

MINUTES
FLORIDA GATEWAY COLLEGE
DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
November 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 November 13, 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

Stew Lilker had some questions about the Lake Shore Hospital property. He also requested clarification on the previously announced \$2 million LINE grant donation, noting confusion over references to a \$2.5 million amount.

IV. Approval of Minutes

Dr. Jim Surrency made a motion to approve the September 11, 2025 Board meeting minutes. Ms. Renae Allen seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

V. Student Government Report

Ms. Brianna Sweet, SGA President, arrived later in the meeting and presented the SGA report. She shared that the student trip to Halloween Horror Nights was highly successful and reached full capacity. In October, SGA hosted a campus-wide Halloween celebration, which included a costume contest and trick-or-treating.

Ms. Sweet reported that November activities included a faculty-versus-staff dodgeball game, a lip-sync battle, and a drive-in movie event. She also noted that throughout the fall semester, SGA organized several smaller student engagement activities, such as coffee-and-donuts socials, karaoke, and arts-and-crafts events.

VI. Presentation of Consent Agenda

- A. *Personnel Matters
- B. *Routine Contracts and Agreements
- C. *Surplus Property
- D. *Approval of Program Changes
- E. *Approval of Course Changes
- F. *Approval of New Programs
- G. *Approval of New Courses
- H. *Approval of Foundation Donation
- I. *Approval of Revised Policy 6Hx12:06-23, Discrimination and Harassment

J. *Approval of Revised Policy 6Hx12:6-10, Grievances

Mr. John Medina made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of items “A” through “J”. Ms. Suzanne Norris seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

VII.

Academic Affairs

Mr. Timothy Mimbs, Dean of Liberal Arts and Sciences, reported that the Teacher Preparation program successfully completed its Scholastic Book Fair, with all proceeds designated to support regional secondary schools. Faculty and tutors are preparing for the biannual late-night library sessions to assist students as they prepare for final examinations. Preparations for the Holiday Term are underway, with ten courses scheduled and several already at capacity. He also noted that Florida Gateway College will participate in the Florida Civics Debate Initiative in recognition of the nation’s 250th anniversary.

Mr. Mimbs further reported that nine recent graduates of the Nursing Program achieved an 88.9% first-time pass rate on the NCLEX examination. He added that the Massage Therapy program has received approval from SACS and is pending final approval from the Florida Department of Health.

In workforce programs, Mr. Mimbs noted that the welding lab remodel is underway, with instructors and students collaborating on the project. He reported that Water Resources student Jason Cassino was selected as the recipient of the Fredrick C. Bothe Scholarship for Environmental Studies. Additionally, Columbia Fire and Rescue donated a 2015 Kenworth Pumper Truck, valued at \$80,000, to support current, industry-aligned training for students.

VIII.

Enrollment and Marketing

Ms. Kacey Mimbs, Vice President of Enrollment and Marketing, provided updates from her area. She reported that spring registration opened on October 27. Current enrollment stands at 1,784 students, compared to 1,475 at this time last year, reflecting a 21% increase. Credit hour enrollment has risen to 16,441 from 13,751, a 19% increase.

Ms. Mimbs highlighted that the Advising Department hosted a “Rush Week: Halloween Edition,” during which Building 14 was decorated in Halloween décor. Students who met with their advisors to register were entered into drawings for scholarships and gift cards. The department experienced an 18% increase in first-week advising appointments compared to last year. The Dual Enrollment staff visited all area high schools throughout October to prepare students for the upcoming registration period. Additionally, the Dual Enrollment articulation meeting was held today, covering college updates and policies with high school counselors.

Vice President Mimbs announced that FGC has been named a Top 10 finalist for the Bellwether Award, a national recognition honoring innovative programs within community colleges. She also noted that Fall Graduation will be held on December 9 at 6:00 p.m., and One-Stop Enrollment will take place on December 4.

Lastly, Vice President Mimbs shared updates from the Campus Vibes series. The Eagles Sunrise Tribute Band performed on November 15 to a sold-out audience. The next event in

the series, Home for the Holidays featuring MPact A Cappella group, is scheduled for December 12 at 7:30 p.m.

IX. Business Services

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

A. General Information

B. *Request to Approve Contract

Ms. Suzanne Norris made a motion to approve contract with Lincoln Electrical. Dr. Jim Surrency seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

C. * Budget Amendment Number Three (3) Restricted Current Fund (Fund 2) Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Mr. John Medina made a motion to approve Budget Amendment Number Three (3) Restricted Current Fund (2) Fiscal Year 2025-2026. Mr. Chuck Brannan seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

D. * Budget Amendment Number Three (3) Capital Outlay Plan for Unexpended Plant Fund (7) Budget Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Ms. Renae Allen made a motion to approve Budget Amendment Number Three (3) Capital Outlay Plan for Unexpended Plant Fund (7) Budget Fiscal Year 2025-2026. Dr. Jim Surrency seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

E. * Budget Amendment Number Four (4) Restricted Current Fund (Fund 2) Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Dr. Jim Surrency made a motion to approve Budget Amendment Number Four (4) Restricted Current Fund (Fund 2) Fiscal Year 2025-2026. Ms. Suzanne Norris seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

F. * Budget Amendment Number Four (4) Capital Outlay Plan for Unexpended Plant Fund (7) Budget Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Mr. Chuck Brannan made a motion to approve Budget Amendment Number Four (4) Capital Outlay Plan for Unexpended Plant Fund (7) Budget Fiscal Year 2025-2026. Ms. Suzanne Norris seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

X.

President's Report

A. General Information

Dr. Barrett began his report by saying the College has again been recognized as an Aspen Top 200 institution and is advancing in the Bellwether Award process. He thanked staff for their ongoing data work and noted that early indicators show the College performing strongly compared to peer institutions.

He stated that updated economic impact figures for the College remain consistent with prior years, reflecting an annual contribution of approximately \$90 million to the community, nearly three and a half times the College's budget.

Project updates included continued progress on the tiny homes' initiative, with road and utility work beginning after Thanksgiving and construction bids expected soon. The welding shop remodel is ahead of schedule with anticipated completion after spring break, while the STEM 2 building continues to progress with a project manager now assigned. Additional facility projects include the gym HVAC upgrade scheduled for winter break and the automotive project to follow.

Athletics updates included the cross-country teams' participation in a national meet and the positive start to the basketball season. The women's golf team features the nation's top-ranked Division II golfer and will host a national invitational in February with participants from 11 states.

B. Foundation update {L. Pinchouck}

Mr. Lee Pinchouck, Executive Director of the Foundation, provided an update from the Foundation office. He briefly reviewed the 25-year history of the Foundation and its asset growth as part of the Foundation's 2025 financial statement audit.

C. *Acceptance of the Foundation Audit Report {L. Pinchouck}

Dr. Jim Surrency made a motion to approve the Acceptance of the Foundation Audit Report. Ms. Suzanne Norris seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

D. *Recertification of the Foundation {L. Pinchouck}

Mr. Chuck Brannan made a motion to approve the Recertification of the Foundation. Mr. John Medina seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

XI.

Topics for Future Meetings

XII.

Inspect Warrant Register

XIII.

Set Time for the Next Meeting

January 8, 2026

5:00 pm Regular Meeting

Location Regular meeting:

Florida Gateway College

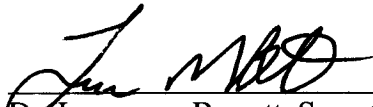
149 SE College Place

Lake City, FL 32025

The meeting adjourned at 5:38 pm



Mr. Lindsey Lander, Chair



Dr. Lawrence Barrett, Secretary