



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

**Minutes**

**May 26, 2022**

Valencia College – School of Public Safety  
Auditorium  
and  
Zoom Meeting

Members Present

Ms. Daisy Lopez-Cid, Chair  
Ms. Beth Smith, Vice Chair (via Zoom)  
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 9:32 a.m. A quorum was present.

**Approval of Minutes  
April 28, 2022  
Regular Meeting**

Mr. Sasso moved to approve the meeting minutes of the April 28, 2022 Regular Meeting, as presented. Ms. Stockwell seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

**President's Report**

Dr. Plinske introduced Dr. Barbara Jenkins, Orange County Public Schools (OCPS) Superintendent. Dr. Plinske recognized Dr. Jenkins's leadership in OCPS's ongoing partnership with Valencia College. Dr.

Plinske thanked Dr. Jenkins, who will be retiring at the end of the school year, and noted that during her tenure, more than 18,000 students participated in dual enrollment and more than 900 students earned a Valencia College degree at the same time they graduated from high school.

Dr. Plinske shared that in recognition of Dr. Jenkins's extraordinary leadership, the Valencia College Foundation has made a \$1,000 contribution to the Superintendent's OCPS Teaching Scholarship Fund, which has been established in her honor. The scholarship gives preference to first-generation students who are interested in studying education.

Dr. Jenkins expressed her appreciation and recognized our effective partnership.

Dr. Plinske stated that Valencia's 53<sup>rd</sup> Commencement ceremonies, both held on Sunday, May 8, 2022, were a great success. Dr. Plinske reported that 200 students who graduated in 2020 participated in the ceremony, as well as 700 students from the class of 2021 and 1,500 students from the class of 2022. Dr. Plinske thanked Chair Lopez-Cid and Ms. Stockwell for attending the Commencement ceremonies. Dr. Plinske shared that the College plans to hold a winter Commencement in December 2022.

Dr. Plinske shared that Ms. Leah Basaria, Valencia College 2021-2022 Distinguished Graduate, and Ms. Miranda Rublaitus, Osceola Campus SGA President, are recipients of the prestigious Jack Kent Cook Transfer Scholarship.

Dr. Plinske discussed her attendance at the Florida College System (FCS) Funding Formula meeting at Polk State College, on May 19, 2022. Dr. Plinske indicated that each college was able to present a proposed model for the distribution of new funds that are appropriated to FCS. Two funding models were proposed, each by a group of colleges as follows:

- Miami Dade College, Broward College, and Palm Beach State College
- State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota, Florida Southwestern College, and Valencia College

Dr. Plinske thanked Dr. Brandon McKelvey, Vice President, Analytics and Planning, and Mr. Loren Bender, Vice President, Business Operations and Finance and Chief Financial Officer, for developing the Valencia group's model to address persistent inequities in the annual allocation of state funds to the FCS. The next FCS Funding Formula meeting will be held at Valencia College in mid-June.

Dr. Plinske shared that Congressman Darren Soto visited the Poinciana Campus on May 20, 2022, to announce a \$500,000 federal community project grant for Valencia to install solar panels at the campus. Dr. Plinske stated that this investment will mark a significant milestone toward the College's goal of reaching carbon neutrality by the year 2050. Dr. Plinske thanked Mr. Jay Galbraith, Vice President, Public Affairs and Marketing, for shepherding this successful application, and Mr. Bender and his team for their commitment to sustainability.

Dr. Plinske reported that she participated in a roundtable discussion in Washington, DC, at the National Academy of Sciences on May 23, 2022, to discuss transforming undergraduate STEM education to meet workforce needs.

Dr. Plinske reported that she attended the May 25, 2022 UCF Board of Trustees meeting. Dr. Plinske indicated that UCF President Alexander Cartwright shared the impact and importance of the DirectConnect partnership. Dr. Plinske informed the UCF Board that Valencia's District Board has approved the College's Strategic Impact Plan, which includes a goal related to student success after transferring to UCF.

Dr. Plinske reported that Dr. Joe Richardson, Vice President, Student Affairs, will be leaving his position at the College. Dr. Plinske thanked Dr. Richardson for his outstanding work while serving at Valencia.

Dr. Plinske introduced Dr. Danny Hoey, Provost, West Campus; Dr. Sobia Khan, Provost, East and Lake Nona Campuses; and Dr. Wendy Givoglu, Provost, Downtown and Winter Park Campuses. Dr. Plinske thanked Dr. Carla McKnight, Vice President, Organizational Development and Human Resources; Dr. Isis Artze-Vega, Provost and Vice President, Academic Affairs; and Dr. Amy Bosley, Vice President, Institutional Planning, Development, and Chief of Staff, for their great work while designing and leading the successful Provost search process.

**Faculty Association Report**

Mr. Michael Robbins, President, Faculty Association, reported that the award of continuing contracts for faculty who have successfully navigated through the tenure process is included in today's agenda for Board discussion and approval. Mr. Robbins provided a summary of the College's tenure process. Mr. Robbins thanked the Board for their continued support.

**Student Government Association Report**

Ms. Brianna Burchell, Lake Nona Campus SGA President, and Ms. Jennifer Joseph, Lake Nona Campus SGA Vice President, presented the report, which was distributed to the Board. Ms. Burchell and Ms. Joseph reported on the SGA focal areas, which include age diversity, school spirit,

an increase in awareness of the SGA, and community engagement in local organizations. The team also reported on SGA goals, including Collegiate Academy Welcome Week, efforts to increase the number of registered student organizations by spring 2023, and efforts to strengthen student link with the College's faculty, staff, and administration.

The Board thanked the SGA team for their enthusiastic contributions.

## **Public Comments**

No public comments were offered.

## **New Business**

**1. Osceola Prosper Contract Agreement:** Dr. Plinske presented the report, which was distributed to the Board. Dr. Plinske shared that Osceola County, in efforts to eliminate access and affordability barriers to prospective college students who reside in Osceola County, has established the Osceola County Prosper Program and will fund last-dollar scholarships (financial awards that cover any remaining costs for tuition and fees after grants and scholarships) to support 2022 graduates of Osceola County high schools (public, private, charter, alternative, and home school) who pursue their post-secondary education at Valencia College or Osceola Technical College and enroll by Spring 2023. In addition, the Program will offer a stipend to support related expenses for participating students who have demonstrated exceptional financial need. Students who participate in the Osceola Prosper Program must earn their credential before or during the Summer 2027 term. Dr. Plinske indicated that the County's financial support of this program is expected to be in an amount not to exceed \$12.4 million, with the possibility of additional funding if student demand exists and the County approves. Valencia College would serve as fiscal agent for the program and will administer the program with the cooperation of Osceola Technical College. Dr. Plinske shared that since the Osceola Prosper Program was announced there have been more than 30,000 visits to the College's Osceola Prosper website and more than 920 Osceola County high school seniors have applied.

Dr. Plinske introduced special guests Mr. Don Fisher, County Manager at Osceola County Government, and Mr. Brandon Arrington, Osceola Commissioner.

Following a full discussion, Mr. de la Portilla moved to authorize the College to execute the agreement with Osceola County to implement the Osceola Prosper Program to benefit students. Mr. Sasso seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Dr. Plinske thanked Mr. Nelson Sepulveda Fernandez, Director, Osceola Prosper Program, for his work on the program.

Mr. Fisher thanked Dr. Plinske for her leadership and thanked Valencia College for its great partnership with Osceola County.

The Board thanked Mr. Fisher, Mr. Arrington, and Mr. Galbraith for their contributions and support.

**2. Naming of the Northwest Orlando Center for Accelerated**

**Training:** Dr. Plinske presented the report, which was distributed to the Board. Dr. Plinske stated that The Heart of Florida United Way (HFUW) wishes to make a charitable gift of \$1 million to the Valencia College Foundation for the use and benefit of the College. This gift will be used by the College to support individuals in the Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed (ALICE) population to create pathways for high-wage, stable careers. Specifically, the College will award financial aid packages to eligible students enrolled in AST programs at the College's Northwest Orlando Accelerated Skills Training Facility and the Downtown Campus Facility. The Foundation will manage and administer the HFUW's gift in accordance with and subject to applicable laws and Foundation policies.

In consideration for and following receipt of HFUW's gift, the Foundation will acknowledge the gift by naming disbursements to students "Heart of Florida United Way Scholarships." If approved by the District Board of Trustees, the College will further acknowledge the gift by installing signage in forms and locations to be mutually agreed upon and subject to approval by the respective landlords, acknowledging HFUW both inside and outside of the Northwest Orlando Accelerated Skills Training Facility and inside the Downtown Campus Facility. In addition, College will place HFUW's logo, along with accompanying recognition language, on the College's Accelerated Skills Training website, to remain for a period of ten years, until the gift is fully expended or as determined by the College, whichever is later.

Following a discussion, Mr. Sasso moved to authorize the College to acknowledge the \$1million gift from the Heart of Florida United Way at the Northwest Orlando Center for Accelerated Training, in the ways and manner as presented. Ms. Stockwell seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Dr. Plinske thanked Mr. Joe Battista, Vice President, Global, Professional and Continuing Education, for this great work.

**3. Approval of Continuing Contracts:** Dr. Isis Artze-Vega presented the report, which was distributed to the Board. Dr. Artze-Vega referred to the list of continuing contract candidates being presented to the Board for consideration and provided a review of Valencia's process for awarding continuing contracts to eligible full-time faculty members. Dr. Artze-Vega reported that in order to become eligible to be considered for the award of a continuing contract, a full-time faculty member must prepare and submit a Portfolio determined to be acceptable by the College in accordance with standards, requirements, and procedures established for the College's Teaching and Learning Academy (TLA) and:

- Complete at least five (5) years of satisfactory service at Valencia College, based on the criteria established by the College, during a period not more than seven (7) years.
- Receive the recommendation of the President and approval by the District Board of Trustees based on successful performance of duties, demonstration of professional competence pursuant Valencia policies and procedures, and the needs of the College.

Following a discussion, Ms. Stockwell moved to approve the award of continuing contracts to the faculty members as recommended and presented. Mr. Sasso seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Dr. Isis Artze-Vega thanked the TLA for leading and facilitating the support structure that helps tenure candidates develop a reflective approach to teaching anchored in active learning, action research, and the Essential Competencies of a Valencia Educator.

**4. 2022-2023 Operating Budget Framework:** Mr. Loren Bender, Vice President, Business Operations and Chief Financial Officer, presented the report, which was distributed to the Board. Following full discussion, Mr. Sasso moved to approve the 2022-2023 Operating Budget Framework, as presented. Ms. Stockwell seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Bender thanked Mr. Oscar Cristancho Mercado, Assistant Vice President, Budget and Analysis; Ms. Vanessa de la Paz-Ramos, Director, Budget and Analysis; Ms. Christine Kretchik, Director, Accounting; Ms. Jackie Lasch, Assistant Vice President, Financial Services; Ms. Katrina Manley, Senior Director, Accounting; Ms. Diane Fahr, Director, Accounting; and their team, for their great work.

The Board thanked Mr. Bender for his great work.

**5. Information and Technology/Student Affairs Technical Support for Financial Aid – CampusWorks, Inc.:** Dr. Brandon McKelvey, Vice President, Technology, Research, and Analytics, presented the report, which was distributed to the Board. Dr. McKelvey shared that as Valencia emerges from the pandemic, substantial opportunities have been identified to improve the students' experiences through the financial aid and enrollment process. One of the core recommendations from the College's business process review has been to provide financial aid awards to students earlier, develop a new registration calendar that supports Valencia's strategic access goal, and fully use the functionality of existing software. These efforts will result in the following outcomes for FY23 and beyond:

- Provide financial aid awards to students 8-12 weeks earlier than in prior years
- Restructure enrollment calendars to provide registration 6-8 weeks earlier than in prior years
- Reengineer our core systems to achieve operational efficiencies in financial aid and enrollment
- Extend new software capacities to students, staff, and faculty

Following a full discussion, Mr. Sasso moved to authorize the College to enter into a mutually agreeable contract for services with CampusWorks, Inc., with a not-to-exceed budget of \$754,048, as presented. Mr. Martinez seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

**6. Approval of Student Fees 2022-2023:** Mr. Bender presented the 2022-2023 Student Block Tuition & Fee Rate Schedule for Board consideration and approval. For the ninth consecutive year, this proposed schedule includes no increase in matriculation, technology, student financial aid, student activity, or capital improvement fees. These fees are specified in the proposed Fee Schedule, which was distributed to the Board.

Following a discussion, Mr. Hansen moved to approve the 2022-2023 Student Block Tuition & Fee Rate Schedule and changes in laboratory fees, as presented. Ms. Stockwell seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Ms. Stockwell, and seconded by Mr. Sasso, to consider, accept, and approve items 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12 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:

- 7. Approval of 2022-2023 College Catalog**
- 8. Policy Adoptions and Repeal**
  - *Adopt Policy 6Hx28: 2-04 – AIDS and HIV*
  - *Adopt Policy 6Hx28: 5-05 – Vehicle Use College Business*
  - *Adopt Policy 6Hx28: 5-11 – College Property Control*
  - *Adopt Policy 6Hx28: 9-06 – Grant Funding*
  - *Adopt Policy 6Hx28: 8-04 – Student Possession or Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages*
- 9. Additions, Deletions, or Modifications of Courses and Programs**
- 10. Continuing Education Programs and Courses**
- 11. Submission of Grant Proposals**
- 12. Property Deletion**

**Reports**

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

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

**Strategic Discussion**

Dr. Plinske provided an overview of the 2030 Strategic Impact Plan Goal Four - College Access, which was distributed to the Board. The report included a baseline visualization, progress through 2017-18, and leading indicators.

Dr. Plinske shared that Valencia will work with community partners to ensure that, by 2030, 80% of Orange and Osceola County high school graduates of each race and ethnicity will attend a post-secondary institution, including vocational or technical school, college or university, in the year following high school graduation.

Dr. Plinske thanked Dr. McKelvey, Mr. Daryl Davis, Assistant Vice President, Analytics and Reporting, and his team, for their work in support of this goal.

**Board Comments**

The Board thanked the Lake Nona Campus team for coordinating the hands-on experience tour of the biotechnology lab.

**Adjourn**

Chair Lopez-Cid adjourned the Regular Meeting at 11:55 a.m.



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