

MINUTES
FLORIDA GATEWAY COLLEGE
DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
February 13, 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 on February 13, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. by Chairperson Lindsey Lander.

Trustees Mr. Chuck Brannan and Ms. Suzanne Norris were absent.

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

Stew Lilker requested an update on the College's Strategic Plan and voiced his concerns with the tiny home prototype.

Troy Roberts of Suwannee River Water Management, then thanked the college for hosting the North Florida Water Resource Symposium on January 28th.

IV. Approval of Minutes

Ms. Renae Allen made a motion to approve the January 9, 2025 Board meeting minutes. Dr. James Surrency seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

V. Student Government Report

Ms. Zamaria Granado, SGA President, gave updates on activities happening around campus. SGA is hosting a Mardi Gras event on March 4th with a live band performance, parade, and many other festivities.

VI. Presentation of Consent Agenda

- A. *Personnel Matters
- B. *Routine Contracts and Agreements
- C. *Surplus Property

Dr. Miguel Tepedino made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of items "A" through "C". Mr. John Medina seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

VII. Academic Affairs

Dr. Kathleen Ciez-Volz, Vice President of Academic Affairs, announced the Corrections and Law Enforcement Academy received a perfect audit from the Criminal Justice

Standards and Training Commission. Due to the first-time NCLEX pass rates and continued success of the nursing program, Patricia Orender and Ann Brown were invited to speak in Tallahassee, FL at a legislative committee meeting.

Dr. Ciez-Volz continued her report by saying Kristen Corbin has been appointed to a statewide committee service for Florida Virtual Campus Library Services. The Institutional Effectiveness Team is currently working on the SACSCOC fifth-year report.

Vice President Ciez-Volz gave updates in several of her areas. The Teacher Preparation Academy has six teacher candidates from the Elementary Education program that are conducting their senior level internships in local schools, while twenty-eight pre-intern teacher candidates are gaining classroom experience through placements at area schools. The General Education Review Committee will be submitting a proposal on the state directed changes on general education courses to the Educational Affairs Committee in March.

Lastly, Professors Lisa Co and Dr. Michael Baker have been working with students to produce a special edition of FGC's HOWL literary and art magazine. This edition is titled Your Passport: FGC Study Abroad.

VIII. Student Affairs and Public Information

Mr. Anthony Cardenas, Vice President of Student Affairs and Public Information, gave an update on the Testing Center and their expansion with 10 new computer stations. The Testing Center will now be open on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Vice President Cardenas gave a brief update on the Athletics Department.

Mr. Cardenas presented at Leadership Lake City's Education & Workforce session where they highlighted FGC's programs, initiatives and community impact.

IX. Enrollment and Marketing

Ms. Kacey Mimbs, Dean of Enrollment and Marketing, gave updates in her area. In comparison to this time last Spring, enrollment has increased from 2,730 to 2,974 (10%) in headcount and credit hours have increased by almost 13%, increasing from 24,416 credit hours to 27,523 credit hours. Financial Aid has hosted several events for Financial Aid Awareness Month. FGC will be hosting an Open House on March 6th. Dual Enrollment had a mass mail-out to promote the Board of Trustees' Scholarships and has been visiting local high schools for parent meetings.

Ms. Kacey Mimbs then thanked her team that has worked to complete compliance on the Gainful Employment report, as well as thanking the AV team for streaming over 28 hours of live video events.

X. Business Services

Mr. Tyler Neal, Director of Business Services presented in the absence of Ms. Holloway and requested Board consideration of the following items:

A. General Information

B. *Budget Amendment Number Six (6) Restricted Current Fund (Fund 2) Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Dr. James Surrency made a motion to approve Budget Amendment Number Six (6) Restricted Current Fund (Fund 2) Fiscal Year 2024-2025. Ms. Renae Allen seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

C. *Budget Amendment Number Six (6) Capital Outlay Plan for Unexpended Plant Fund (7) Budget Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Dr. Miguel Tepedino made a motion to approve Budget Amendment Number Six (6) Capital Outlay Plan for Unexpended Plant Fund (7) Budget Fiscal Year 2024-2025. Mr. John Medina seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

XI.

President's Report

Dr. Barrett began his report by sharing that he recently met with four out of five district Superintendents. He went on to say the Lake Shore Hospital Authority voted to donate the two-story women's center building and parking lot to the Foundation at FGC, we will start processing the contract once received. The college will be inquiring into possible grant funding for building repairs and upgrades.

The college is partnering with Florida Power and Light on a couple of projects. Dr. Barrett stated he had the opportunity to speak to the Senate Higher Education Probes Committee, sharing information about FGC's successes. The strategic planning has started and will be a similar approach to the former plan, expecting to have it done by early summer.

Lastly, he suggested that the May 8th Board of Trustees workshop start time be moved to 3:00 p.m. and the regular meeting at 3:30 p.m. due to spring graduation that day.

XIII.

Topics for Future Meetings

XIV.

Inspect Warrant Register

XV.

Set Time for the Next Meeting

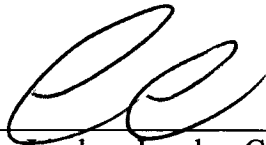
Date: March 13, 2025

Time: 5:00 pm / Regular Meeting

**Location: Florida Gateway College Board Room
Administration Bldg. 1**

*Denotes Board of Trustees' action items

The meeting adjourned at 5:35 pm



Mr. Lindsey Lander, Chair



Dr. Lawrence Barrett, Secretary