



**THE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF VALENCIA COLLEGE  
SPECIAL MEETING – PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH**

**Minutes**

**November 18, 2020**

Valencia College – West Campus, Room 8-111

and

Teleconference/Zoom Meeting

Members Present

Ms. Tracey Stockwell, Chair

Ms. Daisy Lopez-Cid, Vice Chair

Dr. Bruce Carlson

Mr. John Davis (via teleconference/Zoom)

Ms. Maria Grulich

Mr. Guillermo Hansen (via teleconference/Zoom)

Mr. Michael Sasso

Ms. Beth Smith (via teleconference/Zoom)

**Call to Order**

Chair Stockwell called the Special Meeting of the District Board of Trustees of Valencia College to order at 9:34am. A quorum was present.

**Public Comments**

No public comments were offered.

**New Business –  
Presidential Search  
Process**

**1. Determination and Approval of Presidential Candidates for the Position of President, Valencia College:**

Chair Stockwell reported that the Presidential Search Committee reached a consensus on an unranked slate of presidential finalist candidates to be recommended to the District Board of Trustees of Valencia College for review and consideration.

Chair Stockwell thanked the members of the Presidential Search Committee for their active engagement, valuable insight and perspective while reviewing and discussing the application materials submitted by presidential candidates under consideration for the position of President, Valencia College.

Chair Stockwell thanked Valencia’s faculty, staff, and students for their robust participation and feedback in one or more of the College’s Presidential Search town hall events.

Chair Stockwell recognized the College’s staff for their great efforts and engagement while preparing feedback summaries and comprehensive presidential candidate packets.

Chair Stockwell thanked all of the the presidential candidates for their interest in leading and serving Valencia College, and in particular, the seven presidential semi-finalist candidates for investing significant professional time while participating in the presidential candidate interviews and town hall events.

Dr. Amy Bosley, Vice President, Organizational Development and Human Resources, presented an overview of the three-phased Presidential Search Process, which was distributed to the Board.

Dr. Bosley introduced Dr. Melissa Trotta, AGB Search staff member to the Board. Dr. Trotta shared a review of the Presidential Search applicant pool characteristics.

Dr. Bosley shared important reminders related to equity-minded hiring practices.

Dr. Bosley thanked the Presidential Search Committee, the AGB Search team, and Valencia’s faculty, staff, and students for their engagement and feedback during the Presidential Search process.

Dr. Bosley thanked Trustee Dr. Carlson for serving as a member of the Presidential Search Committee.

Dr. Bosley thanked Chair Stockwell for her leadership.

Chair Stockwell stated that the Presidential Search Committee now has concluded its work, and the remainder of the Presidential Search process will be completed by the District Board of Trustees of Valencia College. For reasons of continuity and efficiency, the Presidential Search Committee shall remain intact until decommissioned by the Board.

Chair Stockwell presented the unranked slate of seven presidential semi-finalist candidates, which was approved by the District Board of Trustees of Valencia College at the October 28, 2020 Regular Board meeting:

- Shah Ardalan, EdD
- Donald Green, EdD
- Charles Lepper, PhD
- Margo Martin, EdD

- Lee Ann Nutt, EdD
- Kathleen Plinske, EdD
- Anton Reece, PhD

Chair Stockwell reported that the Presidential Search Committee met November 13, 2020, and unanimously agreed to remove the following three presidential semi-finalist candidates for further consideration in the Presidential Finalist Candidates Process:

- Donald Green, EdD
- Charles Lepper, PhD
- Margo Martin, EdD

The Board engaged in a full discussion.

Following the discussion, Chair Stockwell shared that the following four presidential candidates are recommended to the District Board of Valencia College by the Presidential Search Committee, for further consideration in the finalist stage of the Presidential Process:

- Dr. Shah Ardalan, EdD
- Dr. Lee Ann Nutt, EdD
- Dr. Kathleen Plinske, EdD
- Dr. Anton Reece, PhD

The Board engaged in a full discussion.

Following the discussion, Mr. Sasso moved to approve the following unranked slate of presidential finalist candidates for the position of President, Valencia College:

- Dr. Shah Ardalan, EdD
- Dr. Lee Ann Nutt, EdD
- Dr. Kathleen Plinske, EdD
- Dr. Anton Reece, PhD

Ms. Smith seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously, in a roll call vote.

The Board thanked the Presidential Search Committee and College staff for their great work.

## Reports

- 1. Overview of the Finalist Interview Process and Timeline:** Dr. Bosley shared an overview of the Finalist Process and Timeline, which was distributed to the Board.

## Board Comments

The Board thanked the members of the Presidential Search Committee and Valencia's faculty, staff, and students, for their commitment and engagement in the Presidential Search Process.

**Adjournment**

Chair Stockwell adjourned the Special Board meeting at 10:57am.

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