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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, May 21, 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 6:01 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Beth McElroy Kirkwood, Chair; Dr. Walter Fronczek; Eileen Kerlin Walsh; Patricia Joan Murphy (Virtual; Arrived at 6:20 p.m.); Jaclyn O'Day (Virtual); Diane Shaar; Tracy M. Sullivan

Absent: None.

III. MINUTES

It was moved by Trustee Sullivan and seconded by Trustee Shaar to approve the unapproved minutes of the special meeting/Board retreat on April 4, 2026; the unapproved minutes of the regular meeting on April 16, 2026; and the unapproved minutes of the closed session meeting on April 16, 2026.

ROLL CALL VOTE taken on the unapproved minutes of the special meeting/Board retreat on April 4, 2026; the unapproved minutes of the regular meeting on April 16, 2026; and the unapproved minutes of the closed session meeting on April 16, 2026:

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

Absent: Murphy
Student

Advisory: Absent

Motion carried.

IV. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Kevin Navratil, Political Science faculty, signed in to address the Board regarding the potential referendum. Mr. Navratil thanked the Trustees for their service to the college and for selecting Dr. Pamela J. Haney as the college president three years ago. He noted that Dr. Haney has assembled an adept leadership team, and they have collectively improved retention, completions, enrollment and the morale of the college. Mr. Navratil stated that the college is navigating a 25% reduction in state funding compared to 20 years ago, along with new federal regulations, technological changes and a surge in students who need support. He said that, in the face of these challenges, Dr. Haney has set an agenda and a leadership structure that fosters partnership between the campus unions and the Executive Leadership Team. He said during the negotiation process for the faculty contract, the union worked with the administration to address limitations on the number of online classes faculty could teach, as it impeded the ability to fully maximize enrollment potential. Mr. Navratil said enrollment has been up by more than 5% cumulatively over the past three semesters, and a large part of that enrollment growth is in online courses. He noted that enrollment for the spring 2026 semester was up 3.5% overall and that online classes were up 6.5%. Mr. Navratil also noted that winter enrollment was up 18% from last year and summer enrollment was up 7.5% from last year. Mr. Navratil stressed that the change in the contract to allow three additional online courses was not just a contractual change, but a collaborative, campus-wide effort from many employees to strengthen enrollment. Mr. Navratil said the Board now has the opportunity to maximize the college's future growth based on research, enrollment trends and the voices of our community supporting the need to invest in programs that have outgrown their current spaces. He said the Board has an amazing opportunity tonight as Trustees to take the first step in supporting the referendum, as it would give the college the ability to maximize the potential of some of its fastest-growing and most AI-resilient professions in the modern economy. Mr. Navratil said the new state-of-the-art facilities will attract the next generation of successful students to the southwest suburbs, infuse the region with economic growth, raise tax revenue and instill a source of pride for graduates and their families for years to come. Mr. Navratil said the full-time faculty, adjunct faculty, support staff and professional unions encourage the Board to support the proposed referendum to once again maximize Moraine Valley's potential to serve its students and community.

Chair McElroy Kirkwood thanked Mr. Navratil for his statement and for everything he does for the college. She said the college is very lucky to have Dr. Haney as its president. She noted that everyone has a role to play and that they need to continue working together as a team.

V. BOARD REPORTS AND/OR REQUESTS

3.1 Lobby Day Report - P. Murphy

Vice Chair Murphy reported on the ICCTA meeting and lobby day held in Springfield, IL, from May 6-7, 2026. She noted that an Illinois Community College Caucus reception was held at the State Museum, featuring a lineup of speakers who worked to get everyone excited for lobby day. She reported that one of the main focuses for lobby day was on the community college baccalaureate degree. Vice Chair Murphy said she was honored to speak at the event and stressed that the longer the state waits to approve community college baccalaureate degrees, the more it deprives potential students of the opportunity to advance their careers. She noted that Moraine Valley had a strong presence at lobby day with Trustee Sullivan, Trustee O'Day, Trustee Shaar, Dr. Haney, and Steve Pappageorge also in attendance. Vice Chair Murphy said the group split up to maximize the number of meetings the college could have with legislators. Vice Chair Murphy said she hosted a legislative briefing lunch with guest speakers Illinois State Senator Michael Hastings and House Minority Leader Tony McCombie. An ICCTA Executive Board committee meeting was hosted on Friday, May 8.

Trustee Shaar said she and Steve Pappageorge met with Representative Justin Slaughter, Representative Rick Ryan, and Representative Abdelnasir Rashid. She said all the representatives indicated they would support signing a letter to the Governor's Office requesting the release of Capital Development Board funds for the college. She said they also stressed the importance of funding for the Pipeline for Advancement of Healthcare Workers (PATH) grant during their meetings.

Trustee Sullivan said the team from Moraine Valley represented the college tremendously by reminding legislators of the importance of our students and the important impact the college has on our community. She said she personally spoke with 28 state senators and 14 state representatives about Moraine Valley. She said she was proud to be there and she is grateful to Dr. Haney for drafting a letter asking Governor Pritzker to release funds for the existing capital

projects. She said she is hopeful that the support of the General Assembly on the letter will help move the process forward.

Trustee O'Day said she wanted to acknowledge Vice Chair Murphy's leadership during the reception that was held in the evening at the State Museum. She said several officials were in attendance, including the Governor's chief of staff and the Deputy Governor. Trustee O'Day said it was a wonderful evening with a great turnout and congratulated Vice Chair Murphy on the successful event.

VI. REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATION

6.1 Presentation to Barbara Kreczmer (retirement)

Richard Morales, assistant dean of Academic Advising and New Student Orientation, congratulated Barbara Kreczmer, departmental assistant, 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.

6.2 President's Report

- College updates: Dr. Haney provided updates from around the campus. She reported that Moraine Valley has been included in Representative Jonathan Jackson's FY27 Community Projects list for \$475,000 to establish a second full-service food pantry at the Education Center in Blue Island. She emphasized that it will significantly benefit students by improving access to nutritious food and supporting their academic and economic success. She also noted that the college is listed in Senator Duckworth's FY27 submission for \$575,000 to purchase a new fire truck to enhance the Fire Service Program. Dr. Haney thanked the Executive Leadership Team for their hard work during a challenging year. She highlighted her community engagement efforts, including participation in the Palos Woman's Club Mother's Day Walk, lobby day in Springfield, Rotary meetings, attendance at the Palos Park State of the Village event and partnership discussions with Advocate South Suburban Hospital. Dr. Haney praised the Marketing team for strengthening the college's social media presence and thanked Steve Pappageorge, vice president of Workforce, Strategy and External Affairs, for attending the Southwest Conference of Mayors dinner.
- Palos Park Woman's Club Scholarship Donation: Representatives from the Palos Park Woman's Club presented a \$5,000 donation to the Moraine

Valley Community College Last Mile Scholarship Program. Ronette McCarthy, co-president of the Palos Park Woman's Club, spoke on behalf of the club. She said the donation was made possible through the success of their 4th Annual Mother's Day Walk and recognized the efforts of Ann Oliver, co-president; Ramona Kurland, scholarship chair; Traci Dawodu, treasurer; Megan Wenstrup; Maureen Bennett; Aleta Rettker, steering committee member; and the Mother's Day Walk Committee Members. The club deeply believes in supporting and strengthening the local community, and the Last Mile Scholarship Program is a meaningful example of helping students overcome obstacles and reach the finish line of their education. She said they are honored to play a small part in that mission and hope this is just the beginning of a growing collaboration between the Palos Park Woman's Club and Moraine Valley Community College.

6.3 Recognition of Student Accomplishments

- Athletics report/update: General McArthur, director of Athletics, provided the report on athletic student accomplishments. He emphasized that being a Cyclones student-athlete is about far more than competing. He said it begins with being a responsible student and a good citizen and ends with being an athlete who represents the college with pride. He noted that being a student-athlete helps individuals develop essential life skills to become successful professionals, parents and community members. He noted that student-athletes represent themselves, their teams, the Athletics Department and the college, and learn that optics and branding matter as they gain pride in being part of something larger than themselves. Academically, they are required to attend study hall and maintain passing grades to remain eligible, which even motivates less academically focused students to stay on track, especially those hoping to transfer to four-year institutions. He concluded by stating that these expectations, combined with the support of Athletics staff, faculty, the Executive Leadership Team and the Board of Trustees, have contributed to the strong academic and athletic accomplishments achieved during the 2025-26 year. Mr. McArthur then reported on the individual and team accomplishments from the past year:

Individual accomplishments

- 13 First Team All-Conference awards
- 9 Second Team All-Conference awards
- 11 All-Conference honorable mentions
- 21 First Team All-Region awards
- 7 Second Team All-Region awards

- 1 Skyway Coach of the Year Award
- 2 Region 4 Coaches of the Year awards
- Region 4 Player of the Year Award for Women's Basketball
- Region 4 Runner of the Year Award for Women's Cross Country

Team accomplishments

- Skyway All Sports Trophy Winner for the second consecutive year and 13th time overall. This trophy is awarded to the college with the best overall conference record for all sports.
- All teams earned Region 4 Playoff opportunities.
- Two teams were nationally ranked throughout their seasons.
- Three teams were national qualifiers.

Mr. McArthur identified the Women's Basketball Team as the flagship team for the year and provided the accomplishments from their season.

Women's Basketball accomplishments

- 21 game winning streak
- Nationally ranked in the top 10 teams in 6 statistical categories.
- Reached as high as 20th in the National ranking during the season
- Skyway Conference Champions
- NJCAA Region 4 District A Champions
- Finished with a 2.96 team GPA
- National Qualifiers
- The team finished their season 7th in the nation.

Marie Harrell, Athletic student success specialist, discussed the academic accomplishments of the teams. Ms. Harrell reported that the Athletics Department achieved strong academic success this year, noting that seven of 12 teams raised their overall GPA and six improved their course completion rates, with one team maintaining an impressive 90%. She highlighted that student-athletes ended the year with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 and that 23 of them participated in the May 8 commencement ceremony. Three student-athletes graduated with a 4.0 GPA, and several others earned above 3.5. Ms. Harrell also emphasized the department's strong retention, sharing that 171 of 183 student-athletes returned for the spring semester, a 93% retention rate, with four students graduating and one transferring to a four-year institution before completing a degree.

Mr. McArthur reported on the productive year the Athletics teams had in community and campus engagement. He noted that each team and the

Athletics staff completed community and campus engagement projects. Mr. McArthur thanked the Executive Leadership Team and the Board of Trustees for their continued support of the Athletics department and our student-athletes.

- Phi Theta Kappa: Kent Marshall, dean of students and compliance officer, presented the accomplishments of students in Moraine Valley's Alpha Iota Lambda Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa. He noted that Haleem Abu Awad, Isabella Bruder and Madinabonu Kodirova all were nominated to the PTK All-USA Academic Team and the All-Illinois Academic Team. Mr. Marshall thanked Isaiah Perez, manager of Student Life, for his leadership with the Phi Theta Kappa organization.
- The Glacier: Kent Marshall presented the accomplishments of The Glacier student newspaper. He recognized three members of the newspaper, Karolina Granda, Lemuel Kemp and Jan Kopischke, who attended the meeting in person. The Glacier student newspaper won 13 statewide awards at the Illinois Community College Journalism Association Contest, including third place in Best Student Media, first place in Page Design and Honorable Mention in the Mike Foster General Excellence Award. Mr. Marshall reported on the individual student awards, which included:

First Place award:

- Joseph Parillo, Graphics

Second Place awards:

- Layal Zaidan, Arts Review and Headline
- Samantha Arguellez, News Photo
- Sawyer Cranston, Sports Game Story

Third Place awards:

- Grayson Vanis, Editorial Cartoon
- Sawyer Cranston, Multimedia Story (writer)
- Samantha Arguellez, Multimedia Story (photographer)
- Jonah Marshall, Editorial Writer of the Year
- Jessica Kubacka, News Column
- Layal Zaidan, Honorable Mention in Sports Game Story

- 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), Sheryl Bundy (Literary), Dr. Peter Placas (STEM), and Erik LaGattuta (Art). The following students were recognized:

SKYWAY ART SELECTED FOR JURIED ART SHOW

Andres Barba (“Ten Till Dead” – Photograph)
Joseanny Candelas (“Angel or Demon?” – Relief Printing)
Priscilla Candelas (“Gothic Architecture in Chicago” – Darkroom Photography)
Hailey Cosgrove (“Krampus” – Ceramics)
Rowfyda Daoud (“On This Land” – Ceramics/Goat Skin)
Joshua Edwards (“Jordan vs Bryant: The Battle for the Greatest” – Adobe Illustrator)
Sebastian Garcia (“Lonely Man 1” – Photography)
Stephanie Nolasco (“I Am in Control” – Paper and Ink)
Abigail Price (“Self-Care Postcard” – Adobe InDesign)
Danielle Stahl (“How it Feels to Talk About It” – India Ink)

LEAGUE ART COMPETITION

Hailey Cosgrove (“Krampus” – Ceramics)
Sebastian Garcia (“Lonely Man 1” – Photography)
Jeff Hogan (“Bandana Pitbull” – Adobe Illustrator)
Derek Rodriguez (“Untitled” – Etching Print)
Rick Rodriguez (“Live” – Adobe Photoshop)

SKYWAY STEM POSTER COMPETITION

Nathan Juma and Adrian Krzysiak – First Place in Engineering Category – “A.I. Powered Lockbox”
Luis Altamirano and Matthew Borowski – Third Place in Engineering Category – “Micro Hydropower Generator”

SKYWAY WRITING COMPETITION

Hannah Osthoff (Second Place – “Nothing But a Mess”)

LEAGUE WRITING COMPETITION

Fiction

Karolina Granda (First Place – “Raspberry Red”)
Sandra Medina (Second Place – “The Echoes of Her”)
Isabella Taylor (Third Place – “The Crow”)

Nonfiction

Vanessa Murillo (First Place – “The Laugh that Broke Me”)

Christina Derwin (Second Place – “Joyride”)

David Ford (Third Place – “1994, Beastie Boys, Album 4, Single 1”)

Poetry

Jayla Woodard (First Place – “Portrait in the Mirror”)

Sanaia Zumba Scott (Second Place – “You Don’t Get to Love Me Where I Am Going”)

Lemuel Kemp (Third Place – “A Narrative of a Desperation”)

- Moraine Valley Speech & Debate Team Accomplishments and Presentation: Krista Appelquist and John Nash, Speech instructors and coaches of the Moraine Valley Speech and Debate Team, reported on the team's accomplishments. Ms. Appelquist stated that the Moraine Valley Speech and Debate Team had 12 students and recognized the students in attendance at the meeting: Laura Galindo, Aya Mustafa, Javier Ramirez, Ale Zepeda, Aaron Vinicio Lopez, Andrew Banaczak, Karolina Granda and Tuana Ozbir. She noted that the team has put in approximately 700 hours of practice time over the past year. Mr. Nash said the team won eight of the 10 tournaments it attended this year and noted that it competes against both community colleges and four-year universities. Since 2006, the Moraine Valley Speech and Debate Team has won the national championship tournament eight times. At this year’s national tournament, the team took third place out of 54 schools. The team also won the Illinois state tournament this year. Moraine Valley was selected as the regional host of the competition next year. Aaron Vinicio Lopez, the team captain, was recognized for his accomplishments and his leadership during his time on the team. Mr. Lopez was a national champion in persuasive speaking and also competed at the Interstate Oratory Competition, where he became the national champion. He became the first community college student to win the national championship in the history of the Interstate Oratory Association. Mr. Lopez presented the first two minutes of his persuasive speech to the audience. Upon completing his speech, Mr. Lopez recognized his coaches and teammates and stressed the difference the team has made in helping students find their voices.

VII. COMMUNICATIONS

None.

VIII. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Mike Cipolla, vice president of Financial and Business Services, verbally presented the March and April financial reports.

8.1(a) Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report showing an ending balance of \$167,081,789.85 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 McElroy Kirkwood stated that agenda item 12.12, Resolution providing for and requiring the submission of the proposition of issuing \$115,000,000 Community College Building Bonds to the voters of Community College District No. 524, County of Cook and State of Illinois, at the general election to be held on the 3rd day of November, 2026, would be pulled from the consent agenda to be voted on separately.

Trustee Sullivan asked for agenda item 12.11, Approval of Dates for Regular Meetings, to be pulled from the consent agenda for discussion.

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	\$6,338,459.76
9.3	Operation & Maintenance Fund	970,662.45
9.4	Operation & Maintenance Fund (Restricted)	104,492.48
9.5	Bond & Interest Fund	-0-
9.6	Auxiliary Enterprise Fund	1,291,274.98
9.7	Restricted Purpose Fund	3,804,705.82

9.8	Working Cash Fund	-0-
9.9	Trust and Agency Fund	10,247.61
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 Andrade - Secretary II - Effective: 5/18/26
Heather Babcock - Instructor, Chemistry - Effective: 8/17/26
Kyle Brown - Assistant Professor, Music - Effective: 8/17/26
Laura Carrillo - Director of Accounts Receivable - Effective: 5/18/26
Anthony Dalaly - Instructor, Automotive Technology - Effective: 8/17/26
Michael Korzen - Instructor, Emergency Medical Services - Effective: 8/17/26
Mark Kuzmicki - Instructor, Fire Science - Effective: 8/17/26
Ann-Margaret Luciano - Job Resource Specialist - Effective: 5/18/26
Steven Oswald - Instructor, Automotive Technology - Effective: 8/17/26
Maria Ramos - Instructor, Diagnostic Medical Sonography- Effective: 8/17/26
Sofia Ramos - Program Assistant - Effective: 5/18/26
Ana Reyes - Counselor - Effective: 8/17/26
Alex Scalise - Instructor, Education - Effective: 8/17/26
Benjamin Wishba - Internal Auditor - Effective: 5/18/26
(DOCUMENT E - SUPPLEMENT TO MINUTES)

10.1-1(a) Non-Renewal of Non-Tenured Faculty

Pursuant to the terms of the negotiated Agreement with the Faculty Association, Article 4.3, Non-Tenured Faculty, it is recommended that the contract for the following non-tenured individual not be renewed:

Guillaume Ngonmeudje Assistant Professor, Nursing
(DOCUMENT F - SUPPLEMENT TO MINUTES)

10.1-2 Part-Time/Supplemental/Other

(DOCUMENT G - SUPPLEMENT TO MINUTES)

10.1-3 Salary Revisions

None.

10.1-4 Leave of Absence (LOA)

None.

10.1-5 Resignations/Terminations

Peter Lullo - Cybersecurity Engineer - Effective: 5/21/26
(DOCUMENT L - SUPPLEMENT TO MINUTES)

10.1-5(a) Retirements – Faculty

Erika Deiters - Assistant Professor, Communications - Effective: 7/31/26
Cathi Predl - Associate Professor, Office Technology - Effective 7/31/26
(DOCUMENT M - SUPPLEMENT TO MINUTES)

10.1-5(b) Retirements – Support Staff

Barbara Czapla - P.T. Telephone Operator - Effective: 4/30/26
Virginia Swyndroski - Secretary II - Effective: 8/31/26
(DOCUMENT N - SUPPLEMENT TO MINUTES)

10.1-6 – Reclassifications

Lissette Alvarado - from Assistant Professor, Advising to Associate Professor
- Effective: Academic Year 2026-2027
Michael Espinoza - from Associate Professor, Criminal Justice to Professor –
Effective: Academic Year 2026-2027
William Evers - from P.T. Police Officer to F.T. Police Officer - Effective:
4/27/26
John Halliwell - from Associate Professor, Intensive English Language to
Professor - Effective: Academic Year 2026-2027
Laura Haslam – from Learning Experience Designer to Instructor, Early
Childhood Education - Effective: 8/17/26
Teri Hedding - from Assistant Professor, American Sign Language to
Associate Professor - Effective: Academic Year 2026-2027
Jennifer Lee-Good - from Associate Professor, Developmental Reading to

Professor - Effective: Academic Year 2026-2027
Betty Majka - from P.T. Community Service Officer to F.T. Safety and
Community Service Officer - Effective: 4/27/26
Anni Rasmussen - from Instructor, Addiction Studies to Assistant Professor –
Effective: Academic Year 2026-2027
Jacinda Ross - from Instructor, Nursing to Assistant Professor - Effective:
Academic Year 2026-2027
Kimberly Sala-Buckley - from F.T. Departmental Assistant to P.T.
Departmental Assistant - Effective: 5/11/26
Lori Schmidt - from Assistant Professor, Phlebotomy to Associate Professor –
Effective: Academic Year 2026-2027
Alexis Stefanos - from P.T. Departmental Assistant to F.T. Secretary II –
Effective: 4/13/26
Julie Zimmer - from Assistant Professor, Nursing to Associate Professor –
Effective: Academic Year 2026-2027
(DOCUMENT O - 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 Cantata Adult Life Services (Nursing and Basic Nurse Assistant)

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the Affiliation Agreement with Cantata Adult Life Services (Nursing and Basic Nurse Assistant).

(DOCUMENT Q - SUPPLEMENT TO MINUTES)

12.2 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 R - SUPPLEMENT TO MINUTES)

12.3 Affiliation Agreement with Holy Family Medical Center - Des Plaines LLC DBA Holy Family Medical Center (Nursing and Allied Health Programs)

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the Affiliation Agreement with Holy Family Medical Center - Des Plaines LLC DBA Holy Family Medical Center (Nursing and Allied Health Programs).
(DOCUMENT S - SUPPLEMENT TO MINUTES)

12.4 Affiliation Agreement with Lemont Nursing and Rehabilitation Center (Nursing and Basic Nurse Assistant)

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the Affiliation Agreement with Lemont Nursing and Rehabilitation Center (Nursing and Basic Nurse Assistant).
(DOCUMENT S - SUPPLEMENT TO MINUTES)

12.5 Affiliation Agreement with Midwest Orthopaedic Consultants (Radiology)

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the Affiliation Agreement with Midwest Orthopaedic Consultants (Radiology).
(DOCUMENT T - SUPPLEMENT TO MINUTES)

12.6 Affiliation Agreement with Powers Health (All Healthcare Programs)

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the Affiliation Agreement with Powers Health (All Healthcare Programs).
(DOCUMENT U - SUPPLEMENT TO MINUTES)

12.7 First Amendment to Education Affiliation Agreement with Loyola University Medical Center (Respiratory Therapy)

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the first amendment to the Education Affiliation Agreement with Loyola University Medical Center (Respiratory Therapy).
(DOCUMENT V - SUPPLEMENT TO MINUTES)

12.8 Approval of New Certificate Program - Industrial and Electrical Technician

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the creation of a new certificate program effective fall 2026: Industrial and Electrical Technician Certificate (30 credit hours).

(DOCUMENT U - SUPPLEMENT TO MINUTES)

12.9 Approval of Proposed Revisions to Board Policy 1000 (Mission, Vision, and Core Values)

It is recommended that the Board approve and adopt the proposed revisions to Board Policy #1000 - Mission, Vision, and Core Values.

(DOCUMENT U - SUPPLEMENT TO MINUTES)

12.10 Approval of Proposed Revisions to Board Policy 2400 (Board Meetings)

It is recommended that the Board approve and adopt the proposed revisions to Board Policy #2400 - Board Meetings.

(DOCUMENT U - 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), 10.1-2, 10.1-5, 10.1-5(a), 10.1-5(b), and 10.1-6; and 12.1, 12.2, 12.3, 12.5, 12.6, 12.7, 12.8, 12.9, and 12.10:

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

Absent: None.

Student

Advisory: Absent.

Motion carried.

12.11 Approval of Dates for Regular Meetings

The Board discussed agenda item 12.11, Approval of Dates for Regular Meetings. Trustee Sullivan noted that she provided feedback regarding her availability during the regular Board meeting on April 16. She stated that she has committed to attending meetings of another public body on the third Tuesday of the month, and that this commitment was made prior to the suggested change to the third Tuesday of the month for the Board's regular meetings. Trustee Sullivan said she is available any other day during the third week of the month and asked if the Board would consider choosing a different

day or a Tuesday in another week to accommodate her commitment. Trustee Sullivan said she looked at Tuesdays across different weeks and suggested the Board not consider the first Tuesday of the month because it would likely conflict with election days. She said that conflict would not occur on the second or fourth Tuesday of the month.

Chair McElroy Kirkwood said the Board meetings had historically been held on the third Tuesday of the month. She said this was changed after a Trustee asked to switch the day to Thursdays. Chair McElroy Kirkwood said the third Thursday of the month has not worked for some individuals, and as a result, it was suggested that they revert to the third Tuesday of the month, which was the schedule for regular meetings when all current Trustees were elected.

Trustee Sullivan said she is making the same request to change the regular meeting dates to Thursdays and would like input from the Board to see if there is a way she can serve in both capacities. She said she will accept the Board's decision if they decide to pursue a regular meeting schedule on the third Tuesday of the month.

Chair McElroy Kirkwood asked if the second Tuesday of the month would work for the college's financial reporting. Dr. Haney said the college will do whatever the Board prefers but noted that it could be a tight timeline to produce financial reports before the Board meetings because financial reporting occurs at the end of the month. She said the college may not be able to provide all of the financial reports by the second Tuesday.

Trustee Fronczek said he is flexible on any Tuesday, but that he understands that the schedule is important for financial reporting.

Secretary Kerlin Walsh asked whether the agenda item could be tabled until the June Board meeting to allow the Board time to discuss the schedule for the regular meetings.

Trustee Sullivan said if she must resign from her other position because of her commitment to the college, she would do that. She stated that her other request is that no matter which date is selected, it would be helpful to have Board meeting materials available one week in advance. She said if moving the regular meetings one week earlier would put more burden on the staff, then the fourth Tuesday may give the staff more time to prepare the Board meeting materials.

Vice Chair Murphy asked if there is an issue with the fourth Tuesday of the month. Chair McElroy Kirkwood said it is the end of the month, and the college is working on financial reports.

Mike Cipolla said the reporting for the second or fourth Tuesday of the month would only be an issue depending on when the dates fall. He said if the first day of the month is a Tuesday, then it would be a tight turnaround to produce numbers because they have to wait until the previous month has ended. He said the second Tuesday could work, but there may be a delay in getting reports to the Board on time, as they had been.

Chair McElroy Kirkwood asked if the second or the fourth Tuesday would work better. Dr. Haney said the college is at the Board's will. She said that the college will make it work, whatever the Board decides.

Trustee O'Day said she also recalled Trustee Sullivan raising this scheduling conflict during the April Board meeting. She said she does not recall any Trustees specifically stating that they had an issue with the Board meetings being on Thursdays, but that she understands Tuesdays work better for some Trustees. She noted that Tuesdays do not work well for her because she often travels for work, but that she will do her best to be in person.

Chair McElroy Kirkwood stated that a motion would be made to approve the regular meeting dates, amended to the second Tuesday of each month.

It was moved by Chair McElroy Kirkwood and seconded by Trustee Fronczek to approve agenda item 12.11, Approval of Dates for Regular Meetings, as amended.

(DOCUMENT W - SUPPLEMENT TO MINUTES)

ROLL CALL VOTE TAKEN on Approval of Dates for Regular Meetings as amended:

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

Motion carried.

12.12 Resolution providing for and requiring the submission of the proposition of issuing \$115,000,000 Community College Building Bonds to the voters of Community College District No. 524, County of Cook and State of Illinois, at the general election to be held on the 3rd day of November, 2026

At Chair McElroy Kirkwood's request, Secretary Eileen Kerlin Walsh publicly read the full title of Agenda Item 12.12 into the official meeting record.

Trustee O'Day stated that we are living in a time when community members are facing persistent increases in the cost of living. She said working families are watching their wages fall while trying to keep pace with the rising costs of everyday essentials such as groceries, childcare, gas, mortgages, student loans and property taxes. She said she believes that, given this economic reality, the resolution, which ultimately asks to raise taxes in our community by \$115 million, plus interest costs, is premature and has not completed the necessary due diligence. Trustee O'Day noted that the Board has until August 2026 to approve a resolution to be placed on the November general election ballot. She said the resolution explicitly states that the Board hereby finds it necessary and in the best interest of the districts to pursue the referendum and build, renovate and repair buildings as mentioned at an estimated cost of \$115 million. She said that before she can support and certify that these statements are true, full and correct, and before she can support putting this burden on taxpayers, she would require a higher standard of verification. She said she appreciated the efforts of Dr. Nagle, pulling publicly available employment security data, AI data and the research by staff who developed a Complexity Report. She noted that while she believed the information provided was reliable enough to justify a general need, it is not at a level that would support the resolution today. Trustee O'Day said the exact amount of funding and the exact programs need to be determined before a referendum is put forward to the voters. She said in a political climate in which taxpayers are rightly skeptical of tax increases, the source of the data matters just as much as the data itself. She noted that the state data we have is excellent for showing what jobs may exist at high levels, but asking taxpayers for over \$115 million requires an independent, outside and verifiable economic impact study. She said a specialized firm could provide precision that the generic state data cannot produce, such as a regional multiplier with input and output modules to calculate indirect impacts. She said, for example, if a dedicated space were built for Automation and Engineering Technology, a specialized firm would not just count the students we train but also calculate the local economic stimulation those higher-earning graduates generate for businesses in our communities. She noted that a specialized firm also could

conduct a depth analysis to compare completions against local job openings to help warn the college before investing in an oversaturated market. She said a specialized firm also could calculate exactly how much taxpayers get back in reduced social costs in community wealth for every dollar they invest in new buildings. Trustee O'Day stated that her position should come as no surprise. She said she has been consistent and reiterated this need at the Board retreat on January 20 and at the regular meeting on April 16. Trustee O'Day said she has stated that her support for a referendum was conditional upon receiving this region-specific independent analysis. She said she believes there is still time to pursue an independent analysis and reiterated that the Board has until August 2026 to approve a resolution to be placed on the November general election ballot. Trustee O'Day noted that she spent several years working at the State of Illinois Construction Management Agency on the Capital Development Board, overseeing countless community college projects. She said she has seen firsthand how rushing decisions without precise market alignment can lead to wasted taxpayer money. She said this is not about a lack of trust in our staff, nor is it about denying our growing programs the space they need. Trustee O'Day said her position is based on fiduciary responsibility and doing our due diligence before pursuing a referendum. She stressed the importance of ensuring that each program that is planned to be invested in is the right investment and will lead to good-paying careers that are in demand for our neighbors and constituents for the life of the bonds. Trustee O'Day said having a specialized firm can help the Board be confident that they are pursuing the right bond level, and the right ask for the community. She said she unfortunately cannot support the resolution and encouraged the college leadership to still consider hiring an outside firm to conduct an objective analysis. She noted that hiring an outside firm to conduct an objective analysis would cost around 0.02% of the total of the \$115 million principal bond. Trustee O'Day said she believes using an outside firm is the only way the Board can confidently present this referendum to the community.

It was moved by Trustee Fronczek and seconded by Trustee Shaar to approve Agenda Item 12.12, Resolution providing for and requiring the submission of the proposition of issuing \$115,000,000 Community College Building Bonds to the voters of Community College District No. 524, County of Cook and State of Illinois, at the general election to be held on the 3rd day of November, 2026.

(DOCUMENT W - SUPPLEMENT TO MINUTES)

ROLL CALL VOTE TAKEN on Resolution providing for and requiring the submission of the proposition of issuing \$115,000,000 Community College

Building Bonds to the voters of Community College District No. 524, County of Cook and State of Illinois, at the general election to be held on the 3rd day of November, 2026:

Yes: Fronczek, McElroy Kirkwood, Kerlin Walsh, Murphy, Shaar, Sullivan
No: O'Day
Absent: None.
Student
Advisory: Absent.

Motion carried.

Chair McElroy Kirkwood announced that the Board had approved the referendum resolution. She noted that the broader college community would be notified of the resolution's passage after the meeting. Chair McElroy Kirkwood stated that, in recognition of the college's summer schedule and Memorial Day, a press release will be distributed on Tuesday of next week to local newspapers and the surrounding community. Chair McElroy Kirkwood expressed gratitude to all faculty, staff and external participants for their hard work and contributions to this process.

XIII. MISCELLANEOUS

None.

XIV. CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Secretary Kerlin Walsh and seconded by Trustee Sullivan to adjourn to closed session for the discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under the Illinois Open Meetings Act, for the purpose of semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06 and pursuant to Section 2(c)(21) 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: Absent.

Motion carried.

Chair McElroy Kirkwood indicated that there would be no additional Board business after the closed session.

The Board moved to closed session at 7:36 p.m. The Board returned to open session at 7:55 p.m.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.