

**HILLSBOROUGH COLLEGE
DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2026 – 4:00 P.M.
DR. GWENDOLYN W. STEPHENSON
DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION CENTER BOARD ROOM
4115 NORTH LOIS AVENUE
TAMPA, FL 33614
MINUTES**

1.0 GENERAL FUNCTIONS

1.01 Call to Order

Trustee Celestan identified the meeting as a special meeting of the District Board of Trustees and provided justification for the meeting per College Administrative Rule 6HX-10-1.02.

This meeting was also held by Zoom video conferencing. The public was reminded that questions or comments can be submitted to the Trustees' email address at any time.

1.02 Invocation

1.03 Pledge of Allegiance

1.04 Roll Call

1.04.01 Oath of Office – Mr. Stephen Bunch

The following Trustees were in attendance:

- Greg Celestan
- Brian Lametto
- Michael Garcia
- Clay Hollis
- Stephen Bunch
- Nicolas Castellanos

2.0 HEARING OF STUDENTS

3.0 HEARING OF CITIZENS

3.01 Citizen Joe Robinson addressed the Board regarding the agenda item presented.

3.02 Citizen Karen Jaroch addressed the Board regarding the agenda item presented.

4.0 HEARING OF FACULTY AND STAFF

4.01 Faculty member Joshua Courson addressed the Board regarding the agenda item presented.

10.0 LEGAL REPORT

10.01 Trustee Celestan found cause to amend the original item and presented the item 10.01 (amended).

The President invited Ken Babby, CEO of the Tampa Bay Rays, to the podium to present to the Board and the public some information and images of a re-imagined Hillsborough College Campus.

The President invited Jon Squires, HC General Counsel, to present the amended item to the Board.

The President recommended Board approval and execution of the Non-Binding MOU as presented and authorization of the President or his designee to make modifications in consultation with the parties.

Trustee Lametto made a motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Garcia. After due discussion and consideration, approval was given by aye vote of all members present.

11.0 HEARING OF BOARD MEMBERS

11.01 Trustee Castellanos made a positive statement regarding the strength, resiliency and adaptability of the Faculty, Staff and Students of Hillsborough College.

11.02 Trustee Garcia stated that it is a tremendous day for the future of Hillsborough College, Major League Baseball and the for the City of Tampa.

11.03 Trustee Lametto agreed with Trustee Garcia's statement.

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:23 P.M.