



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

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Minutes

August 10, 2023

Valencia College – Osceola Campus, Building 1, Room 123
and
Zoom Meeting

Members Present

Ms. Daisy Lopez-Cid, Chair (via Zoom)

Ms. Beth Smith, Vice Chair

Mr. Angel de la Portilla

Mr. John Davis

Mr. John Martinez

Mr. Michael Sasso

Ms. Tracey Stockwell

Dr. William J. Mallowney, Vice President for Policy and General Counsel

Call to Order

Vice Chair Smith called the Organizational Meeting of the District Board of Trustees of Valencia College to order at 9:35am. A quorum of the board was present.

Public Comments

No public comments were offered.

Dr. Plinske introduced SkyWater Technology special guests Mr. Dale Miller, Vice President and General Manager, Mr. Ben Larry, Director of Human Resources, and Mr. Chris Rehder, Equipment and Engineering Manager. Dr. Plinske shared that SkyWater Technology is a semi-conductor and technology foundry, located in NeoCity. Dr. Plinske stated that SkyWater Technology has been very generous in its support of Valencia, including helping develop training programs related to semi-conductor production.

SkyWater Technology was essential in developing the content for the College's Accelerated Skills Training Robotics Technician program. Last year, Valencia partnered with SkyWater Technology on their summer internship program, where a Valencia student from the Industrial Automation Technician program, also known as Mechatronics, participated in a 12-week internship, and was later hired as a full-time facilities technician. In Spring 2023, the College collaborated with SkyWater Technology to develop a framework for a new associate in science degree in Semi-conductor Engineering Technology. The degree framework was submitted to the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) for review and is currently pending approval.

Dr. Plinske thanked SkyWater Technology for their partnership with Valencia.

**Election of Chair
and Vice Chair**

Dr. Plinske recognized Chair Lopez-Cid for her great service, while serving as Chair of the District Board of Trustees during the past two years. Dr. Plinske, in recognition of Chair Lopez-Cid's exemplary service to Valencia, informed Chair Lopez Cid that she was being awarded with an Honorary Associate in Arts Degree from Valencia College. Due to Ms. Lopez-Cid's participation via Zoom today, Dr. Plinske indicated that Valencia will formally present Ms. Lopez-Cid with her Honorary Degree at the Fall Commencement ceremony, to be held December 12, 2023.

Dr. Mallowney, Vice President for Policy and General Counsel, reviewed Board protocols with respect to the election of officers.

Mr. Martinez moved to elect Ms. Smith as Chair of the Board, and Mr. Sasso seconded the motion. The motion was accepted, and approved unanimously, by acclamation.

Ms. Stockwell nominated Mr. Sasso for election as Vice Chair of the Board. The nomination was seconded by Mr. Martinez. Nominations for the position of Vice Chair were closed. Ms. Stockwell moved to elect Mr. Sasso as Vice Chair of the Board. Mr. Martinez seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

**Election of Board
Representative to the
Valencia Foundation
Board of Directors**

Mr. Martinez moved to re-elect Ms. Stockwell to serve as Board representative to the Valencia College Foundation Board of Directors. Mr. Sasso seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

**Revised 2023-2024
District Board
Meeting Schedule**

Ms. Stockwell moved to approve the proposed revision to the 2023-2024 District Board meeting schedule, as presented. Mr. Sasso seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Adjournment

Dr. MULLOWNEY adjourned the Organizational Meeting at 9:50am.

Secretary

Chair

State of Florida
County of Orange

I, the undersigned authority, hereby certify that this document is a true and exact copy of the August 10, 2023, Organizational Meeting minutes of the Valencia College District Board of Trustees wherein the Board authorized the Chair and Secretary (President), or their designees, to sign all official documents for the College.

Solange Fernández del Pino, Notary Public, State of Florida