

**HILLSBOROUGH COLLEGE
DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 2026 – 4:00 P.M.
YBOR CITY CAMPUS
2112 NORTH 15TH STREET
TAMPA, FL 33605**

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
- Stephen Bunch
- Nicolas Castellanos

1.05 Welcome to Guests, Staff and Faculty.

Dr. Larissa Baía, Ybor City Campus President, welcomed the Board to the campus. She introduced her administrative team and thanked them for being there. She introduced Nerissa Lamison, Department Chair of the Radio, Television, Film program. She shared a presentation highlighting each aspect of the program.

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 \$5.93M (July-April) Down 10% from last year's YTD total (\$6.52M).

1.06.02 Highlights:

- 830 completed scholarship applications, awards will be given by the end of May
- Net Assets as of 4/30/2026: \$23.7M

1.06.03 Events:

- HC Retiree Luncheon, HC Foundation Faculty/Staff Event, June 17, 2026, Shanna & Bryan Glazer JCC, Tampa
- Scholarship Partner Luncheon, HC Foundation Donor Appreciation Event, September 24, 2026, Shanna & Bryan Glazer JCC, Tampa
- Hawks Line & Sinkers, HC Foundation Fishing Tournament Supporting Workforce, October 8, 2026, Hula Bay Club
- HC Foundation Golf Classic, HC Foundation Supporting Athletics, November 23, 2026, Tampa Palms Country Club, New Tampa
- National BBCB Summit, March 2-5, 2027, Tampa Convention Center
- HC Presidential Showcase, HC Foundation Supporting First-Gen Scholarships, April TBD, 2027, Armature Works, Tampa

1.07 Faculty, Staff and Student Recognitions

Angela Eveillard, Executive Director, Marketing and Public Relations, provided the following faculty, staff and student recognitions:

- 1.07.01 **Cheyenne Olson**, SouthShore SGA coordinator spoke at the TEDxSaintLeo2026 event at Saint Leo University about “The Power of Being Seen: Why Vulnerability Wins in the Digital Age”
- 1.07.02 **Jonathan Squires**, General Counsel, has been appointed as Vice Chair of the Education Law Certification Committee of the Florida Bar.
- 1.07.03 **Garrett Weddle**, Hillsborough College Foundation Executive Director completed Leadership Tampa Bay program.
- 1.07.04 SouthShore student **Kamila Baez** was nominated for Student of the Month for the Florida College System Student Government Association
- 1.07.05 SouthShore English faculty member **Dr. Kara Lawson** presented at two national conferences – the Conference on College Composition and Communication Annual Convention as well as the Two-Year College English Association National Conference, exploring the challenges and strategies for balancing teaching, scholarship and advocacy in two-year college settings; and examining how labor-based grading practices can respond to the rise of generative AI in writing instruction.
- 1.07.06 The HC Artificial Intelligence Open Educational Resources Creation team consisting of **Deborah Barr, Melissa Brooks, Eric Fiske, Ilen Frank, Kristin Heathcock, Josh Hill, Lana Iapicco, Mo Kotaiche, Zeinab Motawe, Andrew Seely, Carol Stallworth, Shelley Stewart and Maria Louise Torres** were awarded a 2025-2026 Innovation of the Year recognized by the League for Innovation.
- 1.07.07 **HC Lady Hawks Tennis** won the 2026 **National Junior College Athletics Association (NJCAA) Division I Women’s Tennis National Championship** during the national tournament held in Sumter, South Carolina, on May 2-6. This is the team’s fourth national championship title in school history and the third in the last four years.

NJCAA 1st team all American singles:

Younsoo Cho, Salomea Jasiczek, Sydney Stark, Noah Rojas, Aisulu Zholbolat, Emily Lederer.

NJCAA 1st team all American doubles:

Younsoo Cho, Sydney Stark, Aisulu Zholbolat, Noah Rojas, Salomea Jasiczek, Emily Lederer.
Coach of the Tournament: Sarah Lytle

- 1.08 The Chair recommended adoption of the Agenda, all revisions to the Agenda and approval of all Agenda items marked **“Consent.”**
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.
- 1.09 The President recommended approval of the **April 22, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes**.
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.

2.0 HEARING OF STUDENTS

3.0 HEARING OF CITIZENS

4.0 HEARING OF FACULTY AND STAFF

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 individuals for **part-time employment** during Term 26/SU. 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 **annual contracts**, as appropriate, for **full-time non-tenured instructional personnel**.
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.
- 5.05 The President recommended approval of the **awarding of administrative contracts** for the 2026 – 2027 fiscal year.
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.
- 5.06 The President recommended approval for the faculty (list attached in agenda) to receive **Rank and Promotion**.
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.
- 5.07 The President recommended approval for the **faculty** (list attached in agenda) to be **awarded continuing contracts**.
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.

6.0 EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS & STUDENT SERVICES

- 6.01 The President recommended approval of the **Dual Enrollment Annual Articulation Agreement between Hillsborough College and the School Board of Hillsborough County.**

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.

- 6.02 The President recommended approval of **HC's general education course offerings** and the reviewed general education inventory spreadsheet

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.

7.0 INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES

8.0 FINANCIAL SERVICES

- 8.01 The President recommended approval of **Amendment No. 2**, to the **Contracted Bookstore Management Agreement between Hillsborough College and Barnes & Noble College Booksellers, LLC** and authorize the appropriate College officials to execute the amendment.

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 Information Only – Monthly Financial Statements for March and April 2026.

9.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

- 9.01 The President invited Sarah Lytle, Tennis Coach, to the podium. He then shared a news video highlighting the HC Tennis Champions. The Board congratulated them and the team.

- 9.02 The President asked Director Eric Johnson, to update the Board on the legislative agenda for the College. He shared a presentation outlining all agenda items.

- 9.03 The President recognized the newly chosen Student Trustee, Kamila Baez, that was in attendance. She will be sworn into office at the August 2026 Board meeting.

- 9.04 The President invited Nicole Jagusztyn, Vice President for Strategic Planning & Analysis, to the podium to update the board on the colleges annualized FTE numbers. Enrollment looks very good; we are up 4% setting a record for the college.

10.0 LEGAL REPORT

- 10.01 Board Counsel Rhonda Stringer reminded the Board that their self-evaluation forms are due by Friday, May 29th.

11.0 HEARING OF BOARD MEMBERS

- 11.01 Student Trustee Castellanos thanked Ybor Campus for their hospitality. He thanked Dr. Rafael Fuentes for helping to shape his path. He also thanked Dr. Dionna Doss for inviting him to the Student Success Committee. He congratulated the National Champion Tennis Team and complimented the Radio, television and film program. He welcomed Kamila Baez to the board.

- 11.02 Trustee Bunch congratulated the Tennis Team. He recognized Greg Rose and wished him the best moving forward. He has enjoyed working with him.
- 11.03 Trustee Lametto thanked Dr. Baia for the hospitality. Congratulated the Tennis team. Thanked Nerissa Lamison for the awesome presentation.
- 11.04 Trustee Hollis reiterated all that had been said before him. Congratulated the Tennis team. Glad to be at the Ybor campus, thanked Dr. Baia.
- 11.05 Trustee Celestan congratulated the Tennis Team and thanked Dr. Baia for hosting the meeting. He thanked Greg Rose and his team for their hard work, dedication and integrity. He wished him god speed in his new position.

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:58 p.m.