

**Minutes
District Board of Trustees
Tallahassee Community College
444 Appleyard Drive
Tallahassee, FL 32304
November 16, 2020
Business Meeting – 2:30 PM**

The November 2020 District Board of Trustees meeting was called to order by Chair Messersmith at approximately 2:30 p.m.

Members Present: Chair Messersmith, Trustees Callaway, Grant, Lamb and Moore

Absent: None

Via phone/Zoom: Trustee Kilpatrick and Pople

Others Present: President Murdaugh, Candice Grause, Lenda Kling, Trevoris McDaniel, Rob Hall, Madeline Pumariega, Karen Miller, Craig Knox, E.E. Eunice, Heather Mitchell, Lei Wang, Calandra Stringer, Scott Balog, Kimberly Moore, Nyla Davis, Barbara Wills, Don Herr, Anthony Jones, Alice Maxwell, Gerald Jones and Sheri Rowland

Via Zoom: Bret Ingerman, Laketa L. Henderson, Michael L. Barrera, Thaddeus D. Hammond, Josh Willoughby, Angela Long, Patricia Manning, Rachel Laudadio, Bob Ballard, Kalynda Holton, Mike Robeck, Charles Hash, Lauren Schoenberger, Freddy Menendez, Amy Bradbury, Selina Starling, Chip Singletary, Robbie Gaffney and Ayanna Young

COMMENTS

- i. Board Chair Messersmith asked everyone to stand for a moment of silence and the pledge of allegiance. He stated the Hops and Half Shells event was wonderful, thanking the TCC Foundation.
- ii. Board Members – Trustee Callaway thanked the TCC Family for their kindness after her loss.
- iii. President Murdaugh congratulated Trustee Moore for the 2020 BioFlorida Leadership and Top 100 Most Influential awards, along with her upcoming birthday.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. October 26, 2020 Meeting
Request Board approve minutes as presented.

MOTION: Trustee Lamb **SECOND:** Trustee Grant
Motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATION AND NEWS ITEMS

Director Maxwell introduced media clips for the Talon Market anniversary, Model United Nations, Reggie Grant article about TCC Live, Susan Wessner Developmental Educator of the Year award, campaign for spring registration, four (4) brothers studying at the Fire Academy, student blood donations, the Be Essential jobs training and Mine Safety training.

Director Eunice introduced Karen Miller, Mining Coordinator, indicating the program has received many awards from the Mine Safety Administration, Department of Labor. Ms. Miller displayed the awards and provided an overview of the program mission.

President Murdaugh indicated Provost Pumariega is a finalist for the Presidency at Miami Dade College, sharing how much he admired her and stating if she gets the job this will be her last meeting. Provost Pumariega said her applying for the job was not a reflection of how she feels about TCC.

President Murdaugh shared, when Provost Pumariega came on board, one of the things they wanted to do was compete for the Aspen Prize. He said if she leaves, he and the college will be better for her time

here. The Trustees individually communicated messages of thanks for her work at TCC (including the strategic planning process prior to her time here) and in the community.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

PRESENTATIONS

Director Balog shared we hosted the US Small Business Administration in January, which led to the Strategic Alliance Memorandum we are executing today. He introduced District Director Michael L. Barrera, Acting District Director Laketa L. Henderson and Economic Development Specialist Thaddeus D. Hammond.

Mr. Hammond stated this will formalize our collaborative endeavor, indicating we will be involved with their small business events. Director Barrera shared they are looking forward to this working partnership. Chair Messersmith said with the resurrection of our oyster industry, we have a model that works, thanking everyone for their work on this alliance.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Consent Agenda

2. Attorney Invoice – September
Authorize payment of invoice as presented.
3. Human Resources Report
Approve the report as presented.
4. Sponsored Programs – Fiscal Agent
Authorize funding for the awards and contracts as presented.
5. Sponsored Programs – Provider
Authorize funding for the awards and contracts as presented.

MOTION: Trustee Moore **SECOND:** Trustee Callaway
Motion passed unanimously.

TCC Foundation

6. TCC Foundation Update
VP Mitchell shared they will be launching their first Heroes in Public Safety Conference in December. She said the Hurst Gallery has been renovated and they will host the unveiling in January.

None required. Report provided for information only.

7. TCC Foundation – Classroom Naming
Accept naming as presented.

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

8. TCC Foundation – Courtyard Naming
Accept naming as presented.

MOTION: Trustee Moore **SECOND:** Trustee Callaway
Motion passed unanimously.

President Murdaugh recognized Dean Gerald Jones and VP Mitchell for their work to provide Thanksgiving meals to fifty (50) of our students this Friday. VP Mitchell shared we will have an Iron Chef at our Cleaver & Cork event.

Administrative Services

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

- 10. Fund Analysis – October
For information only, no Board action required.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

WORKSHOP

None

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

President Murdaugh shared Chief Gibson will be leaving to go the Department of Agriculture. Chief Gibson said he was honored to have been our Police Chief and proud of the things we have done. Several Trustees expressed their thanks for the various processes and procedure he put into place.

President Murdaugh indicated the Executive Team discussed Thanksgiving and made a decision to close the college early on Wednesday, November 25th as a way to say thank you to our faculty and staff.

NEXT MEETING DATE

January 11, 2021 Location: **Main Campus**

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at approximately 3:33 p.m.

Minutes approved at the regular meeting of the District Board of Trustees on January 11, 2021.

Frank Messersmith
Chair

Jim Murdaugh, Ph.D.
President