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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 Thursday, September 18, 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; Eileen Kerlin Walsh; Patricia Joan Murphy; Jaclyn O’Day; Diane Shaar; Tracy M. Sullivan; Garrett Weigel, Student Trustee

Absent: None.

III. MINUTES

It was moved by Secretary Kerlin Walsh and seconded by Trustee Shaar to approve the unapproved minutes of special meeting/Board retreat on August 4, 2025; the unapproved minutes of the public hearing on the budget on August 21, 2025; the unapproved minutes of the regular meeting on August 21, 2025; and the unapproved minutes of the closed session meeting on August 21, 2025.

ROLL CALL VOTE taken on the unapproved minutes of special meeting/Board retreat on August 4, 2025; the unapproved minutes of the public hearing on the budget on August 21, 2025; the unapproved minutes of the regular meeting on August 21, 2025; and the unapproved minutes of the closed session meeting on August 21, 2025:

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

Absent: None.

Student

Advisory: Yes

Motion carried.

IV. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None.

V. BOARD REPORTS AND/OR REQUESTS

5.1 ICCTA Meeting Report - P. Murphy

Vice Chair Murphy reported on the ICCTA meeting held from September 12 to 13, 2025, in Springfield, IL. She noted that this was her first meeting as president of the ICCTA Executive Committee. The meeting focused on aligning goals and the importance of working collectively to communicate the needs of community colleges to legislators. A workshop was held that focused on the impacts of federal actions on higher education. Vice Chair Murphy attended committee meetings related to finance and public education to encourage members to connect their goals with their respective committees. She said she was pleased with the direction ICCTA is taking, and she is excited to look to the future.

5.2 Student Trustee Report – G. Weigel

Student Trustee Weigel provided his Student Trustee report. He discussed the Fall Fest event and emphasized the importance of the event in gathering students so they can discover new interests and create opportunities to meet other students outside the classroom. Student Trustee Weigel discussed the Scoops and Scholarships event, which provided a platform for students to express gratitude to donors for the generous scholarships they receive. It also provides donors with an opportunity to see the positive impact their donations can have on someone's life. He said he was pleased to attend the event as both a Student Trustee and a scholarship recipient.

VI. REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATION

6.1 President's Report

- College Highlights: Dr. Haney provided updates from around the campus. She thanked the Board for their attention to the Facilities Master Plan and noted that, as requested, additional funding options for the plan will be

presented at the October Board meeting. She thanked everyone who organized and attended the 44th annual Golf Outing hosted by the Moraine Valley Foundation, which had a record number of 176 golfers and four new sponsors. She thanked Kristy McGreal, executive director of the Foundation, and her team for their hard work, as well as the Trustees who attended. Dr. Haney reported that the event raised over \$63,000 in revenue before expenses, which will benefit student scholarships. Dr. Haney congratulated Trustee Sullivan, who won the Straightest Drive award.

- **Cybersecurity Career Awareness and Exploration Initiative (CCAIE):** Dr. Kristine Christensen, faculty member in Computer Information Systems, discussed the Cybersecurity Career Awareness and Exploration Initiative. She announced that their team has been awarded a National Science Foundation (NSF) grant aimed at promoting cybersecurity career awareness and exploration. She emphasized the significance of this grant in addressing the growing demand for cybersecurity professionals, noting that there are currently over 514,000 unfilled cybersecurity positions in the United States and a global shortage of 4 million cybersecurity professionals. The goal of the grant is to establish a national resource that supports high schools and community colleges in guiding students toward careers in cybersecurity. With the grant funding, the team plans to develop an awareness toolkit, including an industry certification map and scholarship opportunities, to help educators and parents understand the prospects in cybersecurity. Dr. Christensen said the program will focus on targeted outreach to students and attempt to engage potential students in cybersecurity activities. She explained the goal is to ensure more students are prepared for well-paying jobs in cybersecurity, thus contributing to national security by bolstering the workforce in this essential field. Dr. Christensen thanked Dr. Theresa Pallanti, executive director of Resource Development, and her team for their hard work in helping secure the funding.
- **Southwest Education Center Renovation and Nursing Feasibility Update:** Dr. Kelli Harris, Dean of Nursing, provided an update regarding the renovations at the Southwest Education Center and an update on Nursing feasibility. She noted that the renovations began in May 2025, and the Basic Nurse Assistant Program will begin offering courses in mid-October. The Illinois Board of Nursing has approved the program's feasibility, paving the way for its launch. Dr. Harris shared photos displaying the progress of the renovations. Student Trustee Weigel asked if the Nursing courses would be taught on the second floor of the building. Dr. Harris confirmed the Nursing

courses would be taught on the second floor of the building, and the Basic Nurse Assistant courses would be taught on the first floor.

VII. COMMUNICATIONS

None.

VIII. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

8.1 Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report showing an ending balance of \$146,099,861.21 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 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	\$8,113,897.58
9.3	Operation & Maintenance Fund	974,512.82
9.4	Operation & Maintenance Fund (Restricted)	834,402.49
9.5	Bond & Interest Fund	-0-
9.6	Auxiliary Enterprise Fund	593,586.61
9.7	Restricted Purpose Fund	906,536.26
9.8	Working Cash Fund	-0-
9.9	Trust and Agency Fund	-0-

9.10	Audit Fund	20,000.00
9.11	Liability, Protection & Settlement Fund	1,161,398.74

(DOCUMENT G - 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

Cara Jilek - Accounting Clerk/Cashier - Effective: 8/25/25
Joshua Lahey - Communications Specialist - Effective: 9/8/25
Kevin Laurencell - Accounting Clerk/Cashier - 9/8/25
Alexandria Terrazas - Assistant Dean, Career Programs - Effective: 8/25/25
(DOCUMENT I - SUPPLEMENT TO MINUTES)

10.1-1(a) Renewal of Appointments – Grant-Funded Administrative, Confidential, Managerial, & Supervisory Staff

It is recommended that the appointment of the following grant-funded individuals be renewed for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, contingent upon the continuation of grant funding.

John Andres - Coordinator of Records & Assessment
Margaret Dawczak - Manager of Transition & ESL
Chauntai Mack - Career Connections, Youth Program Manager
Melanie Olivera-Jones - Provisional Renewal, Director of Educational Talent Search
Mattie Payne-Mallory - Director of Student Support Services
Nathan Payovich - Director of Disability Services
Misty Williams - Provisional Renewal, Director of Upward Bound

10.1-1(b) Renewal of Appointments – Grant Funded Professionals Staff

It is recommended that the appointment of the following grant-funded individuals be renewed for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, contingent upon the continuation of grant funding.

Rafif Abuzaghleh - Education Specialist
Rafael Cooke - Provisional Renewal, Educational Case Manager

Philip Davis - Educational Case Manager
Diana Medina - Career Programs Project Manager
Sara Othman - Systems Specialist – ABE/HSE/ESL
Tonesha Sanders - Student Success Specialist
Erica Warren - Coordinator of Access & Accommodations
Lauren Zajac - Transition Specialist

10.1-1(c) Renewal of Appointments – Grant-Funded Support Staff

It is recommended that the appointment of the following grant-funded individuals be renewed for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, contingent upon the continuation of grant funding.

Sanaa Awaidah - Departmental Assistant
Hortencia Correa - Program Assistant
Daniel Galvan - P.T. Program Assistant
Natalie Johnson - Program Assistant
Janet Oleksy - Secretary II
Mary Turek - Departmental Assistant

10.1-1(d) Tenure Contract for Bargaining Unit Members

It is recommended that the following employees be granted tenure beginning spring 2026.

Agne Juskaite-Aguirre - Academic Advising
Leona Lily - Basic Nurse Assistant
Christian Smolenets - Adult Education

10.1-2 Part-Time/Supplemental/Other

(DOCUMENT J - SUPPLEMENT TO MINUTES)

10.1-3 Salary Revisions

None.

10.1-4 Leave of Absence (LOA)

Alejandra Dongo - Coordinator of New Student Onboarding - L.O.A.
(PARENTAL) - 2/18/26 – 5/11/26

Angelina Palmer - Assistant Professor, Mathematics - L.O.A.(PARENTAL) –
3/21/26 – 5/8/26
(DOCUMENT K - SUPPLEMENT TO MINUTES)

10.1-5 Resignations/Terminations

Nicholas Carline - Maintenance Mechanic III - Effective: 9/8/25
David Lis - Police Officer - Effective: 8/19/25
Emily Martin - Grant Coordinator - Effective: 8/22/25
Yesenia Ponce-Martinez - Administrative Assistant, Administrative Services
& Student Development - Effective: 9/29/25
(DOCUMENT L - SUPPLEMENT TO MINUTES)

10.1-5(a) Retirement – Administrative, Confidential, Managerial &
Supervisory Staff

Dr. Normah Salleh-Barone - Vice President of Student Development –
Effective: 6/30/26
(DOCUMENT M - 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 CVS Pharmacy (ICAPS Pharmacy
Technician)

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the Affiliation
Agreement with CVS Pharmacy (ICAPS Pharmacy Technician).
(DOCUMENT P - SUPPLEMENT TO MINUTES)

12.2 Affiliation Agreement with Saint Joseph Medical Center - Joliet, LLC,
LLC D/B/A Saint Joseph Medical Center (Respiratory Therapy)

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the Affiliation Agreement with Saint Joseph Medical Center - Joliet, LLC, LLC D/B/A Saint Joseph Medical Center (Respiratory Therapy).

(DOCUMENT Q - SUPPLEMENT TO MINUTES)

12.3 Release of Closed Session Written Minutes and Destruction of Closed Session Audio Recordings

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the Release of Closed Session Written Minutes and Destruction of Closed Session Audio Recordings as presented.

(DOCUMENT R - SUPPLEMENT TO MINUTES)

12.4 2025 Holiday Schedule

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the 2025 Holiday Schedule as presented.

(DOCUMENT S - SUPPLEMENT TO MINUTES)

12.5 Board Policy Updates - New Article 1 - Role of the College replaces current Article 0 - Role of the College

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve agenda item 12.5, Board Policy Updates - New Article 1 - Role of the College replaces current Article 0 - Role of the College, as presented.

(DOCUMENT T - SUPPLEMENT TO MINUTES)

12.6 Board Policy Updates - New Article 2 - Board Governance combines and replaces current Articles 1 - Bylaws of the Board and 2 - Functions and Organization of the Board, except for 2120 – Policy and Bylaw Development, which will be retained without revision but renumbered 2800 – Policy and Bylaw Development

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve agenda item 12.6, Board Policy Updates - New Article 2 - Board Governance combines and replaces current Articles 1 - Bylaws of the Board and 2 - Functions and Organization of the Board, except for 2120 – Policy and Bylaw Development, which will be retained without revision but renumbered 2800 – Policy and Bylaw Development, as presented.

(DOCUMENT U - SUPPLEMENT TO MINUTES)

12.7 Board Policy Updates - New Article 4 - Students replaces current Article 4 - Student Development

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve agenda item 12.7, Board Policy Updates - New Article 4 - Students replaces current Article 4 - Student Development, as presented.

(DOCUMENT V - SUPPLEMENT TO MINUTES)

12.8 MVCC East Campus Site Analysis Proposal

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the MVCC East Campus Site Analysis Proposal as presented.

(DOCUMENT W - SUPPLEMENT TO MINUTES)

12.9 Emergency Funding for Building B Elevator Repair

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the Emergency Funding for Building B Elevator Repair as presented.

(DOCUMENT X - 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, 10.1-1(a), 10.1-1(b), 10.1-1(c), 10.1-1(d), 10.1-2, 10.1-4, 10.1-5 and 10.1-5(a); and 12.1, 12.2, 12.3, 12.4, 12.5, 12.6, 12.7, 12.8 and 12.9:

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

Absent: None.

Student

Advisory: Yes

Motion carried.

XIII. MISCELLANEOUS

The Board agreed to change the date of the October 2025 regular meeting from Thursday, October 9, to Thursday, October 16.

Chair McElroy Kirkwood asked the Board for feedback on the start time of the next committee of the whole meeting, which is scheduled for Thursday, November 20, 2025. The Board agreed to begin the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

XIV. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.