

Minutes
District Board of Trustees
Tallahassee Community College
444 Appleyard Drive
Tallahassee, FL 32308
Monday, April 15, 2024
Business Meeting & Workshop – 2:30 PM

Circle Trustees Present:

Chair Jonathan Kilpatrick, Vice Chair Karen Moore, Trustees Eugene Lamb, Frank Messersmith, Charlie Ward, and Monte Stevens.

Others Present: President Jim Murdaugh, Candice Grause, Bertie Culbreath, Leah Haas, Shelly Bell, Amanda Clements, Ali Enriquez, Bryan Hooper, Craig Knox, Barbara Wills, Renae Tolson, Ken Tellis, Jennifer Carr, Stephanie Solomon, Marckus Harden, Rodney McCammon, Anessa Candidate, Rob Hall, Trevoris McDaniel, Bret Ingerman, Bobby Jones, Kalynda Holton, Calandra Stringer, Lei Wang, Bob Ballard, Donmetrie, Clark, Anthony Jones, David Clark, Deidra Green, Isabella Rios, Jakyah Hayes, Heather Mitchell, Angelina Kuleshova, Bill Spiers, Jarred Stewart, Kilisha Fain, Kim Kelling, Faraday Daiz, Jerry Granger, Sheri Rowland, Caitlin Bradbury, Calvin Cheung, Chuck Moore, Jullion Griffin, Kevin Vaughn, Sam DeZerga, NinaFe Awong, Summer Dusek, Vanessa Anderson, Angela Long, Brielle Crooms, Destinee Britto, Nick Vick, Nyla Davis, Tricia Rizza, Jennifer Bradley, Janet Hartman, Will Scarboro, Cerissa Fondo, Pamela Johnston, Joel Mathew, Anissa Southall, Franklin Lee, Martha Fletcher, and Allison Tant.

CALL TO ORDER

- i. Moment of Silence
- ii. Pledge of Allegiance

COMMENTS

- i. Board Chair Kilpatrick thanked everyone for attending the District Board of Trustee meeting for the new era that is beginning for the college. The reputation that Tallahassee Community College has continues to get stronger. He welcomed the elected officials present, Senator Corey Simon, Representative Gallop Franklin, and Representative Allison Tant and expressed appreciation that so many were joining us on this momentous day.

- ii. Trustee Messersmith was happy to attend the Heroes in Public Safety Committee meeting, Florida Public Safety Institute Housing Council Meeting, President's Leadership Institute, the Tallahassee History Festival, the Signing of Senate Bill 522 at the Governor's Office, and the American Association of Community Colleges conference. He recognized Bob Ballard for his retirement, having known him for nearly forty years. Trustee Messersmith stated that it was natural for Bob to lead Wakulla Environmental Institute, due to his prior involvement at the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. He thanked Bob and his staff for commitment, dedication, and a world-class achievement that they can always be proud of in the return of the oysters, and the renewed seafood industry in north Florida and beyond.

Trustee Lamb shared it was an honor to have dignitaries present.

Vice Chair Moore mentioned she was proud of Trustee Lamb for being recognized as Trustee of the Year by the American Association of Community Colleges and how he has been instrumental in helping bring this college to where it is now. She thanked the elected officials who helped bring this college to its' new name.

Trustee Ward congratulated Coach Lamb on his Trustee of the Year Award and the TCC Brain Bowl Team and Forensics Teams for their recent awards.

Trustee Stevens mentioned he accompanied the Forensics Team to the 2024 Phi Rho Pi Tournament in Reno, Nevada. He congratulated team members Trevor Bell, John Wickman, Joseph Eugene, Pamela Healy, Elizabeth Blair, Grace Duvet, Aliyah Salce, Janelle Dixon, and their coach John Schultz. They brought home the twenty-fourth straight national championship trophy.

- iii. President Murdaugh thanked all the delegates for attending and advised they would have an opportunity to make comments at the reception immediately following the Board meeting. He thanked them personally for what they did to get Senate Bill 522 across the finish line and get the governor's signature. He attended the AACC conference with Trustee Messersmith and Trustee Lamb and shared three other trustees came up to him later after hearing Trustee Lamb's story about his involvement in the original laying of bricks on this campus, and how much they were moved. He thanked Bob Ballard, Executive Director of Wakulla Environmental Institute, for his twelve years of service, and for being a force for good for this college, the residents of Wakulla County, and the surrounding counties. He introduced the new Chief of Police, Sean McGovern, who started April 1.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. March 2024 Minutes
Approve minutes as presented.

MOTION: Vice Chair Moore
Motion passed unanimously.

SECOND: Trustee Lamb

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Consent Agenda

The consent agenda format is an organization process for meetings that allows the governing board to focus their time and attention on action items that require more elaboration, information, and/or discussion. The intent of the consent agenda is to support the efficiency and effectiveness of the meeting.

If a trustee has a question or plans to cast a negative vote regarding a specific recommendation, then the trustee/trustees need to acknowledge their intention to the Chair. This action item will be considered in the regular order of business as an individual action item.

Those action items that the trustees plan to approve without further question or discussion will remain on the consent agenda. Upon the final determination of the consent agenda, a motion, second to the motion, and unanimous approval of the Board of Trustees is needed to approve the action items. Upon approval of the consent agenda, the Board of Trustees will proceed with the remainder of the agenda.

2. Attorney Invoice – Bryant Miller Olive (February 2024)
Authorize payment of invoices as presented.
3. Sponsored Programs – Provider
Authorize funding for the awards and contracts as presented.
4. Human Resource Report
Approve the report as presented.
Motion to Approve Consent Agenda.

MOTION: Trustee Stevens
Motion passed unanimously.

SECOND: Vice Chair Moore

TCC Foundation

- 5. TCC Foundation Update
Presented as an information item only.

Academic Affairs

- 6. 2023-2024 Career Pathway Agreements with Leon, Gadsden, and Wakulla County School Districts, Florida State University School, and Lively and Gadsden Technical Colleges

Approve the 2023-2024 Career Pathway Agreements.

MOTION: Trustee Messersmith **SECOND:** Trustee Stevens
Motion passed unanimously.

- 7. Academic Curriculum Changes

Approve the academic curriculum changes and Workforce Education Current and Projected Facility Needs list.

MOTION: Trustee Stevens **SECOND:** Vice Chair Moore
Motion passed unanimously.

Administrative Services

- 8. Fund Analysis - March
Presented as an information item only.

- 9. College Operating Budget Amendment for FY 2023-24
Approve the College's FY 2023-24 Operating Budget Amendment #1.

MOTION: Trustee Messersmith **SECOND:** Vice Chair Moore
Motion passed unanimously.

- 10. Construction Status Report
Presented as an information item only.

- 11. CFI Roof Restoration
Approve the attached proposal no. 25-FL-231191 from Garland/DBS, Inc. as presented.

MOTION: Trustee Lamb **SECOND:** Vice Chair Moore
Motion passed unanimously.

12. Architect Invoices

Authorize payment of architectural invoices as presented.

MOTION: Vice Chair Moore
Motion passed unanimously.

SECOND: Trustee Ward

13. Guaranteed Maximum Price – TCC CFI Stair Tower Improvements Project

Approve the attached Construction Manager at Risk Contract and Guaranteed Maximum Price from Cook Brothers, Inc., for the TCC CFI Stair Tower Improvements Project.

MOTION: Trustee Messersmith
Motion passed unanimously.

SECOND: Vice Chair Moore

14. Guaranteed Maximum Price – TCC Softball-Baseball Complex Improvements Project

Approve the attached Construction Manager at Risk Contract and Guaranteed Maximum Price from Southern Standard Construction, for the TCC Lifetime Sports Complex Interior Renovations Project.

MOTION: Trustee Lamb
Motion passed unanimously.

SECOND: Trustee Stevens

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

15. Rebrand Resolution

Approve the resolution as presented.

MOTION: All Trustees

SECOND: All Trustees

Chair Jonathan Kilpatrick read the Resolution:

RESOLUTION

OF THE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF TALLAHASSEE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

WHEREAS, Tallahassee Junior College was established in 1966 to serve Leon, Gadsden and Wakulla Counties in order to provide access to a high quality education for its citizens; and

WHEREAS, Tallahassee Junior College was renamed Tallahassee Community College in 1970 to better reflect its community orientation and involvement; and

WHEREAS, the College is now in its fifty-eighth year and remains committed to its founding principles of ensuring academic excellence, seamless transfer pathways, in-demand workforce training, and support for our students and our community; and

WHEREAS, the College is consistently recognized as one of the top two-year institutions in the nation having earned prestigious honors from organizations like the Aspen Institute, the American Association of Community Colleges, and Achieving the Dream; and

WHEREAS, the College now enrolls nearly sixteen thousand students each year in its credit, non-credit, and continuing education programs, and nearly sixty percent of those students now come to the College from outside of its service district;

WHEREAS, the College now offers four baccalaureate degree programs as of the fall of 2023 due to the increasing workforce demand in the fields of nursing, education, and business; and

WHEREAS, the TCC District Board of Trustees is committed to ensuring the College remains demand-driven and student-focused, and acknowledges the increasing appetite for a new name for the College that better reflects its evolving institutional status and broadening impact in the state;

WHEREAS, the Board voted to approve a name change on November 14, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature approved a change of the College's name on March 5, 2024 and Governor Ron DeSantis signed it into law on March 27, 2024; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, we, the District Board of Trustees declare the College shall be known as Tallahassee State College beginning July 1, 2024.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Chair of the District Board of Trustees Jonathan Kilpatrick, Vice Chair Karen B. Moore, Trustees Eugene Lamb, Jr., Frank Messersmith, Monte Stevens, and Charlie Ward, Jr., do hereby sign and adopt this resolution on April 15, 2024.

Comments:

Chair Kilpatrick asked Dr. Murdaugh to mention the pen that the Trustees would be using to sign the Rebrand Resolution was one of the pens that Governor Ron DeSantis used to sign Senate Bill 522 into law. He also shared that both of his children attended Tallahassee Community College, received their associate's degree, and went to Florida State University. This renaming is the natural evolution of the process that TCC will go on to become more to this community, state, and region that we serve.

Vice Chair Moore shared her appreciation of the historic day, for having so many present to celebrate and that they are all the reason the college is so successful. She asked for a show of hands for how many in the audience had either attended the institution, had a child, sibling, neighbor attend, or worked here. She thanked everyone for helping change lives every single day.

Trustee Messersmith mentioned it has been awesome to be involved for forty-five-plus years at the college, to see its evolution, the different people, personnel, ideas, and thoughts, and now to see where it's going. It has touched so many people, and provided open doors that people never thought they would find. He thanked all those who made the name change happen and for making TCC one of the top colleges in the country.

Trustee Lamb shared he did not know when he was a young college student at Dillard University where he would be today. During the summer of 1967, while home for the summer, his family advised him that Tallahassee Junior College was being built in Tallahassee, so he jogged from Midway to apply for a job as a brick mason helper. He helped lay the first bricks for the Administration Building. When he joined the District Board of Trustees in 2007, one of the Trustees on the Board gave Dr. Bill Law, then president of Tallahassee Junior College, one hundred dollars for a brick to be placed at the flagpole for him. It is something he will never forget, and he will never forget TCC.

Trustee Ward mentioned that about thirty-six years ago TCC was his bridge to Florida State University. He did not have the SAT/ACT score to get into Florida State University, so he completed a year at TCC. He is grateful for this opportunity to be here and be a part of the TCC name change. He shared that there are a lot of students like himself that have the same story. He thanked the team for all the work that they have done to make this happen.

Trustee Stevens shared he was grateful to be part of the Board and the opportunity to serve in this capacity while the college is undergoing such a fundamental transformation. He thanked the Governor appointing him, the legislative delegation for their leadership to get this across the finish line and help us really take the college into the next generation. He thanked the students in attendance for representing and mentioned it is really them and future generations that will benefit, and that we were there to celebrate with them and what they bring to this community in terms of knowledge and skillset. He thanked them for choosing TCC, as they could have gone to a lot of places, and we are so incredibly grateful. He thanked President Murdaugh and his team of champions.

The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Bertie will email all upcoming events.

NEXT MEETING DATE

May 20, 2024

Location: **Main Campus**

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Kilpatrick called for adjournment at 3:06 p.m.

Jonathan Kilpatrick
Chair

Jim Murdaugh, Ph.D.
President