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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, March 19, 2026, 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; Dr. Walter Fronczek; Eileen Kerlin Walsh; Patricia Joan Murphy; Jaclyn O'Day (Virtual); Diane Shaar; Tracy M. Sullivan

Absent: Garrett Weigel, Student Trustee

III. MINUTES

It was moved by Vice Chair Murphy and seconded by Trustee Fronczek to approve the unapproved minutes of the regular meeting on February 19, 2026; and the unapproved minutes of the closed session held on February 19, 2026.

ROLL CALL VOTE taken on the unapproved minutes of the regular meeting on February 19, 2026; and the unapproved minutes of the closed session held on February 19, 2026:

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

Absent: None.

Student

Advisory: Absent.

Motion carried.

IV. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Friedemand Gilde, a student and member of the Cybersecurity Club, signed in to address the Board publicly. Mr. Gilde discussed the recent successes of the Moraine Valley Cybersecurity Club. He noted that the club finished fourth out of nine teams in a recent competition and stated the college outperformed multiple four-year institutions. Mr. Gilde praised the Cybersecurity Team but noted that an important faculty position has remained vacant since the recent retirement of a full-time Cybersecurity instructor. Mr. Gilde said he believed the department would benefit from filling that position. The Board thanked Mr. Gilde for his comments.

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

3.1 Lobbyist Services Update - J. O'Day

Trustee O'Day reported on the lobbyist services selection process. She reported that she had productive conversations with Dr. Haney and Trustee Sullivan regarding the engagement of lobbyist services for the college and presented a proposed timeline. She said they outlined a plan for the Board to move forward with selecting a professional lobbyist firm to support the College's legislative goals. Dr. Haney explained that the college would first clearly define and prioritize its legislative needs, then develop and release a comprehensive Request for Proposal (RFP). She noted that the RFP would be specific to Moraine Valley Community College and include clear expectations, deliverables, and regular monthly check-ins and progress updates. Dr. Haney said they discussed releasing the RFP in April, followed by a review and interview process, with the goal of having a lobbyist in place between July and August. The College would initially seek a state-level lobbyist, with the option to consider federal lobbying services later in the year. The initial contract for the lobbyist would be structured as a one-year agreement with an option to renew based on performance and measurable outcomes. Dr. Haney said they also discussed incorporating performance incentives, such as compensation tied to the successful release of appropriated funds.

Trustee O'Day explained that the proposed timeline aligns with the state legislative calendar and noted that while the legislative session begins in January, planning for legislative priorities typically begins in August. She said this would allow sufficient time to enable goal-setting and relationship-building in Springfield without rushing the process.

Secretary Kerlin Walsh expressed support for accountability and measurable outcomes for the potential lobbyist. Trustee Shaar asked whether the lobbyist would be working solely for the college or would have additional clients. Chair Kirkwood noted that it depends on the lobbyist or lobbyist firm. Vice Chair Murphy and Trustee O'Day noted that lobbying firms generally represent multiple clients. Trustee Sullivan said it is important, when we issue an RFP, to ensure potential vendors are aware of the evaluation criteria for the selection process and for the individual or firm the college selects. Trustee Fronczek emphasized the need for realistic and achievable goals, noting that success for the lobbyist will take time and collaboration. Trustee O'Day said it is also important for the Board to consider the college's legislative priorities beyond the successful release of appropriated funds.

Dr. Haney asked whether the Board preferred to review RFP responses as a subcommittee or as a committee of the whole. The consensus was to proceed as a committee of the whole. She noted that the RFP would return to the Board for approval in April, be issued thereafter, and that applicant review could take place in May during a committee of the whole meeting.

VI. REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATION

6.1 Chicago Southland Chamber of Commerce, Chairman's Excellence Award - Steve Pappageorge

Dr. Haney announced that Steve Pappageorge, vice president of Workforce, Strategy and External Affairs, received the Chairman's Excellence Award from the Chicago Southland Chamber of Commerce. She noted that the award recognizes years of outstanding service, leadership, and dedication to the Chamber. Dr. Haney and the Board of Trustees congratulated Mr. Pappageorge on the award.

6.2 President's Report

- College Updates: Dr. Haney provided updates from around the campus. She began by noting that the college was currently hosting the Illinois Community College Trustees Association (ICCTA), with meetings beginning the day of the Board meeting and continuing through Saturday. Dr. Haney highlighted several recent student and athletic achievements, including the women's basketball team winning the regional championship and advancing to national competition. She announced that both the women's and men's cross-country teams won regional championships. In

addition, Dr. Haney shared that the speech team made history at the state tournament by placing first in the Community College division and fourth in the University division. She noted that the Higher Learning Commission recently conducted a multi-campus visit for dual credit programming, including visits to five high school sites, and found no citations, allowing the college to continue its dual credit program. She thanked all faculty and staff involved in the successful review. Dr. Haney informed the Board that hard copies of her evaluation were provided at the meeting, with electronic versions to follow.

Dr. Haney asked Dr. Ryen Nagle, vice president of Academic Affairs, to discuss the proposed Fire Academy Certificate, which was on the Board's agenda for approval. Dr. Nagle noted that the proposed Fire Academy Certificate formalizes existing coursework into a stackable credential aligned with industry needs. He said the proposal would proceed for state approval after it is approved by the Board. Trustee O'Day asked whether students in the program would participate in live-burn scenarios. Dr. Nagle stated he was not sure, but emphasized that there is no change to the existing coursework. He said he would confirm and respond to Trustee O'Day's question after the meeting.

VII. COMMUNICATIONS

None.

VIII. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

8.1(a) Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report showing an ending balance of \$147,044,919.87 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 Secretary Kerlin Walsh and seconded by Trustee Fronczek to approve the following consent agenda items:

IX. WARRANTS

9.1	Account Expenditure Summaries	
9.2	Education Fund	\$6,603,492.54
9.3	Operation & Maintenance Fund	901,413.13
9.4	Operation & Maintenance Fund (Restricted)	578,638.09
9.5	Bond & Interest Fund	-0-
9.6	Auxiliary Enterprise Fund	1,179,651.05
9.7	Restricted Purpose Fund	12,024,570.67
9.8	Working Cash Fund	-0-
9.9	Trust and Agency Fund	5,608.31
9.10	Audit Fund	-0-
9.11	Liability, Protection & Settlement Fund	11,175.00
(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

Amanda Moudry - Human Resources Assistant - Effective: 3/23/26
(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

William Keiss – Groundskeeper - Effective: 3/5/26

Karrie Mallo - Director of Accounts Receivable - Effective: 3/20/26

Catherine Mayer - Assistant Director of Resource Development - Effective:
3/6/26

(DOCUMENT G - SUPPLEMENT TO MINUTES)

10.1-6 – Reclassifications

Francisco Arteaga - from Police Lieutenant/Support Services Commander,
reclassified to Deputy Police Chief - Effective: 3/23/26

Maria Elena Belmontez - from Departmental Assistant, reclassified to
Secretary II - Effective: 3/23/26

Kenneth Potocki - from Program Assistant, reclassified to Visual Media
Specialist - Effective: 3/16/26

Jennifer Roskos - from P.T. Departmental Assistant, reclassified to F.T.
Departmental Assistant - Effective: 3/16/26

(DOCUMENT H - SUPPLEMENT TO MINUTES)

10.1-6(a) – Department Chair Appointment for Academic Years 2025-2028

Pursuant to the terms of the 2024-2028 Negotiated Agreement with the
Moraine Valley Faculty Association, Section 1.15, and as a result of a mid-year
vacancy, the following individual has been recommended as Department Chair
starting March 20, 2026, for the remainder of the 2025-2026 academic year, as
well as for the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 academic years.

Leona Lilly - Department Chair, Nursing

(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 ChenMed (Medical Assistant)

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the Affiliation Agreement with ChenMed (Medical Assistant).

(DOCUMENT J - SUPPLEMENT TO MINUTES)

12.2 Affiliation Agreement with Manhattan Fire Protection District (Fire Science)

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the Affiliation Agreement with Manhattan Fire Protection District (Fire Science).

(DOCUMENT K - SUPPLEMENT TO MINUTES)

12.3 Affiliation Agreement with Riveredge Hospital (Nursing)

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the Affiliation Agreement with Riveredge Hospital (Nursing).

(DOCUMENT L - SUPPLEMENT TO MINUTES)

12.4 Affiliation Agreement with University of Chicago Medical Center (Sleep Technology and Medical Assistant)

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the Affiliation Agreement with University of Chicago Medical Center (Sleep Technology and Medical Assistant).

(DOCUMENT M - SUPPLEMENT TO MINUTES)

12.5 Amendment to Clinical Affiliation Agreement with Franciscan Alliance, Inc. (Respiratory Therapy)

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the Amendment to Clinical Affiliation Agreement with Franciscan Alliance, Inc. (Respiratory Therapy).

(DOCUMENT N - SUPPLEMENT TO MINUTES)

12.6 Renewal of Affiliation Agreement with the University of Chicago Medical Center (Phlebotomy)

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the Renewal of the Affiliation Agreement with the University of Chicago Medical Center (Phlebotomy).

(DOCUMENT O - SUPPLEMENT TO MINUTES)

12.7 Resolution for National Community College Month April 2026

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the resolution celebrating National Community College Month in April 2026 as presented.
(DOCUMENT P - SUPPLEMENT TO MINUTES)

12.8 Automotive Wheel Alignment System Purchase

Whereas Mohawk Lifts LLC, of Amsterdam, New York , is authorized by Hunter Engineering Company and offers pricing through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Agreement 121223-MRL, it is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve and authorize the issuance of a purchase order in the amount of \$88,566.14 to Mohawk Lifts LLC for the Automotive Wheel Alignment System Purchase.
(DOCUMENT Q - SUPPLEMENT TO MINUTES)

12.9 Peripheral Vascular Testing System Equipment Purchase

Whereas Glaysher Cardiovascular, Inc., is the sole source of sales and service for this equipment, it is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve and authorize the issuance of a purchase order in the amount of \$36,195.00 to Glaysher Cardiovascular, Inc., for the purchase of Peripheral Vascular Testing System Equipment.
(DOCUMENT R - SUPPLEMENT TO MINUTES)

12.10 Building T Cooling Unit & Blue Island Roof Top Unit HVAC Replacement Bid

Whereas Bee Liner Lean Services, Inc., of Bridgeview, Illinois, is the apparent lowest responsible and responsive bidder, it is recommended that the Board of Trustees award this bid and authorize the issuance of a purchase order in the amount of \$167,500.00 to Bee Liner Lean Services, Inc. for the Building T Cooling Unit & Blue Island Roof Top Unit HVAC Replacement Bid.
(DOCUMENT S - SUPPLEMENT TO MINUTES).

12.11 Approval of New Certificate Program - Fire Academy

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the creation of a new Fire Academy certificate program effective fall 2026.
(DOCUMENT T - 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, 10.1-6, and 10.1-6(a); and 12.1, 12.2, 12.3, 12.4, 12.5, 12.6, 12.7, 12.8, 12.9, 12.10, and 12.11:

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

Absent: None.

Student

Advisory: Absent.

Motion carried.

XIII. MISCELLANEOUS

Chair McElroy Kirkwood thanked Trustee Sullivan for sharing a slideshow presentation with the Board from the ACCT Robert’s Rules/Parliamentary Procedures webinar on March 3, 2026.

She noted that the ICCTA Lobby Day would be held on Wednesday, May 6, in Springfield, IL. Chair McElroy Kirkwood stated that the Nursing Pinning Ceremony would also be held on the same day. Secretary Kerlin Walsh said she plans to attend the pinning ceremony

The Board of Trustees discussed and scheduled the next Board Retreat for Saturday, April 4, from 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.