

Minutes
District Board of Trustees
Tallahassee State College
444 Appleyard Drive
Tallahassee, FL 32304
Tuesday, February 17, 2026
Business Meeting & Workshop – 2:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER

On Tuesday, February 17, Chair Eugene Lamb called the Tallahassee State College District Board of Trustees meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

Chair Lamb asked everyone to stand for a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Chair Eugene Lamb, Vice Chair Christian Caban, Sara Bayliss, Monesia Brown, and Karen Moore.

Absent: Trustees Jonathan Rees and Monte Stevens.

Others Present: President Jim Murdaugh, Shelly L. Bell, Dustin Frost, Frank Mix, Christen Givens, Angela Long, Ali Enriquez, Nyla Davis, Sean McGovern, Amanda Clements, Wayne Mayo, Katie Bahmann, James Mattern, Wayne Almay, Trevoris McDaniel, Tricia Rizza, Jennifer Peavy, Tawana Carter, Nick Vick, Freddy Menendez, Mindy Gentry-Stranburg, Calandra Stringer, Brendie Hawkins, Steve Nettles, Barbara Wills, Heather Mitchell, Riley Landy, Anthony Jones, Bryan Bacallao and Bertie Culbreath.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

I. Chair Remarks:

Chair Lamb mentioned that he and President Murdaugh attended the signing of the Ignite Memorandum of Understanding at Florida A&M University.

II. Trustee Remarks:

- a. Trustee Brown shared that she attended TSC's annual Day at the Capitol and thanked VP Heather Mitchell's team.
- b. Trustee Moore thanked President Murdaugh and VP Mitchell for the extraordinary TSC Day at the Capitol and the Heroes in Health Care event.
- c. Vice Chair Caban mentioned he is looking forward to a great meeting.

- d. Trustee Bayliss shared that she enjoyed the TSC Day at the Capitol and was very impressed by how the TSC departments were represented. The students were very proud of TSC and their academic areas. She thanked VP Mitchell and her team for the event.

III. President's Remarks:

President Murdaugh praised the TSC Day at the Capitol and noted that it was our second year hosting the event. He congratulated Trustee Karen Moore for being named a finalist for the Trustee of the Year in the 2026 AACC Awards of Excellence, and noted he is a finalist for CEO of the Year. They will attend the AACC conference in April.

President Murdaugh reported that the TSC Foundation introduced an AI-Powered Virtual Engagement Officer and invited Vice President Heather Mitchell to provide an overview. Mitchell noted that TSC is the first college or university in Florida to implement this technology.

He recognized that the TSC Association of Florida Colleges (AFC) chapter for being named AFC Platinum Chapter of the Year, earning the highest score ever awarded by the judges and earning recognition as the top chapter in Florida. He congratulated Tawana Carter on her leadership as the AFC Chapter President.

President Murdaugh shared that he and Board Chair Lamb attended the Florida A&M University Board of Trustees Meeting on February 12 to sign the Ignite Memorandum of Understanding, which identifies TSC as the preferred transfer institution of Florida A&M.

He highlighted TSC's role in the Classroom of the Future conference at the Center of Innovation in partnership with Florida's K-12 AI Education Task Force. He thanked Dr. Angela Long for her leadership in coordinating the event.

Additional updates included the Sunshine State Debate for the Florida College System and recognition of the recent Heroes in Healthcare: The Golden Mirror Awards program.

President Murdaugh then introduced Kirk Pepper of GrayRobinson, who provided an update on the College's legislative agenda. Mr. Pepper reported that TSC is requesting \$8 million for Phase 2 of the Gadsden Center Expansion, and \$10 million for the Applied Learning Center for Health and Hospitality. He noted that the Florida House has included \$4 million for the Gadsden Center Expansion in its budget proposal. President Murdaugh encouraged trustees to reach out to legislators about the importance of these projects for the College and surrounding communities, particularly Gadsden County.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. 2026 January Minutes

Approve Minutes as presented.

MOTION: Trustee Moore

SECOND: Trustee Brown

Motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATION AND NEWS ITEMS

Amanda Clements, Vice President for Communications, shared an overview of recent media coverage for the College.

Highlights included:

- Florida Politics, Tallahassee Democrat, and WCTV coverage of the Florida Bright Futures Mega Event held at the TSC Fine and Performing Arts Center.
- WTXL feature on the Classroom of the Future, using AI as a learning tool for student success.
- The Gadsden County Times and The Chattahoochee News-Herald coverage of the 26th annual Cherry Hall Alexander African American History Calendar.
- A Your Turn article by President Murdaugh titled, Our Session Priority: Workforce Training That Delivers.
- TSC's Foundation's new AI-powered virtual engagement officer feature in the Tallahassee Democrat.
- The 2026 Awards of Excellence finalists from the American Association of Community Colleges were announced in Community College Daily and on the AACC website. President Murdaugh and Trustee Karen Moore are among the finalists.
- Two mentions in the Tallahassee Democrat featuring the 2nd annual TSC Day at the Capitol
- Broadcast clips featured the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship event, TSC workforce job training, TSC Day at the Capitol, and Classroom of the Future

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

PRESENTATIONS - VP Heather Mitchell introduced the following donors:

Dale Neely, CEO; Dr. Robert Atwater, Chief Medical Officer; and Dr. Ed Moore, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, from HCA Florida Capital Hospital, were recognized for a \$10,000.00 sponsorship gift for Cleaver & Cork Sous Chef.

Wayne Mayo, President and Founder, and Vanessa Anderson, Vice President, of Southern Standard Construction, were recognized for a \$10,000 gift as the Cleaver & Cork Progressive Cocktail Party Presenting Sponsor.

Approval of Consent Agenda

The consent agenda format is an organization process for meetings that allows the governing board to focus their time and attention on action items that require more elaboration, information, and/or discussion. The intent of the consent agenda is to support the efficiency and effectiveness of the meeting.

If a trustee has a question or plans to cast a negative vote regarding a specific recommendation, then the trustee/trustees need to acknowledge their intention to the Chair. This action item will be considered in the regular order of business as an individual action item.

Those action items that the trustees plan to approve without further question or discussion will remain on the consent agenda. Upon the final determination of the consent agenda, a motion, second to the motion, and unanimous approval of the Board of Trustees is needed to approve the action items. Upon approval of the consent agenda, the Board of Trustees will proceed with the remainder of the agenda.

2. Human Resource Report
Approve the report as presented.
3. Attorney Invoices – Bryant Miller Olive (January 2026)
Authorize payment of invoices as presented.

Motion to Approve Consent Agenda

MOTION: Vice Chair Caban **SECOND:** Trustee Moore
Motion passed unanimously.

TSC Foundation

4. TSC Foundation Update
Presented as an information item only.

Academic Affairs

5. Academic Curriculum Changes
Approve the proposed academic curriculum changes.

MOTION: Trustee Brown **SECOND:** Trustee Vice Chair Caban
Motion passed unanimously.

Administrative Services

6. Construction Status Report

Presented as an information item only.

7. Certificate of Final Inspection – Library Improvements - Maker Space Renovations

Approve the attached Certificate of Final Inspection, Office of Educational Facilities (OEF) Form 209, authorizing final payment to Southern Standard Construction LLC, for the Main Campus Library Improvements - Maker Space Renovations project.

MOTION: Trustee Moore
Motion passed unanimously.

SECOND: Trustee Brown

8. Fund Analysis - January

For information only, no Board action required.

9. Sponsored Programs – Provider

Authorize funding for the awards and contracts as presented.

MOTION: Trustee Brown
Motion passed unanimously.

SECOND: Trustee Moore

10. Recommendation for Architectural Services

Approve the recommendation to award this project to DAG Architects as presented.

MOTION: Trustee Moore
Motion passed unanimously.

SECOND: Vice Chair Caban

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

WORKSHOP- Innovation Hub

Presented by Dr. Anthony Jones, Dean, Library Services and Learning Commons, and Dr. Nick Vick, Dean, Applied Science and Technology.

PowerPoint was shown.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Upcoming Events

- February 20: 17th Annual Black History Public Safety Appreciation Breakfast at FPSI. Calendar invitations were sent to trustees.
- March 5: TSC will host the Florida Cybersecurity Advisory Council & Government Technology Modernization Council, chaired by Lt. Governor Collins. A ribbon-cutting for the Innovation Hub will happen that day at 11:15 a.m. Calendar invitations will be sent to trustees.
- March 9: Florida Trend magazine at the Florida Public Safety Institute
- March 11: Women's History Month ceremony. Save-the-Date invitation was emailed to trustees.
- March 16 – 20: Campus will be closed for Spring Break.
- April 30: 2026 Spring Commencement. 5:15 pm arrival time. A Save-the-Date calendar invitation was sent to trustees.

NEXT MEETING DATE

March 23, 2026

Location: **Center for Innovation.**

ADJOURNMENT at 3:41 p.m.

Eugene Lamb
Chair

Jim Murdaugh, Ph.D.
President