutes of the special meeting/reorganization on April 23, 2025; and the unapproved minutes of the closed session on April 15, 2025.

ROLL CALL VOTE taken on the unapproved minutes of the regular meeting on April 15, 2025; the unapproved minutes of the special meeting/reorganization on April 23, 2025; and the unapproved minutes of the closed session on April 15, 2025:

Yes: McElroy Kirkwood, Fronczek, Murphy, Shaar, Sullivan, Kerlin Walsh

Absent: O'Day (unable to vote due to microphone issue)
Student
Advisory: Yes

Motion carried.

IV. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None.

V. BOARD REPORTS AND/OR REQUESTS

5.1 ICCTA Lobby Day Report

Vice Chair Murphy reported on the ICCTA meeting and Lobby Day on May 6, 2025. She said the executive Board of ICCTA hosted interviews for their board positions during this meeting. Vice Chair Murphy thanked Trustee Sullivan for arriving in Springfield early on Monday morning to serve on the committee. Auston Koch, the Student Trustee from Heartland Community College, shared his academic journey as the guest speaker during the ICCTA meeting. Vice Chair Murphy said his story was incredibly moving, and she noted the impact it has when Trustees have the opportunity to share student stories with legislators. She said the remainder of the meeting was focused on Lobby Day and the shared goals community colleges can advocate for with legislators. A reception was held at the Illinois State Museum, and some legislators attended to discuss HB 3717, which would allow community colleges to offer select baccalaureate degree programs. Vice Chair Murphy said the Trustees and Dr. Haney split up into two groups to meet with legislators on Lobby Day. She said it was a rewarding experience and asked the other Trustees who attended Lobby Day if they had anything they wanted to share about their experiences. Trustee Shaar said Lobby Day was a wonderful experience and that she enjoyed working with everyone. Trustee Kerlin Walsh said she was pleased to see the strong support for HB 3717 in Springfield. She said she was particularly impressed with Illinois State Representative Michael Crawford and his background and experience in education. Trustee Sullivan said it was amazing to see how the legislators recognize the Trustees both as individuals and as representatives of Moraine Valley Community College. She noted that building and maintaining good relationships with legislators will be crucial in advocating for students and the college. Trustee Sullivan congratulated Vice Chair Murphy, who will be the President of the ICCTA Executive Committee. Chair McElroy Kirkwood said the college is incredibly

fortunate to have so many legislators who are fighting for its interests. Vice Chair Murphy reminded the Board that mandatory professional development training will be offered during the June ICCTA Convention. This training is required by the Public Act, 99-0692. Dr. Haney thanked Steve Pappageorge, executive director of Community Education, Workforce Development and Government Relations, as well as all of the Trustees who participated in Lobby Day.

5.2 Student Trustee Report - Garrett Weigel

Student Trustee Weigel provided the Student Trustee Report. He discussed recent events at the college, including the “President for a Day” event, which was held on April 22. During this event, Dr. Haney switched schedules with Caroline Song, a second-year student at Moraine Valley Community College. Dr. Haney attended Caroline’s classes and a Phi Theta Kappa meeting and worked a shift as a student employee in the TRiO Office. Caroline Song participated in meetings typically attended by Dr. Haney. Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month was recognized on campus through AAPI Traditional Dance, tea tastings, art exhibits and a Melodies of Asia guitar performance by Kylah. A Student Life club and organization celebration banquet was held. The Women in Leadership Club won the Club of the Year award. Julia Onyszko was the recipient of the \$1,000 Award of Excellence Scholarship. Additionally, the Cyclone Palooza event took place on May 7, providing students with an opportunity to relax and have fun before finals.

VI. REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATION

6.1 Presentation to Charles Bales (retirement)

Dr. Michael Bates, dean of Science, Business and Computer Technology, congratulated Charles Bales, FT Mechanical Design & Drafting/CAD faculty, on his retirement and acknowledged his contributions to the college. A gift of appreciation was presented on behalf of Dr. Haney and the Board of Trustees.

6.2 Presentation to Sarah Bales (retirement)

Dr. Michael Bates, dean of Science, Business and Computer Technology, congratulated Sarah Bales, FT Biology faculty, on her retirement and acknowledged her contributions to the college. A gift of appreciation was presented on behalf of Dr. Haney and the Board of Trustees.

6.3 Presentation to Neil Barker (retirement)

Dr. Michael Bates, dean of Science, Business and Computer Technology, congratulated Neil Barker, FT Integrated Systems Technology faculty, on his retirement and acknowledged his contributions to the college. A gift of appreciation was presented on behalf of Dr. Haney and the Board of Trustees.

6.4 Presentation to Maryan Jatzak (retirement)

Dr. LoShay Willis, dean of Career Programs, congratulated Maryan Jatzak, FT Nursing faculty, on her retirement and acknowledged her contributions to the college. A gift of appreciation was presented on behalf of Dr. Haney and the Board of Trustees.

6.5 Presentation to Mary Paraskis (retirement)

Dr. Scott Friedman, dean of Student Engagement, congratulated Mary Paraskis, FT advisor, on her retirement and acknowledged her contributions to the college. A gift of appreciation was presented on behalf of Dr. Haney and the Board of Trustees.

6.6 Presentation to Karen Town (retirement)

Madisson Younglove, assistant director of Communications, congratulated Karen Town, communications specialist, on her retirement and acknowledged her contributions to the college. A gift of appreciation was presented on behalf of Dr. Haney and the Board of Trustees.

6.7 Recognition of Student Accomplishments

- Athletics Report/Update: General McArthur, director of Athletics, provided the report on athletic student accomplishments.

Women's Tennis:

- Illinois Skyway Collegiate Conference Champions
- NJCAA Region 4 Champions
- Five singles and two doubles conference championships
- Four singles and two doubles region championships
- One Skyway Player of the Year – Maya Morris
- The team competed at nationals in Tyler, Texas

Men's Tennis:

- Zackary Johnson and John Kenny finished third in the region at No. 2 doubles
- Jaykumar Patel at No. 5 singles only lost one match during the regular season

Women's Cross Country:

- Skyway Conference Champions
- Region 4 Champions
- Team ran at nationals in Virginia
- Five All-Region runners
- Six All-Conference runners
- Skyway Coach of the Year
- Ranked No. 19 after regionals
- Two Cross Country Association All-Academic Athletes
- Named a Cross Country Association All-Academic Team

Men's Cross Country:

- Skyway champs fifth consecutive year
- Second place in Region 4
- Four runners ran at nationals in Virginia
- Four All-Region runners
- Seven All-Conference runners
- Three Cross Country Association All-Academic Athletes
- Skyway Coach of the Year
- Named a Cross Country Association All-Academic Team

Women's Tennis:

- Second in the Skyway Conference
- One singles and one doubles conference championship
- One singles and two doubles region championships
- Two tennis players competed at nationals in Tyler, Texas

Volleyball:

- Ranked 15th in the NJCAA Division II
- NJCAA Division II All-America second team player – Mary Zielinski, who also earned her 1,000th kill in November
- Three All-Conference and two All-Region players

Men's Soccer:

- They never allowed more than two goals all season

- Ranked 14th in the NJCAA Division II
- NJCAA Division II All-America third team player – Emmanuel Calixto
- Six All-Conference and six All-Region players

Men's Basketball:

- Five All-Conference players and one All-Region player
- Amarion Johnson ranked No. 1 in NJCAA Division II for blocked shots (105) and he broke a Cyclones career record (187). He also earned All-Conference first team
- Juvon Crawford earned All-Tournament Team honors at the Highland Community College Tournament in December

Women's Basketball:

- Five All-Conference and two All-Region players
- Jadea Johnson was ranked No. 3 in NJCAA Division II for field goals (242-596) and No. 4 for free throws (162-228), defensive rebounds (229) and total points (646). She earned All-Conference and All-Region first team honors

Softball:

- Seven All-Conference players
- Stephanie Lohman batted .424 with 40 RBIs, 4 homeruns and a .648 slugging percentage
- Brooklynn Sedlak batted .465 with 28 RBIs and a .756 slugging percentage
- Brialynn Mica batted .406 with 20 RBIs and a .623 slugging percentage

Baseball:

- Four All-Conference players
- Went from nine wins last season to 26 wins this year
- Alejandro Munoz batted .404 with 40 RBIs and a .548 slugging percentage
- Andrew Phelan batted .390 with 24 RBIs and a .491 slugging percentage

In addition to the athletic achievements, Mr. McArthur reported that Olivia Jeziorczak, a member of the women's soccer team, won the Student

Employee of the Year award from the Job Resource Center. Moraine Valley Community College won the Illinois Skyway Collegiate Conference All-Sports Award. This award is presented to one of the eight colleges in the conference that achieved the most collective success among all its teams at the end of the academic year, and it is the 11th time the college has won this prestigious trophy. 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 team's accomplishments. Ms. Appelquist noted that the Forensics Team travels to 9-12 tournaments throughout the year; however, last April, they attended the Phi Rho Pi National Speech and Debate Tournament. Over 50 schools and approximately 375 competitors participated in the conference. As a team, Moraine Valley won a gold medal, equivalent to first place in our division, for the fourth consecutive year. She said it is the eighth gold medal the college has received in its 26-year history as a program. Ms. Appelquist recognized the Moraine Valley Community College Forensics Team members Javier Ramirez, Destiny Christmas, Kandyce Swain and Aaron Lopez. Destiny Christmas took third place in impromptu speaking at the national level. Aaron Lopez took first place in persuasive speaking and third place in the speech to entertain category. Candace Swain took first place in both the speech to entertain and informative speaking categories for the third year in a row. Javier Ramirez took second place in the persuasive speaking category. Ms. Appelquist thanked the Board of Trustees, Dr. Haney and Dr. Cindy Anderson, dean of Liberal Arts, for their support.
- Phi Theta Kappa: Kent Marshall, dean of students and compliance officer recognized Caroline Song and Haven Rupsch from Moraine Valley's Alpha Iota Lambda chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society, who were nominated for the All-USA Academic Team and the All-Illinois Academic Team. Haven Rupsch was selected as one of the student speakers at graduation. Caroline Song was selected as one of 22 students recognized nationally to receive the 2025 Hites Transfer Scholarship, the society's most prestigious scholarship. The scholarship is awarded to Phi Theta Kappa members preparing to transfer to senior institutions in pursuit of a bachelor's degree. Winners were selected from 2,800 applicants nationwide for their outstanding academic achievement and rigor, engagement in college and community activities and leadership accomplishments. Mr.

Marshall also recognized Isaiah Perez, manager of Student Life, for his leadership with the PTK organization.

- *The Glacier*: Kent Marshall, dean of students and compliance officer reported on the accomplishments of The Glacier student newspaper. He noted The Glacier won four statewide awards at the Illinois Community College Journalism Association Contest. Waverly O'Malley won first place in Arts Review. Noelle Chase won second place in Arts Review. Gabriella Pawlikowska won third place in Graphics, and Marcus Collins received an honorable mention in Staff Editorial. Mr. Marshall thanked the student publications adviser, Jan Kopischke, for her leadership with The Glacier.
- League for Innovation Art and Literary Competition Winners and Skyway Conference Art, Jazz, Writing and STEM Competition Winners: Dr. Lisa Kelsay, assistant dean of Liberal Arts, reported on student accomplishments in the League for Innovation and Skyway Conference competitions. She recognized competition coordinators, including Douglass Bratt (Jazz), Lisa Couch (Literary), Dr. Peter Placas (STEM) and Erik LaGattuta (Art). The following students were recognized:

SKYWAY ART SELECTED FOR JURIED ART SHOW

Priscilla Candelas (*Phoenix* – Photography)
Cassidy Collins (*My Passion* – Photography)
Hailey Cosgrove (*Aged by Time* – Photography)
Amanda “Ami” Kross (*Riverdale Railyard* – Photography)
Annette Las (*Euphoria Notebook Cover* - Adobe Illustrator)
Mariel Lenart (*Glowing* - Pastel and Graphite)
Matthew Maniatis (*Adam* – Ink)
Stephanie Nolasco (*Monoeye Spotted* – Charcoal)
Madalyn Van Engen (*Bubbling Tree* – Ceramic)

SKYWAY ART AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Matthew Maniatis (*Adam* – Ink)

LEAGUE ART COMPETITION

Sabrina Feo Bessone (*Three of Swords* - Mixed Media)
Shaher Jalouqa (*Rage* - Adobe Illustrator)
Mariel Lenart (*Glowing* - Pastel and Graphite)
Madalyn Van Engen (*Cherubim* – Ceramic)
Jack Walsh (*Pure Panic* – Photography)

SKYWAY JAZZ COMPETITION

Vicki Beck, Trumpet (Outstanding Soloist)
Andrew Gates, Trumpet (Outstanding Soloist)
Joni Hoerger, Piano (Outstanding Soloist)
Skyler MacKovitch, Trombone (Honorable Mention)

SKYWAY STEM POSTER COMPETITION

Nicholas Barragan, Liam Deacy, Stephanie Torres-Luna and Collins Zohoungbogbo – Second Place/Innovative Technologies and Engineering Category - Reconnaissance Police Drone

LEAGUE WRITING COMPETITION

Drama/Screenplay

Thomas Paladin (First Place – “*Cinematic Silence*”)

Fiction

Shatha Abdelsalam (First Place – “*Smile Till You Can’t Anymore*”)

John Greska (Second Place – “*Lost Time*”)

Noelle Chase (Third Place – “*The Demon House*”)

Nonfiction

Keylin Roach (First Place – “*The Matador*”)

Mariam Shahzad (Second Place – “*Friday the 13th*”)

Karolina Granda (Third Place – “*Starved Strength*”)

Poetry

Kayla Curtis (First Place – “*I Hear You*”)

Carol Torrez (Second Place – “*Cracks in the Mirror*”)

6.7 President’s Report

- Job Resource Center Updates: Dr. Pamela Payne, director of the Job Resource Center (JRC), provided updates related to the JRC. She began her presentation by outlining the services and mission of the JRC, noting that it aims to connect students, alumni and community members to employment and internship opportunities. She specified that the JRC does not place students into jobs, but instead empowers them to manage their career paths and ensure they are aligned with labor market trends. Dr. Payne provided data comparing the retention rates, grade point averages and number of individuals who participated in the internship program and the student employment program. She noted that the number of student internships increased from 69 in the 2023-24 academic year to 85 in the 2024-25 academic year. She provided data on employer partners, noting that the

number of employer partners increased from 47 in 2023-24 to 60 in 2024-25. She also provided testimonials from an individual and an employer who participated in the internship program. Dr. Payne noted the JRC partnered with the Moraine Valley Next Gen Business Leaders Club to host a Business Engineering and Technology Employer Event. She said the event allowed employers to share real-world insights into these growing industries while providing students with valuable networking experience and access to potential internship opportunities.

Trustee Fronczek asked if the college tracks the experiences of students who are placed in internships. Dr. Payne said the JRC administers follow-up evaluations with the students and employers. Vice Chair Murphy asked how many students who participate in an internship become employed with the employer partner offering the internship. Dr. Payne said it is difficult to collect that data because companies typically do not want to disclose who they have hired. She said the college tries to capture that information if the students come back and inform JRC employees that they have found a job. Trustee Sullivan asked Dr. Payne to explain the two percentages listed for the retention rates in her presentation. Dr. Payne explained that the top numbers represent the retention rates for students participating in the internship or student employment programs, while the bottom numbers indicate the overall retention rates for Moraine Valley. Trustee Sullivan asked if there is a strategy to retain employer partners. Dr. Payne said the JRC has been actively following up with employer partners who are not retained to determine the reasoning and noted that it is usually because the employer does not have a need for an intern at the time. Trustee Sullivan asked if there is a job board on the website where students can search for job opportunities. Dr. Payne mentioned that there is a link to an online job board on Moraine Valley's website, which is open to the community. Dr. Payne said she could provide the Board with the link to the webpage. Vice Chair Murphy asked if we are always looking for new employer partners and if the Board can help connect the JRC with additional opportunities. Dr. Payne said they are always looking for new employer partners and noted many of the employer partners are connected through referrals. Secretary Kerlin Walsh said she has had a positive experience working with the JRC in the past. Trustee O'Day stated she believes it is essential for students not only to be awarded a degree but also to be prepared for the workforce. She said internships serve as a critical link to success in the workforce by providing students with real-world skills and work experience. Trustee O'Day said it has been her observation that many of our students face barriers to accessing internship opportunities. She noted that she had toured

the JRC the previous year and shared her concerns with the administration. Trustee O'Day suggested that the college bolster its internship program by building partnerships with local businesses and enhancing outreach to its students. Dr. Haney said she will take Trustee O'Day's comments under advisement and bring that information to the vice president of student development and her staff. She said they would provide the Board with updates. Trustee O'Day asked how Moraine Valley has strengthened the resources at the JRC over the past year. Normah Salleh-Barone, vice president of Student Development, said the college has increased the amount of hard-budget funds available to student employees, allowing the college to offer more student employment opportunities. She said the college is also hopeful that the college will receive enough funding to be able to hire two full-time specialists in the JRC. Student Trustee Weigel said the JRC has helped him refresh his resume and determine his professional goals. He also noted that the JRC helped him obtain a federal work-study job on campus. Trustee Sullivan thanked Dr. Payne for her presentation and stated the Board is always willing to support the JRC. Trustee O'Day asked if it would be possible to receive data related to the internship program metrics from the past 14 years. Dr. Payne confirmed the data can be collected and will be shared with the Board.

VII. COMMUNICATIONS

7.1 Moraine Valley Community College Earns 2025-2026 Military Friendly School Designation

Chair McElroy Kirkwood acknowledged the announcement that Moraine Valley Community College was recently recognized as a 2025-2026 Military Friendly® School, receiving the Military Friendly® Gold designation and the Military Friendly® Spouse School designation.

7.2 Moraine Valley Community College Receives Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) Certificate of Good Standing

Chair Kirkwood acknowledged the notification regarding Moraine Valley Community College receiving an Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) Certificate of Good Standing. The notification outlines the standards of good practices that all Boards should follow.

VIII. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

8.1(a) Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report showing an ending balance of \$167,633,498.73 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 Vice Chair 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	\$6,026,903.23
9.3	Operation & Maintenance Fund	986,548.35
9.4	Operation & Maintenance Fund (Restricted)	795,897.82
9.5	Bond & Interest Fund	-0-
9.6	Auxiliary Enterprise Fund	966,739.87
9.7	Restricted Purpose Fund	1,885,142.68
9.8	Working Cash Fund	-0-
9.9	Trust and Agency Fund	12,883.26
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

Joseph Gleeson - Instructor, Developmental Mathematics - Effective: 8/11/25
Kelly Hand - Librarian – Collections - Effective: 8/11/25
Maysa Jibawi - Academic Advisor - Effective: 8/11/25
(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

Martin Danaher - Financial Aid Assistant - Effective: 5/7/25
Anna Kotsogiannis - Admissions Support Assistant - Effective: 4/14/25
Taila Ramirez - Departmental Assistant - Effective: 5/7/25
(DOCUMENT G - SUPPLEMENT TO MINUTES)

10.1-5(a) Retirements – Professional Staff

Karen Town - Communications Specialist - Effective: 5/30/25
(DOCUMENT H - SUPPLEMENT TO MINUTES)

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

Kelli Nickols Harris - from Associate Professor, Nursing to Dean of Nursing
- Effective: 5/19/25
(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 Bridgeview Fire Department (Emergency Medical Services)

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the Affiliation Agreement with Bridgeview Fire Department (Emergency Medical Services). (DOCUMENT J - SUPPLEMENT TO MINUTES)

12.2 Affiliation Agreement with Department of Veterans Affairs (Sleep Technology)

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the Affiliation Agreement with Department of Veterans Affairs (Sleep Technology). (DOCUMENT K - SUPPLEMENT TO MINUTES)

12.3 Remote Online Proctoring Solution Purchase

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the Remote Online Proctoring Solution Purchase. (DOCUMENT L - SUPPLEMENT TO MINUTES)

12.4 MVCC Perimeter Road and Sewer Bid

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the MVCC Perimeter Road and Sewer Bid. (DOCUMENT M - SUPPLEMENT TO MINUTES)

12.5 2025 Website Redesign Request for Proposal (RFP)

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the 2025 Website Redesign Request for Proposal (RFP). (DOCUMENT N - SUPPLEMENT TO MINUTES)

12.6 2025 Storage Area Network (SAN) Purchase

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the 2025 Storage Area Network (SAN) Purchase.

(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 (including travel reimbursements); 10.1-1, 10.1-2, 10.1-5, 10.1-5(a), 10.1-6; and 12.1, 12.2, 12.3, 12.4, 12.5, and 12.6:

Yes: McElroy Kirkwood, Fronczek, Murphy, O'Day, Shaar, Sullivan,
Kerlin Walsh

Absent: None.

Student

Advisory: Yes

Motion carried.

XIII. MISCELLANEOUS

None.

XIV. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.