

**HILLSBOROUGH COLLEGE
DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2026 – 3:00 P.M.
DR. GWENDOLYN W. STEPHENSON DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION CENTER
BOARD ROOM
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
- ~~Brian~~ Lametto (virtually)
- Michael Garcia
- Clay Hollis
- Stephen Bunch (virtually)
- Nicolas Castellanos

1.05 Welcome to Guests, Staff and Faculty.

2.0 HEARING OF STUDENTS

3.0 HEARING OF CITIZENS

3.01 Three citizens addressed the Board regarding the item being presented.

4.0 HEARING OF FACULTY AND STAFF

4.01 Two staff members addressed the Board regarding the item being presented.

5.0 HUMAN RESOURCES

6.0 EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND STUDENT SERVICES

7.0 INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES

8.0 FINANCIAL SERVICES

9.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

10.0 LEGAL REPORT

10.01 The President recommended approval of proposed Ground Lease with the Tampa Bay Rays, LLC for portions of the Dale Mabry Campus.

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

11.0 HEARING OF BOARD MEMBERS

11.01 Student Trustee Castellanos made comments regarding the recent VPK Graduation, Student Success Committee, HOPE Scholars Gala, and the Dale Mabry Student Excellence Award Ceremony.

11.02 Trustee Garcia – no comment

11.03 Trustee Hollis commented that the Board and college staff has diligently reviewed the lease and is confident in moving forward with its approval. He stated that the purpose of the Board is to protect the needs, the future of the College and its students. Finally, he said that this project is a generational investment into the community.

11.04 Trustee Lametto – no comment

11.05 Trustee Bunch – no comment

11.06 Trustee Celestan – He stated that he sees this project as a “win- win” for the college and surrounding community. He also recognized and appreciated those who came to address the Board with their comments. He thanked the legal team for their diligence in reviewing documents. He stated that we have a good partner in Ken Babby and the Rays, they have done a great job in negotiating in good faith. He is looking forward the success of this deal.

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:25 PM