



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

**Minutes**

**September 1, 2022**

Valencia College – Osceola Campus, Room 1-123  
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  
June 23, 2022  
Regular Meeting,  
July 28, 2022  
Organizational  
Meeting and July 28,  
2022 Workshop**

Mr. de la Portilla moved to approve the meeting minutes of the June 23, 2022, Regular Meeting, the July 28, 2022 Organizational Meeting, and the July 28, 2022 Workshop, as presented. Ms. Stockwell seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

**President's Report**

Dr. Plinske introduced State Representatives Kristen Arrington and Fred Hawkins, and Dr. Henry Mack, Senior Chancellor, Florida Department of Education, and recognized them for their leadership and support.

Dr. Plinske announced that the College is planning to host Valencia's first ever Fall Commencement Ceremony, to celebrate the College's Summer 2022 and Fall 2022 graduates. The ceremony will be held at 2pm on Tuesday, December 13, 2022, at the UCF Addition Financial Arena.

Dr. Plinske thanked the Board for their participation at the July 28, 2022 Board Workshop.

Dr. Plinske discussed her participation at the Florida College System (FCS) Equity Funding Formula meeting at St. Petersburg College, on August 10, 2022.

Dr. Plinske reminded the Board that the Valencia Foundation will be hosting its inaugural gala on Saturday, September 17, 2022, at the Loews Portofino Bay Hotel, Universal Orlando Resort.

Dr. Plinske shared a video which captured Valencia student Salma Sánchez's success story. Ms. Sánchez is a 2022 graduate of Tohopekaliga High School, and an Osceola Prosper participant. Dr. Plinske shared that this Spring, Ms. Sánchez was one of more than 80,000 applicants to participate in the Adobe Certified Professional Competition, which gives students the opportunity to showcase their digital communication skills. Based on her submission, she was invited to advance to both the national and world championships, bringing home first place and title of world champion to Osceola County.

**Faculty Association Report**

Ms. Doreen Watson, President, Faculty Association, expressed her excitement over the start of the new academic year, and thanked the Board members for their support.

**Student Government Association Report**

Ms. Julia Keske, Osceola Campus SGA Vice President, and Ms. Ornella Vintimilla, Student Leader, presented the report, which was distributed to the Board. Ms. Keske and Ms. Vintimilla shared the SGA's mission of serving, advocating, and representing the student body, and reported on current events and initiatives.

The Board thanked the SGA team for their great work.

**Public Comments**

No public comments were offered.

**New Business**

- 1. Award of Sole Source (SS) 2022-29, Advanced Robotics Learning Factory:** Mr. Joe Battista, Vice President, Global, Professional, and Continuing Education, presented the report, which was distributed to the Board. Mr. Battista stated that on June 27, 2022, Valencia College received a \$3,757,021 grant from the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) to support the creation of a Robotics Technician Program, located at the Advanced Manufacturing Training Center. The 20-week program will support the emerging need for technicians with expertise working with robots and robotic equipment in production and distribution environments. The industries incorporating robotics technology include semiconductors (chips), manufacturing, and distribution sectors.

Following a discussion, Ms. Stockwell moved to authorize the College to award Roots Education, Co., LLC, the sole source procurement of the Robotics Integrated Learning Factory Trainers, including the services, curriculum, and customized equipment designed to integrate within a Valencia's program, in the amount of \$2,475,000. Mr. Martinez seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

- 2. Fund Balance Spending Plan:** Mr. Loren Bender, Vice President, Business Operations and Chief Financial Officer, presented the report, which was distributed to the Board. Mr. Bender shared that in accordance with s. 1013.841, F.S., (End of Year Balance of Florida College Systems Institution Funds), each Florida College System institution with a final FTE of 15,000 or greater for the prior year that retains an operating fund carry forward balance in excess of seven percent shall submit to the State Board of Education a spending plan for its excess carry forward balance. Currently, Valencia College maintains \$50,527,557 in operating carry forward funds. Mr. Bender indicated that the spending plan ensures the reduction of the College's operating fund balance to \$19,285,894 or 7% fund balance, as required by law.

Following a discussion, Ms. Stockwell moved to approve the Fund Balance Spending Plan, as presented. Ms. Smith seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Sasso, and seconded by Ms. Stockwell, to consider, accept, and approve items 3, and 4 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. Additions, Deletions, or Modifications of Courses and Programs**  
**4. Property Deletion**

**Reports**

**A. Final Report on Student Financial Aid Grants (HEERF):** Mr. Bender presented the report, which was distributed to the Board. The report included an overview of the final disbursement of Valencia's allocation of student financial aid grants.

Dr. Plinske thanked Mr. Bender, Ms. Jackie Lasch, Assistant Vice President, Financial Services, her team, and the College's Financial Aid team, for their great work.

**B. Fall Enrollment Report:** Dr. Lesley Frederick, Vice President, Student Affairs, presented the report, which was presented to the Board. Dr. Frederick stated that the College's credit enrollment is up by 1.2% overall, and the number of enrolled first time in-college students is more than 25% higher than in Fall 2021.

Dr. Plinske and the Board thanked Dr. Frederick, her team, and the Osceola Prosper team for supporting students at the front door, which resulted in many more students completing the enrollment process.

**C. Financial Report:** Mr. Bender presented the report, which was distributed to the Board. Mr. Bender indicated that the College's financial positions are positive and on target.

**D. Valencia Foundation Report:** The report was distributed to the Board. Dr. Plinske thanked the Valencia Foundation team for their great work.

**Strategic Discussion**

Dr. Plinske provided an overview of the 2030 Strategic Impact Plan - Career Credentials. The report was distributed to the Board. The report included a baseline visualization, data related to changing demographics and equity, student progress through 2020-2021, a review of the College's degree/certificate programs with the highest number of graduates, leading indicators. Future strategic discussions in which the Board would like to engage were also identified.

A full discussion ensued.

**Board Comments**

The Board thanked the Osceola Campus team for providing Board members the opportunity to experience the application for admission process.

**Adjourn**

Chair Lopez-Cid adjourned the Regular Meeting at 11:49 a.m.

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Secretary

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Chair