HILLSBOROUGH COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2026 – 4:00 P.M.
YBOR CITY CAMPUS, YBOR ROOM
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
- Mike Garcia
- Clay Hollis
- Brian Lametto
- Stephen Bunch
- Kamila Baez

1.05 Welcome to Guests, Staff and Faculty. Dr. Larissa Baia, Ybor City Campus President. Dr. Baia updated the Board on the Hospitality Programs that started at the campus this fall, that were originally at Dale Mabry campus. She thanked Dr. Neihaus and the faculty for a smooth transition. A concept presentation was shown to the Board for future facilities. She invited Sheila Rios, Dean of AS Programs at Ybor Campus, to the podium to provide more details on the process. Dr. Baia then invited Kristen Burke, Senior Director of Business Development at Feeding Tampa Bay to speak about the partnership between HC and Feeding Tampa Bay.

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 $1.02M (July-August) 23% decrease over last year's annual total ($1.33M).

1.06.02 Highlights:

- Current Net Assets $25.7M
- Scholarship Student Portal is open for Spring 2027

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
- Harvesting the Future Capital Campaign Gala - SouthShore
- 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

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 **Katie Bardsley,** Associate Dean of Academic Affairs at the Brandon Campus, earned a degree of Education Specialist (Ed.S.) in Educational Leadership.

1.07.02 **Jon Squires** gave a continuing legal education presentation on recent First Amendment case law decisions at the Fall Meeting of the Florida Bar Education Law Committee.

1.07.03 **Elizabeth Key-Raimer** was elected to serve a 3-year term on the Florida Education Association Governance Board and appointed to chair the Education Committee for the West Central Region Council of Leadership Florida.

1.07.04 **Jeremy Bullian** was seated as a Delegate to the West Central Florida Labor Council of the FL AFL-CIO.

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

Trustee Bunch 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 **August 26, 2026 Board Meeting minutes.**

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.

2.0 HEARING OF STUDENTS

3.0 HEARING OF CITIZENS

3.01 The following citizens addressed the Board: Elizabeth Braden, Gail Gibson, Cynthia Shellabarger, Laura Lawson, Pippin Gilbert, Roxie Lackman and Michelle Verdisco.

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/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 **revised 2026-2027 Salary Schedule.**

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 **proposed adjustment to decrease the Distance Learning fee to be effective SP/27ourse modifications and course termination, effective SP/27 and FA/27** unless otherwise noted.

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.

6.02 The President recommended Board approval of the **course fees effective Spring 2027 and Fall 2027** unless otherwise noted.

Trustee Bunch made a motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Celestan. 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 **review and acceptance of the annual audit** of the Hillsborough College Foundation, Inc. for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026

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.

8.0 FINANCIAL SERVICES

8.01 The President recommended Board approval of the **Amendment No. 4 to the contract with Barr & Barr establishing a Guaranteed Maximum Price in the amount of $1,333,277 for renovations to the 1st floor of SMPF Pod 1 at the SouthShore campus.**

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.

8.02 The President recommended Board approval of the **application for final payment in the amount of $290,457.36 to Horus Construction Services, INC. of Tampa, Florida for the Elevator Enhancement at the Technology Building (DTEC) at the Dale Mabry Campus, as reviewed and recommended by Wilder Architecture.**

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.

8.03 The President recommended Board approval of the **FY 2025-2026 carryforward spending plan.**

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 Information Only – The preliminary unaudited financial statements have been revised since being presented at the August Board of Trustees meeting.

8.05 Information Only – Monthly Financial Statements for July 2026.

8.06 Information Only – Exempt Quarterly Past Purchases.

9.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

9.01 The President reminded the Board about the ACCT conference coming up in October 2026.

10.0 LEGAL REPORT

11.0 HEARING OF BOARD MEMBERS

11.01 Each Board member thanked Ybor Campus and Dr. Larissa Baia for their hospitality in hosting the Board meeting.

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:57 p.m.