

**MINUTES**  
**FLORIDA GATEWAY COLLEGE**  
**DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**September 11, 2025**  
**5:00 pm, Regular Meeting**  
**FGC Administration Building, Board Room**

**I. Call to Order**

The regular meeting of the District Board of Trustees was called to order September 11, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. by Chairperson Lindsey Lander.

All votes were unanimous unless stated otherwise.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

Mr. Lindsey Lander led the board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. Audience of Any Citizen**

Ms. Tricia Lynn, Assistant Professor of Mathematics, inquired whether an evaluation of Policy 6Hx12:3-10, regarding the carrying of weapons on campus, will be conducted in light of the recent Court decision of *McDaniels v. State*.

**IV. Approval of Minutes**

**Mr. John Medina made a motion to approve the August 14, 2025 Board meeting minutes. Dr. Jim Surrency seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.**

**V. Student Government Report**

Ms. Brianna Sweet, SGA President, provided the Board with an update on recent events. She reported that SGA successfully hosted Welcome Back Week, which included 'Navigate & Nibbles,' a collaboration with Club Rush, and a Student Engagement Fair. To begin September, SGA will host Coffee & Donuts, Paint Pouring, and Trivia Night. Looking ahead, preparations are underway for the Fall Festival and a student trip to Halloween Horror Nights.

**VI. Presentation of Consent Agenda**

*The items on the consent agenda are routine business, state directives, and/or compliance items. All items have been reviewed by the Board attorney and have been available to the Board for its examination. Any trustee can request a topic to be removed from the consent agenda and discussed further. Typographical errors will be noted and corrected in the Board Minutes.*

- A. \*Personnel Matters
- B. \*Routine Contracts and Agreements
- C. \*Surplus Property
- D. \*Approval of Revised Policy: 6Hx12:10-00 Use of College Facilities
- E. \*Approval of Foundation Donations

**Dr. Jim Surrency made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of items “A” through “E”. Ms. Suzanne Norris seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.**

## **VII.**

### **Academic Affairs**

Dr. Kris Brady, Vice President of Academic Affairs, began his report by sharing that new graphing calculators have been provided to students in mathematics courses to help during class. He also recognized Sandra Johnston, Associate Professor of Psychology, and Tim Mimbs, Dean of Liberal Arts and Science, for their prompt and commendable actions in assisting a student during a recent medical issue.

Dr. Brady then provided updates in several areas. He noted Future Teacher’s Club put together school supplies to donate to help support children affected by the Cedar Park fire. The Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) pass rate reached 93.75%, surpassing both the national average of 86.5% and the state average of 75.9%. However, the Registered Nurse (RN) program’s first-time pass rate declined to 75.72%, with an overall pass rate of 93%. An investigation into the decline identified recent changes in the test preparation process as a contributing factor. As a result, the program resumed its previously effective preparation methods at the start of Fall 2025. Welding students who participated in summer certification testing achieved a 100% pass rate.

Dr. Brady concluded his report by highlighting new developments with Artificial Intelligence. A new Computer Science program focused on AI is being developed, which will include an Associate of Science (A.S.) degree pathway along with two stackable college certificates: AI Awareness and AI Practitioner. He then invited Orlando Macias-Sanchez, Assistant Professor of Computer Science, to present on the AI chatbot currently in development. Professor Macias-Sanchez demonstrated the capabilities of “Wolf AI” to Trustees, a brief discussion followed.

## **VIII.**

### **Student Affairs and Public Information**

Dr. Lawrence Barrett, President, included this in his President’s report.

## **IX.**

### **Enrollment and Marketing**

Kacey Mimbs, Vice President of Enrollment and Marketing, began her report by sharing current enrollment statistics. Student headcount increased from 2,988 in Fall 2024 to 3,061 in Fall 2025, reflecting a 2.4% increase. Credit hour enrollment also rose by 3.7%, from 28,414 to 29,484 credit hours.

A Financial Aid, social event was held on August 27th for Board of Trustees Scholarship recipients, the event provided an opportunity for students to meet their mentors, who are faculty and staff volunteers. Additionally, updates were shared regarding the 2026–2027 FAFSA, Pell Grant eligibility is being expanded to include 15-week or 600 clock-hour career-focused programs, which may allow programs such as Corrections and CDL to qualify.

Vice President Mimbs also reported, College Night took place on August 27th and welcomed approximately 400 guests. The Dual Enrollment team is actively working to meet with and advise over 600 students in person.

The Advising area has several outreach campaigns that are currently underway to assist students in completing their Personal Education Plans (PEPs).

Lastly, a Veterans Affairs Compliance Audit was recently conducted. Amanda Luke, VA Certifying Official, led the audit, which resulted in only one minor finding that was resolved during the process. There are currently 50 veterans and 59 dependents attending under VA benefits.

**X. Business Services**

Ms. Michelle Holloway, Vice-President of Business Services requested Board consideration of the following items:

A. General Information

B. \* Budget Amendment Number Two (2) Restricted Current Fund (Fund 2) Fiscal Year 2025-2026

**Ms. Suzanne Norris made a motion to approve Budget Amendment Number Two (2) Restricted Current Fund (Fund 2) Fiscal Year 2025-2026. Ms. Renae Allen seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.**

C. \* Budget Amendment Number Two (2) Capital Outlay Plan for Unexpected Plant Fund (7) Budget Fiscal year 2025-2026

**Mr. John Medina made a motion to approve Budget Amendment Number Two (2) Capital Outlay Plan for Unexpected Plant Fund (7) Budget Fiscal year 2025-2026. Ms. Suzanne Norris seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.**

D. \*Carryforward Spending Plan

**Ms. Suzanne Norris made a motion to approve Carryforward Spending Plan. Dr. Jim Surrency seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.**

**XI. President's Report**

Dr. Barrett began his report by providing updates on multiple events happening across the college. He noted the successful turnout for the 9/11 ceremony held on campus this morning. He will be meeting with the contractor for the newly acquired Lake Shore Hospital building in downtown Lake City.

He announced that the college will participate in the upcoming 250th Celebration of America event. The program will feature *Voices of America*, a narrated performance highlighting stories and songs from the past 250 years. The date is still being finalized.

Dr. Barrett provided an update on academic programs. The Massage Therapy program is tentatively scheduled to begin in Spring 2026. An advisory committee is being formed for the X-ray Technician program. In addition, the AI Certificate program has been approved.

He concluded his report by sharing that the college will be partnering with Catholic Charities and the local food bank on several initiatives during the upcoming semester.

**B.\* 2025-2030 Strategic Plan**

**Ms. Renae Allen made a motion to approve the 2025-2030 Strategic Plan. Dr. Jim Surrency seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.**

**XIII. Topics for Future Meetings**

**XIV. Inspect Warrant Register**

**XV. Set Time for the Next Meeting**

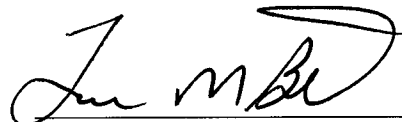
October 9, 2025

5:00 pm Regular Meeting

Location Regular meeting: Florida Gateway College Board Room  
Administration Bldg. 1

**The meeting adjourned at 5:51 pm**

  
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Mr. Lindsey Lander, Chair

  
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Dr. Lawrence Barrett, Secretary