



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

WORKSHOP

Minutes

August 10, 2023

Osceola Campus, Building 1, Room 123

and

Zoom Meeting

Members Present

Ms. Beth Smith, Chair

Mr. Michael Sasso, Vice Chair

Mr. John Davis

Ms. Daisy Lopez-Cid

Mr. John Martinez

Ms. Tracey Stockwell

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

Member Absent

Mr. Angel de la Portilla

Call to Order

Chair Smith called the Workshop meeting of the District Board of Trustees of Valencia College to order at 9:51 a.m.

**Approval of
Minutes, June 22,
2023 Regular
Meeting**

Mr. Martinez moved to approve the meeting minutes of the June 22, 2023, Regular Meeting, as presented. Mr. Davis seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

**Sale of District
Office and Adjacent
Land**

Dr. William Mallowney, Vice President for Policy and General Counsel, presented the report, which was distributed to the Board. A full discussion ensued. Following discussion, Mr. Sasso moved to authorize the College to sell the District Office property and the adjacent undeveloped land to Falcon's Treehouse, LLC, for \$10.3million and enter into a purchase and sale agreement consistent with the deal points specified in the written summary

attached to report, as presented. Ms. Stockwell seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

President's Contract of Employment 2023-2027

Dr. Mullowney presented a proposed action in furtherance of the Board's discussion preceding its approval of the current President's Contract of Employment 2023-2027, to amend the Study Leave paragraph in the Contract, and the proposed language was distributed to the Board.

A full discussion ensued.

Following discussion, Chair Smith moved to approve the proposed action to amend the President's Contract of Employment 2023-2027, which authorizes the adjustment of the study leave expense reimbursement provision from "an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00" to "an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00", given the expiration of the \$20,000.00 moving expense reimbursement provision contained in the President's prior contract without its use by the President, and in recognition of the benefits to the College and the Foundation associated with the President's pursuit of an additional doctoral degree in philanthropy. Mr. Sasso seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Discussion Topics

- **Board Self-Evaluation – 2022-23:** A summary of the results of the 2022-2023 Board Self-Evaluation was distributed to the Board and presented by Dr. Plinske. The Board engaged in a full discussion with respect to this topic, including highlighting how committed the Board is to the College's mission, how well the Board understands its governance role related to policy and strategy, and how the Board fully embraces its fiduciary responsibilities.

The Board engaged in a full discussion with respect to this topic.

Ms. Stockwell made a recommendation for the Board to consider implementing an annual no-conflict of interest affirmation, as a best practice.

Mr. Sasso made a recommendation for the Board to consider reviewing Board quorum requirements with respect to the College's meetings of the District Board of Trustees.

- **President's Goals for 2023-24:** Dr. Plinske presented her goals for 2023-24, which were distributed to the Board. Dr. Plinske shared that while she expects to make significant progress toward each of her goals in 2023-24, work on many will continue into 2024-25 and beyond, serving as a framework for her leadership for the next three to five years.

A full discussion ensued with respect to this topic.

The Board recessed at 10:40am.

The Board reconvened at 10:50am.

- **Who We Serve:** Dr. Plinske, and Dr. Lesley Frederick, Vice President, Student Affairs, presented the report, which was distributed to the Board. The presentation included highlighted student demographics, program type enrollment data, credit full-time equivalent (FTE) enrollment data, credit programs by type, age, gender, race/ethnicity, county and race/ethnicity, and enrollment status.

A full discussion ensued with respect to this topic.

- **Preparing for Reaffirmation of Accreditation:**

- **Overview of Reaffirmation Process:** Dr. Plinske provided an overview of the College's reaffirmation of accreditation process by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC).

Dr. Plinske shared that the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) team will conduct Valencia's accreditation site visit on November 13-16, 2023, and will meet with the Board November 15, 2023, 12:15-1:30pm, at the West Campus.

- **Review of College Mission Statement:** Dr. Plinske provided an overview of the College's Mission Statement, which was distributed to the Board. Dr. Plinske recommended that the College's Mission Statement be updated after SACSCOC completes the November 2023 College's accreditation process.

A full discussion ensued with respect to this topic.

- **Update on Quality Enhancement Plan:** Dr. Isis Artze-Vega, Provost and Vice President, Academic Affairs, presented the report, which was distributed to the Board. The report included an overview of the Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP), compliance in SACSCOC requirements, and gateway course success strategies.

The Board engaged in a full discussion with respect to this topic.

- **Legislative Implementation Report:** Dr. Mallowney presented a summary of Valencia's 2023 legislative implementation efforts to date. The report was distributed to the Board. Dr. Mallowney shared that the College closely tracked 105 bills that, if passed, would or might impact the College. Of these bills, 29 passed both the House and the Senate and

were approved by the Florida Governor. Dr. Mallowney indicated that ten of these bills require special attention by the College, in terms of implementation and compliance.

A full discussion ensued with respect to this topic.

Dr. Plinske made a recommendation to present updates to the legislative implementation report to the Board at future meetings.

The Board recessed at 1:38pm.

The Board reconvened at 1:48pm.

- **College Facilities and Real Estate Planning:** Dr. Brandon McKelvey, Executive Vice President, Administrative Services, presented the report, which was distributed to the Board. The report included a summary of the College's current locations of facilities, programs and services.

A full discussion ensued.

The Board thanked Dr. Plinske, and the Senior team for their great work.

Adjournment

Chair Smith adjourned the Board Workshop at 2:40pm.

Secretary

Chair