

**Minutes  
District Board of Trustees  
Tallahassee State College  
Center For Innovation  
350 South Duval Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32301  
Monday, March 17, 2025  
Business Meeting – 2:30 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

On Monday, March 17, Chair Karen Moore called the Tallahassee State College District Board of Trustees meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

**Members Present:** Chair Karen Moore, Vice Chair Eugene Lamb, Trustees Monesia Brown, Jonathan Kilpatrick, Frank Messersmith, Monte Stevens, and Charlie Ward.

Others Present: President Jim Murdaugh, Candice Grause, Janet Hartman, Calandra Stringer, Barbara Wills, Deidra Green, Bertie Culbreath, Destinee Britto, Mike Robeck, Jennifer Carr, Sean McGovern, Alison Fleischmann, Heather Mitchell, Logan Lane, Bobby Jones, Trevoris McDaniel, Amanda Clements, Riley Landy, Taza M. Rogers, Dan Langston, Dustin Frost, Shelly L. Bell, Nyla Davis, Jason Fowler, Lei Wang, Chuck Moore, Bill Spiers, Ashley Johnson, Anthony Jones, Wayne Almy and Angela Long.

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

**COMMENTS**

- i. Chair's Remarks: Chair Moore expressed her appreciation for the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Cleaver and Cork events, commending the TSC Foundation staff for their efforts. She stressed the event's importance, particularly in funding scholarships for students. She also noted VP Calandra Stringer's active involvement on campus, including serving as the emcee for the Women's History Month event.

ii. Trustee Remarks:

- a. Trustee Kilpatrick shared that it is always refreshing to hear positive feedback from the community about TSC, especially from a former legislator who recently praised the staff and administration who are currently working with the legislature.
- b. Vice Chair Lamb noted that everyone he has spoken with is pleased with the College's name change.
- c. Trustee Ward expressed his appreciation to the staff for the excellent Women's History Month program he attended, stating it was meaningful to celebrate the accomplishments of the women who were recognized this year.
- d. Trustee Brown commended the TSC team for their timely and helpful response to her during spring break.
- e. Trustee Stevens mentioned that he and Trustee Kilpatrick will be attending an upcoming Senate committee meeting in the coming days.

iii. President's Remarks:

- President Murdaugh congratulated Chair Karen Moore for being recognized in *Fifty Over 50: Celebrating Leaders in Florida Over 50*, as announced by the News Service of Florida.
- He recognized the TSC Speech and Debate Team for winning the Florida College System Activities Association (FCSAA) State Forensics tournament and the prestigious Florida Intercollegiate Forensics Association (FIFA) State Championship Tournament.
- He also recognized the TSC Brain Bowl team for two significant competitions this season. The team secured a first-place finish at the 2025 North Florida Sectional Tournament with an impressive 8-1 record, earning a spot at the National Championship Tournament in Chicago. The team also performed well at the FCSAA Regional Tournament, finishing with a 4-1 record and earning a second-place finish, qualifying them for the FCSAA State Championship Tournament.
- President Murdaugh proudly acknowledged TSC Student Government Association President Destinee Britto, who was selected as a 2024 DREAM Scholar by Achieving the Dream. He invited her to share her "I Am" poem that she presented at the DREAM conference in Philadelphia. He thanked Dr. Sheri Rowland and Dr. Jennifer Carr for their support, and Deidra Green, who accompanied Destinee to the DREAM conference. He noted that

Destinee is the second DREAM Scholar from TSC in three years, a distinction that brings great pride to the College.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. 2025 February Board Minutes

Approve minutes as presented.

**MOTION:** Vice Chair Lamb

Motion passed unanimously.

**SECOND:** Trustee Kilpatrick

## **INFORMATION AND NEWS ITEMS**

Vice President Candice Grause provided an overview of recent media coverage for the College.

- The Florida Mine Safety Program, housed within the Florida Public Safety Institute, delivers federally mandated training through the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA). A recent training attracted teams from across the country, including those from as far away as Missouri, Minnesota, and West Virginia, and received wide media coverage.
- There was strong coverage of TSC's two new Bachelor of Science degrees: Auditing and Compliance Management, and Management Analytics. Combined, these two fields represent more than 1,200 job openings within TSC's service districts.
- HCA Florida Healthcare's tremendous donation to TSC's healthcare programs received state and local media attention, reinforcing the value of community partnerships.
- The smashing success of the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Cleaver and Cork events received coverage across all local media channels and beyond.
- In April, a special announcement related to adult learners will be made to the community. We will share the number of degrees awarded and the amount provided through private donations, grants, and other forms of aid to make the workforce degree programs tuition-free. President Murdaugh emphasized that removing financial barriers is a tremendous step in supporting adult learners' access to higher education.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

VP Heather Mitchell presented three donors.

- Danny Langston, CEO of the Flightline Group, presented a check for \$25,000 to create an Unmanned Systems Operations AS degree program scholarship.
- Dr. Taza Rogers presented a check for \$10,000 to create a scholarship to support the new Business Management AS degree program.
- Ashley Johnson, Director of Special Projects with Florida Restaurant and Lodging Association presented a \$10,000 check as a sponsor of Plates and Pours during the Cleaver and Cork.

## 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 Invoices – Bryant Miller Olive (February 2025)  
Authorize payment of invoices as presented.
3. Human Resource Report  
Approve the report as presented.  
Motion to Approve Consent Agenda  
**MOTION:** Trustee Messersmith **SECOND:** Trustee Brown  
Motion passed unanimously.

### ***TSC Foundation***

4. TSC Foundation Update  
Presented as an information item only.

### ***Academic Affairs***

5. Academic Curriculum Changes

Approve the proposed academic curriculum changes.

**MOTION:** Trustee Kilpatrick

**SECOND:** Trustee Ward

Motion passed unanimously.

### ***Administrative Services***

6. Fund Analysis - February

Presented as an information item only.

7. Sponsored Programs – Provider

Authorize funding for the awards and contracts as presented.

**MOTION:** Vice Chair Lamb

**SECOND:** Trustee Messersmith

Motion passed unanimously.

8. Architect Invoices

Authorize payment of architectural invoices as presented.

**MOTION:** Trustee Kilpatrick

**SECOND:** Trustee Brown

Motion passed unanimously.

9. Construction Status Report

Presented as an information item only.

10. Annual SREF Fire, Sanitation and Casualty Inspection

Approve the annual SREF Fire, Sanitation and Casualty Inspection reports in accordance with Florida Statutes.

**MOTION:** Trustee Kilpatrick

**SECOND:** Trustee Stevens

Motion passed unanimously.

11. Certificate of Final Inspection – TSC Ball Park (Building No.'s 20, 23 & 34 Complex) Improvements Project

Approve the attached Certificate of Final Inspection, Office of Educational Facilities (OEF) Form 209, authorizing final payment to contractor, Southern Standard Construction, for the TSC Ball Park (Building No.'s 20, 23 & 34 Complex) Improvements Project.

**MOTION:** Vice Chair Lamb

**SECOND:** Trustee Ward

Motion passed unanimously.

12. Guaranteed Maximum Price – TSC Library/Learning Commons MakerSpaces Project
- Approve the attached Construction Manager Contract and Guaranteed Maximum Price from Southern Standard Construction, for the TSC Library/Learning Commons MakerSpaces Project.
- MOTION:** Trustee Messersmith **SECOND:** Vice Chair Lamb
- Motion passed unanimously.

## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

13. Strategic Plan
- Approve the Strategic Plan for 2025-2030 and Reaffirm the College Mission and Vision Statement.
- MOTION:** Trustee Messersmith **SECOND:** Trustee Brown
- Motion passed unanimously.

The Board discussed and reaffirmed the College Mission and Vision Statement.

Chair Moore thanked President Murdaugh, Provost Stringer, Dr. Rizza, Dr. Long, and the Trustees for their work on the new Strategic Plan. She emphasized that the plan will guide the College forward over the next five years, serving both the community and key stakeholders.

Vice Chair Lamb expressed his appreciation for the Strategic Plan and shared that he gained a great deal from the process. He extended his thanks to the two facilitators who supported its development.

Trustee Stevens inquired whether the College had received directives from the Governor's Office related to the plan and if they were reflected in the current document. He also asked if the plan would remain fixed for the for the five year period. President Murdaugh stated that the Trustees had thoroughly reviewed every aspect of the Strategic Plan and affirmed that the Board has the authority to amend the document as needed.

Trustee Kilpatrick congratulated Dr. Long, Dr. Rizza, and the staff who fine-tuned the language in the plan, remarking that it strikes a balance between clarity and depth, making it both concise and comprehensive.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No Public Comment

## **WORKSHOP**

VP Jason Fowler- Information Technology

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

- President Murdaugh shared that the StuFac campus-wide picnic will take place on Wednesday, March 19 and that the annual Tallahassee History Festival will take place on Saturday, March 22, at Kleman Plaza.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** April 21, 2025

Location: **Main Campus**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Chair Moore called for adjournment at 3:46 p.m.**

Executive Session will be held in the same room.

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**Karen Moore**  
**Chair**

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**Jim Murdaugh, Ph.D.**  
**President**