

**Minutes
District Board of Trustees
Tallahassee Community College
444 Appleyard Drive
Tallahassee, FL 32304
August 26, 2021
Business Meeting – 2:30 PM**

The August 2021 District Board of Trustees meeting was called to order by Outgoing Chair Messersmith at approximately 2:30 p.m.

Members Present: Outgoing Chair Messersmith, Trustees Callaway, Kilpatrick, Lamb, and Moore

Absent: Trustee Ward

Via phone/Zoom: Incoming Chair Grant

Others Present: President Murdaugh, Candice Grause, Lenda Kling, Cherri Raines, Elaine Reavis, Rick Stanford, Washington Sanchez, Craig Knox, Kim Moore, Melinda Rodgers, Nyla Davis, Rob Chaney, Bobby Jones, Barbara Wills, Jessica Griffin, Adria Gumbel, Lei Wang, Bill Spiers, Percy Griffin, Ron Cave, Steve Outlaw, Calandra Stringer, Anthony Jones, Mat Maier, Gerald Jones, Shawn Marcum, Bryce Bass, Tristen Owens, Rodolph Adonis, Danny James, Frank Brown, Pamela Johnston, Jerry Carreas, Gregory Williams, Walt McNeil, Donmetrie Clark, Sheri Rowland, Frank Mix and Berneice Cox

COMMENTS

i. Board Chair Messersmith asked everyone to stand for a moment of silence and the pledge of allegiance. He referenced the change in Board date due to Tropical Storm Henri and shared Trustee Grant is on the phone.

ii. Board Members – Trustee Moore indicated the GED graduation was outstanding. Trustee Kilpatrick referenced the need for adjuncts, saying this speaks volumes. Trustee Grant stated the Eagles Rise graduation was a celebratory event. Trustee Lamb commended everyone for the work they are doing.

iii. President Murdaugh shared he got to spend some time in July with Chair Messersmith, while the Chair played in a band at the Wakulla Senior Center. He thanked the Board for working to change the Board Meeting date and said it is so much fun to have students back on campus.

He recognized Provost Stringer and VP Rowland. VP Rowland said we have exceeded our enrollment goal by over three percent (3%) in headcount and almost seven percent (7%) in our credit hours, indicating it will be interesting to see the national numbers. Provost Stringer stated with all the new students we are overwhelmed in a good way; sharing we have seven hundred twenty-three (723) face-to-face; five hundred fifty-one (551) regular online and two hundred forty-seven (247) TCC Live classes.

VP Rowland said this is the first time fall enrollment has been up since 2012. President Murdaugh commended Provost Stringer who has mostly new Deans and Associate Deans, sharing she is now teaching. He disclosed she combined three (3) algebra classes and is teaching them in Turner Auditorium.

President Murdaugh recognized Steve Outlaw, the new Executive Director of the Florida Public Safety Institute. Mr. Outlaw said it is a honor to be here, indicating they train humans to do public safety work.

President Murdaugh introduced Wes Hardin, the new campus Chief of Police. Chief Hardin said he found his love working on campuses with students, saying their wish is to provide a public service.

President Murdaugh recognized Trustee Karen Moore and many of her company's prestigious awards, indicating the company is celebrating their twenty-ninth (29th) year in business.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. June 21, 2021 Meeting

Request Board approve minutes as presented.

MOTION: Trustee Lamb **SECOND:** Trustee Moore

Motion passed unanimously.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

2. The District Board of Trustees 2021 Board Self-Evaluation Recommend the District Board of Trustees of Tallahassee Community College acknowledge and accept the results of the 2021 Board Self-Evaluation as presented.

MOTION: Trustee Kilpatrick **SECOND:** Trustee Moore
Motion passed unanimously.

3. Election of Officers

Chair Messersmith thanked everyone for their support throughout the challenging year. Motion was made for Trustee Grant to be Chair and Trustee Lamb to be Vice-Chair.

MOTION: Trustee Moore **SECOND:** Trustee Kilpatrick
Motion passed unanimously.

Incoming Chair Grant apologized for not being available and thanked Vice-Chair Lamb for stepping in for him today. President Murdaugh presented a plaque to outgoing Chair Messersmith for his year of service. Incoming Vice-Chair Lamb resumed the meeting.

INFORMATION AND NEWS ITEMS

VP Moran introduced media clips for certifications in Gadsden County that come with a summer job, GED graduation, anonymous donation for student tuition, tuition payoff for students in zip code 32304, fifty percent (50%) scholarship match for employers that wish to train their employees, fall enrollment, recruitment for adjunct instructors, etc.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

PRESENTATIONS

VP Mitchell recognized Rebecca Roe and Deanna Brannan for a scholarship in support of law enforcement students to honor their dad, Willis Booth. The sisters spoke about law enforcement and their father. President Murdaugh shared this was significant to him, since he began his professional career in law enforcement and knew Willis Booth.

VP Mitchell announced an anonymous scholarship in support of those living in the 32304 zip code and have gone to Rickards, Godby or SAIL High Schools; sharing a video of the first recipient.

President Murdaugh recognized Commander Rick Stanford, who provided some background on the Purple Heart award for those who have given so much. President Murdaugh read the proclamation for the Military Order of the Purple Order. Colonel (Retired) Washington Sanchez presented a plaque to TCC.

Rob Chaney announced fifty-three (53) our of student athletes won All-Academic Honors, with a cumulative GPA of 3.03 and four (4) a perfect 4.0. He shared Men's Outdoor Track was named the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Academic Team of the Year, with the students introducing themselves and disclosing where they are from.

Mr. Chaney said he attained one of his goals, since the National Cross-Country races for Divisions I & II will be in Tallahassee next year. Prompted by President Murdaugh, Mr. Chaney shared he has accepted a position with the Florida College System Activities Association (FCSAA) as their Associate Director.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Consent Agenda

4. Human Resources Report
Approve the report as presented.
5. Attorney Invoice – Bryant Miller Olive (June 2021)
Authorize payment of invoices as presented.
6. Sponsored Programs – Provider
Authorize funding for the awards and contracts as presented.
7. Sponsored Programs – Fiscal Agent
Authorize funding for the awards and contracts as presented.

8. Architect Invoices
Authorize payment of architectural invoice as presented.
Motion was made to approve the consent agenda.
MOTION: Trustee Moore **SECOND:** Trustee Messersmith
Motion passed unanimously.

TCC Foundation

9. TCC Foundation Update
VP Mitchell said she would be happy to answer any questions.
None required. Report provided for information only.
10. TCC Foundation – Gift Acceptance
VP Mitchell indicated this piece had previously been displayed on our campus.
Accept gift as presented.
MOTION: Trustee Kilpatrick **SECOND:** Trustee Moore
Motion passed unanimously.

Academic Affairs

11. Dual Enrollment Articulation Agreements with County School Boards and Public Charter Schools
That the Board approve the articulation agreements.
MOTION: Trustee Messersmith **SECOND:** Trustee Kilpatrick
Motion passed unanimously.
12. Dual Enrollment Articulation Agreements with Private Schools
That the Board approve the articulation agreements
MOTION: Trustee Messersmith **SECOND:** Trustee Moore
Motion passed unanimously.
13. Academic Curriculum Changes
Trustee Kilpatrick asked if this was driven by something, with Provost Stringer saying there is a committee that continually reviews. Trustee Messersmith inquired if there were any increases in total hours required, with Provost Stringer saying the Correctional Probation Officer program added two (2) additional hours.
That the Board approve the recommendation for the program revisions, course additions, deletions, and revisions as attached.
MOTION: Trustee Moore **SECOND:** Trustee Kilpatrick
Motion passed unanimously.

Administrative Services

14. Construction Status Report
Presented as an information item only.
15. Fund Analysis – August
For information only, no Board action required.
16. Annual Inventory of Property Assets
Trustee Messersmith inquired about the items that were missing, with VP Wills stating they filed a police report so this could be brought to be Board.
Presented as an information item only, no action required.
17. Disposition of Surplus Property Assets
Authorize the College to dispose of the items listed.
MOTION: Trustee Moore **SECOND:** Trustee Kilpatrick
Motion passed unanimously

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

WORKSHOP

Prosperity 32304

President Murdaugh stated the Florida Chamber Foundation presented information on the 32304 zip code at a conference, indicating it has the highest rate of poverty in the State of Florida and that he decided to take on the project to see what could be done to make a difference. He said Chief of Staff Grause has done most of the work and we invited Berneice Cox, United Way, which does great work in this area.

Ms. Grause said they have collected a lot of data from various resources, stating the poverty line for a family of four (4) is about twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000). She shared in the 32304 zip code fifty-six percent (56%) are in poverty, eighty-one percent (81%) of third (3rd) graders are reading below level and ten percent (10%) are without any type of health insurance coverage.

She stated TCC is located in the 32304 zip code; a top employer and as a community college offers education, a career pathway and many amenities. She said seventy percent (70%) of our students graduate debt free and we are very community focused. She referenced the many various training programs available at TCC and indicated that while thirteen percent (13%) of residents do not have access to a car, we offer students discounted bus passes.

Ms. Cox shared that in Leon County one (1) in two (2) are in or at the edge of poverty. She said they serve this group by providing housing (rental and mortgage assistance), early learning via Reading Pals (pre-k through 3rd grade), health and mental health (increased needs during COVID), food (providing daily meals) and skills development (TCC can implement a new skills program quickly). President Murdaugh said it was important to include United Way – this is not a TCC initiative.

Ms. Grause referenced food insecurity - Second Harvest for food distribution and upcoming food lockers, Talon's Market and The Moore Agency providing eleven thousand (11,000) meals to children in the 32304 zip code. She shared we pulled together a group of people, including students, to brainstorm ideas and develop next steps – indicating we are looking at how the student population affects the 32304 zip code and have decided to focus on those areas not student centric.

President Murdaugh shared we will hear others talk about prosperity in 32304. He stated we are not interested in doing press conferences and photo ops, we want to make a difference – like the scholarship donation VP Mitchell got. He said the homeless population is missing in the numbers presented, although we know they exist. He stated our hope is we will find some promising practices that are working and can be scaled.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

None

NEXT MEETING DATE

September 20, 2021

Location: **Main Campus**

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at approximately 4:45 p.m.

Minutes approved at the regular meeting of the District Board of Trustees on September 20, 2021.

W. Eric Grant
Chair

Jim Murdaugh, Ph.D.
President