HILLSBOROUGH COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2026 – 4:00 P.M.
DR. GWENDOLYN W. STEPHENSON
DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION CENTER
4115 N. LOIS AVENUE, TAMPA, FL 33614

MINUTES

1.0 GENERAL FUNCTIONS

1.01 Call to Order – Trustee Chair Celestan passed the gavel to the new Chair, Brian Lametto.

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 – Prior to roll call, Student Trustee Kamila Baez was sworn in.

The following Trustees were in attendance:

- Greg Celestan
- Mike Garcia
- Clay Hollis
- Brian Lametto
- Stephen Bunch
- Kamila Baez

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 $7M (Annual FY Total) 11% increase over last year's total ($6.28M).

1.06.02 Highlights:

- Current Net Assets $25.2M
- 41 Major Gifts in FY 26 (14% increase over last fiscal year)
- Full staffing for the Foundation
- Nearly $2M awarded in Foundation Scholarships to 962 students

1.06.03 Events:

- Scholarship Partner Luncheon, HC Foundation Donor Appreciation Event, September 24, 2026, Shanna & Bryan Glazer JCC, Tampa
- Hawks Line & Sinker, 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 **Sarah Lytle** has been named the Florida College System Activities Association Council for Athletic Affairs Chair.

1.07.02 Brandon Campus Academic Affairs Dean, **Kellie Geary,** completed the League for Innovation AI Fellows Program.

1.07.03 HC students **Shauna Keller Pereira and Amaia Delgado** were named 2026 Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise Scholars.

1.07.04 **Garrett Weddle,** Executive Director, HC Foundation was appointed to the Florida Council for Resource Development Board of Directors. The mission of Florida Council for Resource Development (FCRD) is to support and equip advancement professionals so that they succeed in fundraising and philanthropic resources development across the Florida College System.

1.07.05 **Rich Senker**, Vice President for Academic Affairs was accepted into the Leadership Tampa Class of 2027.

1.08 The Chair recommended adoption of the Agenda, all revisions to the Agenda and approval of all Agenda items marked **"Consent."**

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

1.09 The President recommended approval of the **June 24, 2026 Board Meeting minutes.**

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.

2.0 HEARING OF STUDENTS

2.01 HC Student Matthew Addison addressed the Board.

3.0 HEARING OF CITIZENS

3.01 Citizens Betsy Braden and Laura Lawson addressed the Board.

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 and 26/FA. 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 Board approval of the **updated contract language in the FUSA College Bargaining Agreement,** articles 5.2 and 14.9**.**

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

5.05 The President recommended Board approval of the **2026-27 salary scale increase of 3% and step increase as well as increase to the overload rate** for eligible full-time faculty members effective August 13, 2026

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.

5.06 The President recommended Board approval of the **contract for 2026-2029 between the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) staff and the College**.

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.

5.07 The President recommended Board approval **of the 2026-2027 Salary Schedule, effective August 13, 2026 for faculty and July 1, 2026 for staff.**

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.

6.0 EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS & STUDENT SERVICES

6.01 The President recommended Board approval of the **course modifications and course termination, effective SP/27 and FA/27** unless otherwise noted.

6.02 The President recommended Board approval of HC's **general education course offerings, the reviewed general education inventory spreadsheet**, the signing of the certification form to be submitted to the Office of K-20 Articulation by September 1, 2026, and the submission of necessary changes to SCNS as listed in the spreadsheet that was included in the agenda materials.

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

6.03 The President recommended Board approval of the **Dual Enrollment Annual Articulation Agreement between** Hillsborough College and the **Learn to Thrive Academy, West Gate Christian School, and NLT Academy.**

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.

7.0 INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES

7.01 The President recommended Board approval of the **Foundation's Use of College Resources for Fiscal year 2027.**

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

7.02 The President recommended Board approval of the **designation of the Plant City Campus nursing instructional spaces as the Mary McKie Marchner Nursing Suite and the Marchner & Martin Family Collaboration Room** in recognition of the Marchner and Martin families'

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

8.0 FINANCIAL SERVICES

8.01 The President recommended Board approval of the **amendment to the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Operating Budget for the Current Unrestricted Fund (Fund 1)**, decreasing the revenue and expenditure budget by $250,000 to reflect the final state funding allocations and the exclusion of the requested Artificial Intelligence Program Support appropriation.

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

8.02 The President recommended Board approval of the **Budget Amendment Number 2 for the Current Unrestricted Fund (Fund 1) and Budget Amendment Number 1 for the Unexpended Plant Fund (Fund 7)**

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.

8.03 The President recommended Board approval to enter into an agreement with **Pure Project Management, LLC of Tampa**, Florida to provide Owner's Representative and Project Management for Construction Services in connection with the development of a new building(s) at the Dale Mabry 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.

8.04 The President recommended Board approval of the **amendment to the College's Annual Update of the Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan** for submittal to the Division of Florida Colleges and for inclusion in the Division's annual Capital Improvement Plan and Legislative Budget Request for capital projects.

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.

8.05 Information Only – Monthly Financial Statements for June 2026.

9.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

9.01 The President reminded the Board about the ACCT conference coming up in October 2026. He also shared the renderings of the new campus with the Board. He thanked the Board for appointing Trustee Mike Garcia as liaison to the new campus project to help the college navigate the process.

10.0 LEGAL REPORT

11.0 HEARING OF BOARD MEMBERS

11.01 Student Trustee Baez shared that she is very excited to be working with the Board and thanked the Trustees for the warm welcome she has received.

11.02 Trustee Bunch thanked Dr. China for his recent visit to SouthShore Campus.

11.03 Trustee Garcia spoke of the upcoming votes with the city and county regarding the potential redevelopment of the area and re-imagining of the campus. He reassured the public that the Board has heard the concerns and said that the Board is working very hard to meet the college's needs and decisions are made with the best interests of the college. He stated this is a generational opportunity, and the Board agrees unanimously on moving forward with the project.

11.04 Trustee Celestan added to Trustee Garcia's statements; he stated that if this project moves forward it will be a great opportunity for students of Hillsborough College to have state of the art facilities, superior to what we currently have. The Board has the student concerns at heart. He thanked the public for their comments.

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:48 p.m.