

**HILLSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE
DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 2025 – 4:00 P.M.
DR. GWENDOLYN W. STEPHENSON DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION CENTER
BOARD ROOM
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
- Chip Diehl
- Brian Lametto
- Aakash Patel
- Nancy Watkins

1.05 Welcome to Guests, Staff and Faculty.

Dr. Jennifer China hosted the Board meeting due to the inability to host in September 2024 during the threat of hurricane Helene. She welcomed the board, faculty, staff and guests to the meeting. Her presentation was titled "*HCC South Shore Alumni, our Greatest calling Card.*" She introduced Mr. Justin Coffie and Ms. Ocean Levine. They both shared their heartwarming and encouraging HCC success stories with the Board. She also presented each of the alumni student speakers with an award.

1.06 Foundation Report

Garrett Weddle, Executive Director for the Foundation, provided the Board with a brief update of the HCCF activities and support.

1.06.01 The Foundation Report was sent to the Board under separate cover and included:

- New gifts and commitments \$5.64M (July-Jan) up 9% compared to last year (5.17M).

1.06.02 Highlights:

- Hiring a new Gift Officer to replace vacant position
- Current net assets \$22.4M
- Successful Presidential Showcase.

1.06.03 Events:

- HCC Fishing Tournament, May 23, 2025 at Hula Bay.

1.07 Faculty, Staff and Student Recognitions

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

- 1.07.01 Arts student **Marie “Ryan” King** won \$3,000 from the Gasparilla fine art festival in the student category.
 - 1.07.02 **Brandon Campus Professor Christina Connor and Andrew Magrath** participated in the International Association of the Fantastic in the Arts (IAFA) conference in March.
 - 1.07.03 **The Dental Hygiene** program had a 100% pass rate on the National Dental Hygiene Board Examination.
 - 1.07.04 **Milly Marrero Rivera**, the Brandon Campus Academic Success Center's Bilingual Services Coordinator, has had two short stories published in the Spanish language Literature Magazine, *MarqueZine*.
 - 1.07.05 **Thomas Neff**, MA, LDO, ABO-AC, NCLE-AC was named the National Academy of Opticianry Educator of the Year.
 - 1.07.06 **HCC Lady Hawks Tennis** won the 2025 Florida College System Activities Association (FCSAA) State Champions.
 - 1.07.07 Athletics Director **Sarah Lytle** won FCSAA Tennis Coach of the Year.
 - 1.07.08 **Catherine Goldman**, second year student, won the FCSAA Player Tennis of the Year.
 - 1.07.09 **Alix Baptiste**, SouthShore Campus SGA Secretary, received the Florida College System Student Government Award for Student of the Month for the month of April.
 - 1.07.10 **Professor Denise Bristol** SouthShore Biological Sciences Faculty presented two sessions at the Association for the Sciences of Limnology and Oceanography conference in Charlotte, NC
 - 1.07.11 Brandon Campus Student **Katelynne McCoy** has been selected to receive a \$7,500 Phi Theta Kappa Hites Transfer Scholarship. Additionally, she was selected as a 2025 PTK Dr. Adam James Pre-Medical Student Scholar and will receive a **\$1,500 scholarship**.
- 1.08 The Chair recommended adoption of the agenda, all revisions to the agenda and approval of all agenda items marked “**Consent**.” The President asked to revise the agenda to withdraw agenda item 6.04.
- Trustee Watkins made a motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Lametto. After due discussion and consideration, approval was given by aye vote of all members present.
- 1.09 The President recommended approval of the **February 26, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes**.
- Trustee Watkins 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 **part-time faculty and staff employment** recommendations for Term **25/SP**. 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 the following faculty members be granted **Sabbatical Leave during the 2025-2026 Academic Year**.
- Robert Funk, English, Brandon Campus
 - Johana Melendez, Biology, Plant City Campus
 - Steven Milhorn, Communications, Ybor City Campus
 - Thomas Tankersley, Paralegal Studies, Ybor City Campus

Trustee Watkins 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 course modifications, course reactivation, course termination, program deletions, and the program modifications to be effective SU/25 and FA/25**, unless otherwise noted.
- 6.02 The President recommended approval of the **Dual Enrollment Summer Costs Amendments** that have been submitted to Hillsborough Community College.
- Trustee Lametto made a motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Patel. After due discussion and consideration, approval was given by aye vote of all members present.
- 6.03 The President recommended Board approval of the **proposed amendment to the dual enrollment agreement for private schools; and to authorize the College President (or designee) to sign executed amendments with private schools** in substantial compliance with the approved amendment, subject to review and approval by General Counsel.
- Trustee Diehl made a motion to approve, seconded by Trustee Patel. After due discussion and consideration, approval was given by aye vote of all members present.
- 6.04 [Item withdrawn]
- 6.05 The President recommended Board approval of the **Dual Enrollment Annual Articulation Agreement between Hillsborough Community College and the School Board of Hillsborough County**.

Trustee Patel 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

- 7.01 The President recommended that the Board **ratify and approve the amended bylaws of the Hillsborough Community College Foundation, Inc.**

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

8.0 FINANCIAL SERVICES

- 8.01 Greg Rose, VP for Administration and Chief Financial Officer, updated the Board on the current financial report.

9.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

- 9.01 The President reminded the Board that Graduation is Friday, May 2, 2025 at the Florida State Fairgrounds starting at 9:30 am.
- 9.02 The President asked Eric Johnson, Director of Community and Government Relations, to give the Board an update on the legislative session.

10.0 LEGAL REPORT

11.0 HEARING OF BOARD MEMBERS

- 11.01 Trustee Diehl thanked Dr. China for the wonderful refreshments & testimonies from HCC alumni and what amazing role models they all are. He added that he is looking forward to graduation.
- 11.02 Trustee Patel thanked Dr. China for the refreshments. He is looking forward to the Dale Mabry Student Excellence Award ceremony.
- 11.03 Trustee Lametto thanked Dr. China for hosting and reiterated all that General Diehl said.
- 11.04 Trustee Watkins thanked Dr. China for the inspiring presentations that were indescribably touching. She added that the alumni presenters are excellent ambassadors for HCC.
- 11.05 Trustee Celestan added that he agreed with all that has been said about the alumni presenters and thanked Dr. China for hosting.

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:43 p.m.