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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, August 11, 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 6:02 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; Dalayna Stevenson, Student Trustee.

Absent: None.

III. MINUTES

It was moved by Vice Chair Murphy and seconded by Trustee Sullivan to approve the unapproved minutes of the regular meeting on May 21, 2026 and the unapproved minutes of the regular meeting on June 18, 2026.

ROLL CALL VOTE taken on the unapproved minutes of the regular meeting on May 21, 2026, and the unapproved minutes of the regular meeting on June 18, 2026:

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 Student Trustee Report - Dalayna Stevenson**

Dalayna Stevenson, Student Trustee, presented the Student Trustee Report. She noted that she attended her first Illinois Community College Board (ICCB) Student Advisory Committee (SAC) meeting. Student Trustee Stevenson said the orientation introduced SAC's role in representing student voices and advocating for community college students. She noted that the meeting provided an opportunity to meet student trustees from community colleges across Illinois to discuss how they can improve their institutions. She explained that SAC provides opportunities for students to raise concerns with policymakers, influence policy discussions and develop leadership skills. Student Trustee Stevenson said the meeting was informative and engaging, and she said she was excited to participate in future SAC meetings.

5.2 ICCTA Executive Committee Planning Retreat Report - P. Murphy

Vice Chair Murphy reported on the Illinois Community College Trustees Association (ICCTA) Executive Committee Planning Retreat held August 7-8 in Freeport, Illinois. She noted that Trustee Sullivan also attended the meeting in her new role as Vice Chair of the Government Relations and Public Policy Committee. Vice Chair Murphy noted that the meeting included a tour of Highland Community College's advanced agricultural and allied health programs, including technology-driven farming operations, a grant-funded mobile health clinic and a realistic hospital simulation environment. The retreat also included presentations from local and state leaders and strategic planning discussions to review ICCTA's Strategic Plan. She said the second day of the retreat focused on legislative, public policy and ICCTA updates, as well as upcoming events, including the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) Leadership Congress in Chicago in October 2026 and the National Legislative Summit in February 2027. Vice Chair Murphy encouraged her fellow Trustees to attend the ACCT conferences, noting that they would be valuable professional development and networking opportunities, as well as a chance to showcase Illinois community colleges.

5.3 Presentation for Lobbyist Services – Dykema

Trustee Sullivan introduced representatives from Dykema who presented lobbyist services to the Board. Representatives from Dykema provided a high-level overview of their firm and discussed their approach to supporting the college's needs for lobbying services. Chair Kirkwood asked the representatives which was the last client they were able to assist in securing funding. The representative from Dykema noted that they have assisted a sheriff's office with securing and monitoring their funding to ensure it is properly allocated. Chair Kirkwood asked if they had a physical office in Springfield, IL. The representative from Dykema confirmed they do have an office in Springfield, IL. Chair Kirkwood asked if the representatives from Dykema had experience representing community colleges. The representatives noted that they have not previously represented community colleges.

5.4 Presentation for Lobbyist Services - Third Reading Consulting Group

Trustee Sullivan introduced representatives from Third Reading Consulting Group who presented lobbyist services to the Board. Representatives from Third Reading Consulting Group provided a high-level overview of their firm and discussed their approach to supporting the college's needs for lobbyist services. Secretary Kerlin Walsh asked the representatives from Third Reading Consulting Group how recently the firm had successfully released funds for other colleges. The representative said funds were released in 2013 or 2014 for a college. They noted that the most recent appropriation they were able to assist with releasing was for a non-profit organization. Chair McElroy Kirkwood asked if they had any experience representing community colleges. The representatives said they have experience representing community colleges and that they represent a private association of colleges across the state.

VI. REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATION

6.1 President's Report

- College updates: Dr. Haney reported on college updates. She congratulated the Radiologic Technology Program on receiving continued accreditation. She recognized Dr. LoShay Willis, dean of Career Programs, and Alicja Zoladek, radiology faculty and program coordinator, for their leadership. She also shared that Moraine Valley was selected as one of 18 new institutions to join the Metallica Scholars Initiative and received a \$75,000 grant to support workforce training opportunities in the Nursing Program. Dr. Haney recognized Dr. Ryen Nagle, vice president of Academic Affairs,

for his appointment to the American Association of Community Colleges' Commission on the Future of Work, where he will serve to help address emerging workforce needs. She also noted that Mrs. Betty Crawley sent a thank-you note to the Board of Trustees for the flowers provided during Dr. Vernon Crawley's funeral.

- Academic Affairs overview: Dr. Ryen Nagle, vice president of Academic Affairs, provided an overview of his division. He explained that Academic Affairs primarily is responsible for the college's transfer, career and technical education, and college readiness/developmental education missions. He noted that approximately 70-75% of students are enrolled in transfer programs, and 25-30% are enrolled in career and technical programs. He highlighted the work of the college's Academic Affairs leadership team, which oversees a wide range of instructional areas, including Liberal Arts, Nursing, Health Sciences, Developmental Education and Science, Business and Computer Technology. Dr. Nagle also noted that he currently is overseeing Student Support Services, including Advising, Disability Services, Transfer Assistance and Learning Resources, all of which help students achieve their educational and career goals.
- Administrative Services overview: Dr. David Dammon, vice president of Administrative Services, provided an overview of his division. He noted that Administrative Services oversees Campus Operations, Police and Public Safety, Sustainability, Risk Management, insurance, Athletics and the Health Fitness and Recreation Center. Dr. Dammon explained that Campus Operations maintains nearly one million square feet of facilities and more than 300 acres of grounds across the college's locations. He emphasized the important role of the Police Department in campus safety, emergency preparedness and medical response. He also discussed the college's sustainability initiatives, including energy-efficient upgrades, recycling and waste reduction programs and community partnerships. Dr. Dammon stated that risk management and insurance services help protect the college during classes, campus activities, events and off-site educational experiences.

Trustee Fronczek asked Dr. Dammon to speak about some of the larger projects completed at the college that the Board may not be aware of. Dr. Dammon said the renovations at the Southwest Education Center (SWEC) have been completed, and the facility is ready to support the Nursing Program. He also highlighted summer renovations in Buildings T and B,

including the relocation of the American Sign Language (ASL) Lab and the creation of a new sonography/ultrasound classroom, laboratory, faculty offices and storage space, which currently is serving students who entered the program this fall. Dr. Dammon noted several planned capital improvement projects, including a major state-funded flooring project at the Health, Fitness and Recreation Center and parking lot resurfacing. He explained that bids are being prepared for multiple projects and will be brought to the Board for review and approval as they progress.

VII. COMMUNICATIONS

7.1 Letter of Appreciation from the Illinois Deaf and Hard of Hearing Commission and the Illinois Board of Interpreter

Chair McElroy Kirkwood announced that the college received a Letter of Appreciation from the Illinois Deaf and Hard of Hearing Commission and the Illinois Board of Interpreters for the college's commitment to interpreter education and workforce development in Illinois.

Dr. Haney thanked Dr. Cindy Anderson, dean of Liberal Arts, and Shelley Engstrom-Kestel, American Sign Language Interpretation faculty. Dr. Haney noted that Trustee Fronczek also played a significant role in implementing the Sign Language Interpreter Program during his time as dean of Liberal Arts. Trustee Fronczek commended Engstrom-Kestel for her leadership in developing and growing the Sign Language Interpreter Program from its inception. He noted that she created the curriculum, hired staff and built the program into one of the few of its kind offered by community colleges. He emphasized the program's importance to the community and the strong career opportunities it provides for students.

VIII. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Michael Cipolla, vice president of Financial & Business Services, presented the June 2026 financial report.

8.1(a) Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report showing an ending balance of \$155,616,715.25 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):

Chair Beth McElroy Kirkwood noted that agenda item 12.12, Discussion and Possible Approval of Contract for Lobbyist Services with Dykema or Third Reading Consulting Group, will be pulled from the consent agenda and potentially voted on later during the meeting.

It was moved by Vice Chair Murphy and seconded by Trustee Sullivan to approve the following consent agenda items:

IX. WARRANTS

9.1	Account Expenditure Summaries	
9.2	Education Fund	\$8,708,359.56
9.3	Operation & Maintenance Fund	2,459,984.81
9.4	Operation & Maintenance Fund (Restricted)	561,181.88
9.5	Bond & Interest Fund	-0-
9.6	Auxiliary Enterprise Fund	1,441,735.16
9.7	Restricted Purpose Fund	4,288,622.17
9.8	Working Cash Fund	-0-
9.9	Trust and Agency Fund	15,663.15
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

Vanessa Aguirre - Financial Aid Assistant - Effective: 7/13/26

Manuel Nevarez - Program Assistant - Effective: 6/15/26

Dominique Person - Departmental Assistant - Effective: 7/13/26
(DOCUMENT E - SUPPLEMENT TO MINUTES)

10.1-2 Part-Time/Supplemental/Other

(DOCUMENT H - SUPPLEMENT TO MINUTES)

10.1-3 Salary Revisions – Vice Presidents

None.

10.1-4 Leave of Absence (LOA)

None.

10.1-5 Resignations/Terminations

Esraa Ahmed - Financial Aid Expeditor - Effective: 8/6/26
Max Evert - Multimedia Engineer - Effective: 7/23/26
Sheree Sullivan-Redd - Human Resources Assistant - Effective: 6/25/26
Rylee Youpel - P.T. Departmental Assistant - Effective: 7/2/26
Angelo Zito - User Support Services Coordinator - Effective: 7/3/26
(DOCUMENT H - SUPPLEMENT TO MINUTES)

10.1-6 – Reclassifications

Mandi Hoak – from P.T. Custodian to F.T. Departmental Assistant -SWEC –
Effective: 6/15/26
Abdu-Alrahman Kittaneh - P.T. User Support Services to F.T. Support Analyst
- Effective: 7/6/26
Gabriel Lindberg - Cross-Disciplinary Lab Technician to Sustainability
Coordinator - Effective: 6/29/26
Zacharry Micek - Manager of Server Operations to Manager of Information
Systems and Security - Effective: 8/3/26
Brandon Norem - Media Specialist to Media Analyst - Effective: 8/3/26
Angelina Palmer - Assistant Professor, Mathematics to Associate Professor –
Effective: Academic Year 2026-2027
Mary Reiter Boland - Assistant Professor, Physics to Associate Professor –
Effective: Academic Year 2026-2027
Darice Wright - Career Connections, Adult Program Manager to Career
Connections, Senior Program Manager - Effective: 7/1/26

(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 Bridgeview Fire Department (Fire Science)

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the Affiliation Agreement with Bridgeview Fire Department (Fire Science).

(DOCUMENT N - SUPPLEMENT TO MINUTES)

12.2 Affiliation Agreement with Calumet Park Fire Department (Emergency Medical Services)

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the Affiliation Agreement with Calumet Park Fire Department (Emergency Medical Services).

(DOCUMENT O - SUPPLEMENT TO MINUTES)

12.3 Affiliation Agreement with Community High School District 218 (Nursing and Basic Nurse Assistant)

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the Affiliation Agreement with Community High School District 218 (Nursing and Basic Nurse Assistant).

(DOCUMENT P - SUPPLEMENT TO MINUTES)

12.4 Affiliation Agreement with Northern Illinois University (Health and Human Sciences Programs)

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the Affiliation Agreement with Northern Illinois University (Health and Human Sciences Programs).

(DOCUMENT Q - SUPPLEMENT TO MINUTES)

12.5 Affiliation Agreement with Saint Joseph Hospital - Elgin, LLC dba Saint Joseph Hospital (Nursing)

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the Affiliation Agreement with Saint Joseph Hospital - Elgin, LLC dba Saint Joseph Hospital (Nursing).

(DOCUMENT R - SUPPLEMENT TO MINUTES)

12.6 Amendment to Affiliation Agreement with MedBridge- Pivotal Health (Sleep Technology)

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the Amendment to Affiliation Agreement with MedBridge- Pivotal Health (Sleep Technology).

(DOCUMENT S - SUPPLEMENT TO MINUTES)

12.7 Amended Affiliation Agreement with Advocate Health

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the Amended Affiliation Agreement with Advocate Health.

(DOCUMENT T - SUPPLEMENT TO MINUTES)

12.8 Affiliation Agreement with Department of Human Services for Chicago-Read Mental Health Center (Nursing)

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the Affiliation Agreement with Department of Human Services for Chicago-Read Mental Health Center (Nursing).

(DOCUMENT U - SUPPLEMENT TO MINUTES)

12.9 Amendment to Affiliation Agreement with Lemont Nursing and Rehabilitation Center (Nursing and Basic Nurse Assistant)

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the Amendment to Affiliation Agreement with Lemont Nursing and Rehabilitation Center (Nursing and Basic Nurse Assistant).

(DOCUMENT V - SUPPLEMENT TO MINUTES)

12.10 Approval of FY27 Budget

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2027 as presented.

(DOCUMENT V - SUPPLEMENT TO MINUTES)

12.11 Non-Credit Registration System 2026

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the request to engage in a partnership with Genius Learning for a three (3) year agreement for the Non-Credit registration system.

(DOCUMENT V - 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, 10.1-10.1-2, 10.1-5, and 10.1-6; 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: Yes.

Motion carried.

XIII. MISCELLANEOUS

None.

XIV. CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Secretary Kerlin Walsh and seconded by Trustee Sullivan to closed session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body pursuant to Section 2(c)(1) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

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

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

Absent: None.

Student

Advisory: Yes.

Motion carried.

Chair McElroy Kirkwood indicated that the Board may have a formal vote on agenda item 12.12, Discussion and Possible Approval of Contract for Lobbyist Services with Dykema or Third Reading Consulting Group, upon return from closed session.

The Board moved to closed session at 7:12 p.m. The Board returned to open session at 7:55 p.m.

12.12 Discussion and Possible Approval of Contract for Lobbyist Services with Dykema or Third Reading Consulting Group

Upon return from closed session, Chair Kirkwood asked if any Trustee wanted to make a motion regarding agenda item 12.12, Discussion and Possible Approval of Contract for Lobbyist Services with Dykema or Third Reading Consulting Group.

It was moved by Trustee Sullivan and seconded by Trustee O'Day to approve a contract for Lobbyist Services with Third Reading Consulting Group.
(DOCUMENT W - SUPPLEMENT TO MINUTES)

ROLL CALL VOTE TAKEN on the Approval of a Contract for Lobbyist Services with Third Reading Consulting Group:

Yes: Fronczek, McElroy Kirkwood, Kerlin Walsh, Murphy, O'Day, Shaar, Sullivan.
Absent: None.
Student
Advisory: Yes.

Motion carried.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.