

**Minutes
District Board of Trustees
Tallahassee State College
Wakulla Environmental Institute
170 Preservation Way
Crawfordville, FL 32327
Monday, April 20, 2026
Business Meeting & Workshop – 2:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

On Monday, April 20, 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, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Chair Eugene Lamb; Trustees Sara Bayliss, Monesia Brown, Karen Moore, and Monte Stevens.

By Phone: Trustee Jonathan Rees.

Absent: Vice Chair Christian Caban.

Others Present: President Jim Murdaugh, Nyla Davis, Christen Givens, Bertie Culbreath, Dustin Frost, Sheri Rowland, Don Herr, Camden Smit, Shelly Bell, Jenni Morrie, Nick Vick, Wayne Almy, Tricia Rizza, Jennifer Bradley, Calandra Stringer, Niraj Patel, Mindy Stranburg, Ali Enriquez, Sean McGovern, John Schultz, Jennifer Peavey, Rachel Pientz, Heather Bryan, Cerissa Fondo, Barbara Wills, Hope Childree, Steve Nettles, Jessica Revell, Frank Messersmith, Angela Long, Brendie Hawkins, Alison Fleischmann, Jason Fowler, Linda Oakes, Riley Landy, Amanda Clements, Kevin Vaughn, Tonya James, and Janet Hartman.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

- I. Chair Remarks:
Chair Lamb called for a motion to allow Trustee Rees to participate in the meeting and vote by phone.

MOTION: Trustee Stevens **SECOND:** Trustee Moore
The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Lamb shared that he attended StuFac and thanked the staff for their efforts.

II. Trustee Remarks:

- a. Trustee Brown shared that attending StuFac was a great opportunity.
- b. Trustee Moore thanked President Murdaugh, Dr. Long, and Dr. Smit for nominating her for the Trustee of the Year award at the AACC conference. She noted that, for the second consecutive year, Tallahassee Collegiate Academy had a student qualify for the Poetry Out Loud competition. Esinam Agama, a junior at TCA, will travel to Washington, D.C., to compete nationally. She placed third in 2025 and is also a 2026 Sunshine State Scholar. She further shared that TCA has 53 seniors graduating with both a dual degree and a high school diploma.
- c. Trustee Bayliss congratulated Trustee Moore on her award and shared that a former student spoke highly of the educational baccalaureate program. The student worked as a paraprofessional at Kate Sullivan School while attending evening classes. Trustee Bayliss noted she plans to share this opportunity with her high school students.
- d. Trustee Stevens shared that he attended the Forensics Team's national tournament in Washington, D.C., and noted that the team performed exceptionally well. He thanked President Murdaugh, Dr. Stringer, Dr. Rowland, and John Schultz for their support.
- e. Trustee Rees extended congratulations to the College and shared that he looks forward to attending the next meeting in person.

III. President's Remarks:

President Murdaugh introduced Superintendent Rick Myhre of Wakulla County Schools. Superintendent Myhre shared that Wakulla County values its strong partnership with Tallahassee State College, noting that collaboration enhances the educational environment and supports student success. He emphasized the importance of continuous improvement in Wakulla County schools and expanding postsecondary attainment opportunities for educators.

President Murdaugh invited John Schultz, TSC's Theatre faculty member and Forensics Team coach, to share recent team successes. Mr. Schultz explained that the team selected *The Hunger Games* as its national competition theme and worked closely with Vice President Amanda Clements and her team to ensure compliance with copyright guidelines while elevating the College's branding. He noted that TSC has hosted the national tournament for four years—the only institution to do so—and described the event as a significant success made possible by strong institutional support.

Mr. Schultz reported that all seven team members advanced to elimination rounds—an achievement reached only five times in his tenure. He also shared

that the team has now earned a Team Sweepstakes Award for 26 consecutive years and received the Perpetual Sweepstakes Award with 2015 points.

President Murdaugh then invited Vice President Sheri Rowland of Student Affairs to provide information regarding the men's basketball team's tournament selection. VP Rowland explained the governance structure of intercollegiate athletics, including oversight by the Florida College System Activities Association, Council for Athletic Affairs, National Junior College Athletic Association, and Region 8. The athletic directors meet before the season to discuss tiebreaker rules and ensure they are documented in the Panhandle Conference policies posted on the FSCAA website. In the Panhandle Conference, tournament participants would be determined by the Massey ratings. She detailed the Panhandle Conference's use of Massey ratings and noted that this year marked the first four-way tie. Due to selection limits, only three of the four teams could advance.

President Murdaugh also updated the Board on resolutions recognizing the men's and women's basketball teams, which have been signed by the Chair. He congratulated Trustee Moore on being named Trustee of the Year and Dr. Stringer on receiving the Phi Theta Kappa Distinguished Administrator Award. He further recognized the College for being named a 2026 Most Promising Place to Work in Community Colleges for the sixth time and extended belated birthday wishes to Trustee Brown. He thanked Vice President Clements and her team for their responsiveness in communicating timely updates to the community from the Governor's office.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. 2026 March Minutes

Approve minutes as presented.

MOTION: Trustee Moore **SECOND:** Trustee Brown
Motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATION AND NEWS ITEMS

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

Highlights included:

- Inclusion in the Florida Trend Education Guide, featuring a Forensics team member and communications intern, Natali Gordon, appearing in the ad.
- Recognition as a Most Promising Place to Work in Community Colleges.
- Florida Politics coverage of the Innovation Hub opening, History Festival, and *Eyrie* unveiling.
- Tallahassee Democrat coverage of five things to do around Tallahassee, and highlighting the TSC Theatre, *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*.
- Community College Daily recognition of award winners, including Trustee of the Year, Karen Moore.
- Broadcast coverage of the Undergraduate Research Symposium, Ignite Day, and the unveiling of the Sheriff Ken Katsaris courtroom.
- Upcoming Spring Commencement.
- VP Clements thanked the trustees for sharing College news on social media.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

PRESENTATIONS

Alison Fleischmann, Director of Development, introduced Heather Bryan, Executive Director of the Wakulla County Chamber of Commerce, who presented a \$10,000 gift to establish the Burt Poole Scholarship endowment.

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. Attorney Invoices – Bryant Miller Olive (March 2026)
Authorize payment of invoices as presented.

3. Human Resource Report
Motion to Approve Consent Agenda

MOTION: Trustee Stevens **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 proposed academic curriculum changes.

MOTION: Trustee Brown **SECOND:** Trustee Stevens
Motion passed unanimously.

6. Regional Career Pathway Agreements 2025–2026
Approve agreements as presented.

MOTION: Trustee Moore **SECOND:** Trustee Stevens
Motion passed unanimously.

Administrative Services

7. Fund Analysis – March
Presented as an information item only.

8. Renewal of Professional Services Contract – Legal Services
Approve renewal with Longfellow, Landy & Revell for one year (July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027).

MOTION: Trustee Moore **SECOND:** Trustee Brown
Motion passed unanimously.

9. Construction Status Report
Presented as an information item only.

10. Architect Invoices
Authorize payment as presented.

MOTION: Trustee Stevens **SECOND:** Trustee Bayliss
Motion passed unanimously.

11. Sponsored Programs – Provider
Authorize funding as presented.

MOTION: Trustee Stevens **SECOND:** Trustee Moore
Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

WORKSHOP

Vice President Shelly Bell, Workforce Development, provided a workshop presentation on the Wakulla Environmental Institute program and facility expansion.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- April 22: Athletics Banquet, 6–8 p.m., Lifetime Sports Complex
- April 23: Cords & Coin Reception, 1:00 p.m., Veterans Success Center, Building CT 41
- April 29: Spring Healthcare Pinning, 4:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m., Lifetime Sports Complex
- April 30: Spring Commencement, arrival at 5:15 p.m., Donald L. Tucker Civic Center
- May 13: Heroes in Public Safety Awards Banquet, 6–8:30 p.m., FSU Dunlap Champions Club

NEXT MEETING DATE

May 18, 2026

Location: **Ghazvini Center for Healthcare Education**

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:41 p.m.

Eugene Lamb

Jim Murdaugh, Ph.D.

Chair

President