

**HILLSBOROUGH COLLEGE
DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 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

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

The following Trustees were in attendance:

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

1.05 Welcome to Guests, Staff and Faculty

1.06 Foundation Report

Garrett Weddle, Executive Director for the Foundation, provided the Board with a brief update of the HCF activities and support.

1.06.01 The Foundation Report was sent to the Board under separate cover and included:

- New gifts and commitments \$5.5M (July-March) Down 7% from last year's YTD total (\$5.9M).

1.06.02 Highlights:

- Scholarship portal now open for Fall 2026 applications
- Net Assets as of 3/31/2026: \$24.7M

1.06.03 Events:

- Planning out calendar for next fiscal year.

1.07 Faculty, Staff and Student Recognitions

Kaley Infield, Director, Marketing and Strategic Communications, provided the following faculty, staff and student recognitions:

- 1.07.01 Six Hillsborough College students, **Arturo Aliaga, Melissa Fethiere, Lys Guevara, Isabella Marques, Leonardo Ospina Campos and alumna Dannyelle Philip** were announced as semifinalists for the prestigious Jack Kent Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship. The highly competitive scholarship supports high-achieving transfer students nationwide, with recipients being announced in May.
 - 1.07.02 At the Florida College System SGA End-of-Year Conference, SGA Vice President **Lys Guevara** received the Region 2 Student Leader of the Year award, and advisor **Dylan Booth** earned the statewide Vee Severs-Choate Advisor of the Year award.
 - 1.07.03 The Coding Club earned first place overall at an Intercollegiate Programming Competition, with our top three students finishing 2nd, 4th and 6th individually. The club is led by advisor **Andrew Seely** and student president **Hita Reddy Pothula**.
 - 1.07.04 Plant City Campus SGA President **Autumn Plummer** was named Florida College System SGA Student of the Month. She was recognized for her service-driven leadership and consistent dedication to improving student experience.
 - 1.07.05 Visual arts students **Abigail Arabiego** and **Lavinia Scharlack** each received a \$3,000 Gasparilla Arts Collegiate Scholarship for 2026. Only five students are selected each year, and Hillsborough College was proud to have two recipients.
 - 1.07.06 The **Alpha Gamma Theta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa at the Plant City Campus** was selected as a 2026 Distinguished Theme Award recipient—an honor awarded to just 25 chapters out of thousands nationwide. This recognition highlights the exceptional work and impact of our students and advisors.
 - 1.07.07 On March 27, **Dr. Kaya Hamer-Small** began her term as President of the Southern Regional Honors Council, representing 95 institutions across the Southeast. Her election further elevates the College’s leadership in the regional honors community, with HC set to host the 2027 conference in Orlando.
- 1.08 The President requested that agenda item 8.07 be removed from this month’s agenda.
The Chair recommended adoption of the Agenda, *with the exception of item #8.07*, all revisions to the Agenda and approval of all Agenda items marked “**Consent.**”
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.
- 1.09 The President recommended approval of the **February 25, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes**
Trustee Garcia made a motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Lametto. After due discussion and consideration, approval was given by aye vote of all members present.

2.0 HEARING OF STUDENTS

3.0 HEARING OF CITIZENS

4.0 HEARING OF FACULTY AND STAFF

- 4.01 Faculty member Jason Shiver addressed the Board regarding wages and bargaining.

5.0 HUMAN RESOURCES

- 5.01 The President recommended approval of individuals for **full-time employment**. These individuals will be compensated in accordance with the Board-approved Salary Schedule.
- 5.02 The President recommended approval of **part-time faculty and staff employment** recommendations for Term 26/SP. Each part-time employee will be compensated in accordance with the Board-approved Salary Schedule.
- 5.03 The President recommended acknowledgment of **employment separations**.
- 5.04 The President recommended approval of four faculty members to be granted Sabbatical Leave during the 2026-2027 academic year.
- Natalie Bisciglia, Humanities, SouthShore Campus
 - Vincent Centonze, Veterinary Technology, Plant City
 - Danielle Clark, Business, Dale Mabry Campus
 - Sarrah Conn, Sociology, Ybor City Campus.

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

6.0 EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS & STUDENT SERVICES

- 6.01 The President recommended Board **approval of all consent items** and the **course modifications for FA/26**, unless otherwise noted.
- 6.02 The President recommended Board approval of the **Dual Enrollment Annual Articulation Agreement between Hillsborough College and Brandon Academy**.

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

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7.0 INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES

8.0 FINANCIAL SERVICES

- 8.01 The President recommended Board approval of the application for **final payment in the amount of \$5,701.15 to Williams Company Tampa** for completion of repairs to stabilize the exterior envelope of the Learning Resource Center building and replacement of the shade sails damaged by Hurricane Milton at the Dale Mabry Campus.

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

- 8.02 The President recommended Board approval of the application for **final payment in the amount of \$22,727.89 to Horus Construction Services, Inc.** for completion of the renovation of the nursing lab located in the Science Building (PSCI) at the Plant City Campus.

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

- 8.03 The President recommended Board approval of the application for **final payment in the amount of \$143,610.19 to Barr & Barr** for completion modifications to the roof covering the auditorium located on the fourth floor of the Technology Building (DTEC) at the Dale Mabry Campus.
- Trustee Bunch made a motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Garcia. After due discussion and consideration, approval was given by aye vote of all members present.
- 8.04 The President recommended Board approval of the application for **final payment in the amount of \$19,733 to Eastern Waterproofing & Restoration of Virginia, LLC** for completion of envelope repairs for the Educational Partnership Center (PEPC) and two maintenance buildings located at the Plant City Campus.
- 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.
- 8.05 The President recommended Board approval for the application for **final payment in the amount of \$65,348.99 to The Kearney Companies, LLC** for all labor and materials and the performance of all work necessary or incidental to the **parking lot improvements and a roundabout addition at the College's Dale Mabry Campus.**
- Trustee Garcia made a motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Lametto. After due discussion and consideration, approval was given by aye vote of all members present.
- 8.06 The President recommended Board approval for the application for **final payment in the amount of \$131,313.13 to The Kearney Companies, LLC** for completion of all labor and materials necessary to improve the **parking lot improvements at the College's Ybor, Brandon, Plant City, Southshore Campuses.**
- Trustee Bunch made a motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Lametto. After due discussion and consideration, approval was given by aye vote of all members present.
- 8.07 This agenda item was removed.
- 8.08 The President recommended Board approval of **Budget Amendment number 5 to decrease Fund 1 (current unrestricted fund) and to increase Fund 7 (unexpended Plant Fund).**
- Trustee Bunch made a motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Garcia. After due discussion and consideration, approval was given by aye vote of all members present.
- 8.09 The President recommended Board **acceptance of the Financial Audit Report No. 2026-151.**
- Trustee Bunch made a motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Garcia. After due discussion and consideration, approval was given by aye vote of all members present.
- 8.10 Information Only – Exempt Quarterly (Past) Purchases. None to Report.
- 8.11 Information Only – Monthly Financial Statements for January and February 2026.

9.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

- 9.01 The President asked Director Eric Johnson to update the Board on the legislative agenda for the College.
- 9.02 The President reminded the Board that Graduation is on May, 1, 2026 at the Florida State Fairgrounds. He noted that we have 1487 graduates that are walking across the stage.

10.0 LEGAL REPORT

11.0 HEARING OF BOARD MEMBERS

- 11.01 Student Trustee Castellanos reported on the FCS SGA end of the year conference he attended this month. Also, he organized a USF tour for all Student Government students and said it went very well. He thanked all the campuses for the invitations to all the Student Excellence Awards; he was able to attend a few and enjoyed them. He mentioned the Ybor City Campus Child Development Center; he was glad that he had an opportunity to visit and experience it before it closes later this month.
- 11.02 Trustee Bunch thanked Dr. Baia, Dr. Stephan and Dr. Niehaus for his recent tour of their campuses.
- 11.03 Trustee Garcia stated that it is always a pleasure to be here every month. He is looking forward to his first commencement and celebrating the students accomplishments.
- 11.04 Trustee Lametto stated that Graduation Day is the best Board day of the year.
- 11.05 Trustee Hollis said that he is looking forward to Graduation. He commented that he attended the Presidential Showcase and it was fantastic. He gave a shout out to the HC Foundation team and to Ms. Nancy Watkins as well for her award. He also attended a few Student Excellence Award ceremonies, and he enjoyed every one of them.
- 11.06 Trustee Celestan echoed Trustee Hollis' comments regarding The Presidential Showcase and complimented the HC Foundation. He thanked the DM SGA for inviting him to lunch recently and how much he enjoyed it. He thanked all the Faculty and Staff as the semester and school year ends.

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:33 p.m.