



**THE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF VALENCIA COLLEGE
REGULAR MEETING**

Minutes

January 27, 2022

Valencia College – West Campus

Building 8 – Room 111

and

Zoom Meeting

Members Present

Ms. Daisy Lopez-Cid, Chair

Ms. Beth Smith, Vice Chair

Mr. Angel de la Portilla

Mr. Guillermo Hansen

Mr. John Martinez

Mr. Michael Sasso

Ms. Tracey Stockwell

Dr. Kathleen Plinske, Secretary of the Board and President of the College

Member Absent

Mr. John Davis

Call to Order

Chair Lopez-Cid called the Regular Meeting of the District Board of Trustees of Valencia College to order at 9:38 a.m. A quorum was present.

**Approval of Minutes
December 2, 2021
Regular Meeting**

Ms. Stockwell moved to approve the meeting minutes of the December 2, 2021 Regular Meeting, as presented. Mr. Sasso seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

President's Report

Dr. Plinske reported that Governor DeSantis awarded Valencia a \$3.7M grant from Jobs Growth Grant funds. This grant will enable the College to develop and offer a Robotics Technician Training program at the Osceola Campus, as well as create a specialization in semi-conductor wafer production technology.

Dr. Plinske thanked Mr. Joe Battista, Vice President, Global, Professional, and Continuing Education, the Accelerated Training team, Ms. Kristeen Gammon, Assistant Vice President, Resource Development, and her team, for developing the successful grant application.

Dr. Plinske stated that the College has successfully completed its Provost Search. The College made offers to the following five finalist candidates, all of whom have accepted the their respective positions:

- Dr. Lesley Frederick, Vice President, Student Services, Lincoln Land Community College, Illinois
- Dr. Wendy Givoglu, Interim President, East and Winter Park Campus, Valencia College
- Dr. Lancelot Gooden, Dean, Building, Engineering, and Skilled Trades, Durham Technical Community College, North Carolina
- Dr. Danny Hoey, Dean, Student Learning, Equity and Success for Arts Humanities and Social Sciences, Gavilan College, California
- Dr. Sobia Khan, Dean for Academic Success, San Antonio College, Texas

Dr. Plinske thanked Dr. Isis Artze-Vega, Provost and Vice President, Academic Affairs, Dr. Carla McKnight, Vice President, Organizational Development and Human Resources, and the members of the Provost Search Committee for their time and effort in furtherance of this critically important decision for the College.

Dr. Plinske introduced members of Valencia's Black Advisory Committee (BAC) to the Board. Dr. Plinske thanked these key volunteers for their substantial contributions to the College and the community. Dr. Plinske shared that the BAC was established in 1970 and has been a valuable asset to the College's mission of access to higher education in Central Florida.

Dr. Plinske presented a video reflecting the BAC's activities, accomplishments, and positive impact in the community.

Faculty Association Report

Mr. Michael Robbins, President, Faculty Association, reported that in January 2022, several Valencia faculty members were appointed to the College's Endowed Chair Selection Committee, the Innovation of the Year Selection Committee, and the Faculty Association Award for Excellence in Teaching, Counseling, and Librarianship. Mr. Robbins stated that these

programs recognize faculty who promote best practices at the College, conduct research that helps the College improve student learning, and give access to new technologies not widely accessible to students.

**Student Government
Association Report**

Mr. Ty'Jon Streets, West Campus SGA Vice President, Ms. Ayesha Ali, West Campus SGA Administrative Officer, Ms. Gloria Okyere, West Campus SGA Public Relations Officer, and Ms. Savytri Puspitasari, West Campus SGA Sustainability Officer, presented the report, which was distributed to the Board. The SGA team provided an update on the West Campus SGA activities, including fall highlights, spring semester plans, student engagement, college-wide SGA updates, and an update on the College's mascot selection progress.

The Board thanked the West Campus SGA team for their great work.

Public Comments

No public comments were offered.

New Business

- 1. Sale of McCoy Property to Pinecrest Academy, Inc:** Mr. Loren Bender, Vice President, Business Operations and Chief Financial Officer, presented the report, which was distributed to the Board. Mr. Bender stated that, on September 23, 2021, the District Board of Trustees of Valencia College approved a resolution indicating that the McCoy Property, located at 8503 Daetwyler Drive, Orlando, Florida 32827, is unnecessary for educational purposes, and recommended that the 2017-2022 Educational Plant Survey be amended to include the property's disposal, and sale. On November 12, 2021, the State of Florida acknowledged the request, and removed the building from Valencia's Educational Plan Survey, as required by law.

Following a discussion, Mr. Hansen moved to accept the purchase offer of \$1,500,000 for the McCoy Center from Pinecrest Academy, Inc., and authorize the College to enter into a mutually acceptable purchase and sale agreement to effectuate the sale. Mr. Martinez seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

- 2. Grant Funding for a New Center for Accelerated Training – School of Public Safety:** Mr. Battista presented the report, which was distributed to the Board. Mr. Battista reported on the scope and activities of Valencia's five Centers for Accelerated Training (CAT) that support Orange and Osceola Counties by housing Valencia College's Accelerated Skills Training (AST) programs. Mr. Battista stated that the College seeks to apply for a grant offered by the United States Economic Development Agency (EDA), to obtain funding to construct a sixth Center for Accelerated Training (CAT) on Valencia's property at the School of Public Safety.

Following discussion, Mr. Sasso moved to approve the College's application for the EDA grant of \$10 million, with a College match of \$4,938,680, and its preliminary planning for a sixth CAT to be located on the School of Public Safety. Ms. Stockwell seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. de la Portilla, and seconded by Ms. Stockwell to consider, accept, and approve items 3, 4, and 5 under New Business in the manner of a consent agenda. The Board unanimously approved the following items under New Business in the consent agenda, as recommended:

- 3. Continuing Education Programs and Courses**
- 4. Additions, Deletions or Modifications of Courses and Programs**
- 5. Submission of Grant Proposals**

Reports

Chair Lopez-Cid stated that the following report items are detailed in the written materials, which have been distributed to the Board:

- A. West Campus Report**
- B. Financial Report**
- C. Construction Report**
- D. Valencia Foundation Report**

Strategic Discussion

Dr. Plinske introduced the discussion and distributed a report to the Board. Dr. Plinske identified national trends in higher education enrollment and reported that, according to the research center at the National Student Clearinghouse, more than one million fewer students are in college now than before the pandemic. The national data revealed that compared to fall 2019, undergraduate enrollment has fallen to 6.6%, and community college enrollment is down 13%. Valencia's enrollment has decreased by 8%. The Board engaged in a full discussion including with respect to educational options for college; preference for in-person or online courses; financial aid knowledge; concerns about student debt; and additional challenges such as transportation and childcare that could prevent students from enrolling in college.

Board Comments

Dr. Plinske, and the Board, thanked Dr. Terri Graham, Interim Campus President, West, and Downtown Campuses, faculty, and staff, for this morning's hands-on, student-led experience at the School of Allied Health.

The Board thanked the Black Advisory Committee for their contributions to the College and community.

Adjourn

Chair Lopez-Cid adjourned the Regular Meeting at 11:16 a.m.

Secretary

Chair