MINUTES
FLORIDA GATEWAY COLLEGE
DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
June 11, 2026
4:00 pm, Board Workshop
Regular Meeting to Follow
FGC Administration Building, Board Room

I. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the District Board of Trustees was called to order on June 11, 2026 at 4:46 p.m. by Chairperson Lindsey Lander.

Board member Ms. Sherrie Raulerson was absent.

All votes were unanimous unless stated otherwise.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Lindsey Lander led the board in the Pledge of Allegiance at the start of the Workshop.

III. Audience of Any Citizen

Stew Lilker inquired to the number of students in need of remediation when enrolling at FGC in Columbia County specifically.

IV. Approval of Minutes

Mr. John Medina made a motion to approve the April 9, 2026 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, provided the Board with an update on recent student activities and events. She reported that SGA hosted a Mixology event featuring specialty drinks inspired by popular coffee shop beverages. SGA also partnered with Career Services to host the Spring Fling event, which provided students with opportunities to participate in games, visit college and career resource booths, and enjoy food and refreshments.

Additionally, Ms. Sweet shared that SGA sponsored a succulent planting activity and organized a campus clean-up event in recognition of Earth Day.

Ms. Sweet concluded her report by announcing that Ms. Jasmine Phan will serve as the new SGA President. She thanked the Board members for their support throughout her term as President.

VI. Presentation of Consent Agenda

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

D. * Approval of Write-Off of Uncollectible Accounts FY 2025-26
E. * Approval of Policy Revision 6Hx12:10-07, Firearms Ranges and Driving Range
F. *Approval of Policy Revision 6Hx12:10-05, Selection Professional Services
G. *Approval of Foundation Donations

Dr. Jim Surrency made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of items "A" through "G," Ms. Suzanne Norris seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

VII. Academic Affairs

Mr. Tim Mimbs, Dean of Academic Affairs, began his report by stating, three FGC Professors recently attended the State of Florida's Master Teacher Seminar. They look forward to implementing what they learned at our Welcome Back week training sessions this year.

The college recently hosted a Teacher Summit with over 50 local secondary educators, representing seven different counties coming to the college for the day, for a series of professional development workshops, networking opportunities and learning sessions.

Mr. Mimbs gave an update on Workforce Programs. Each year the College receives state funding depending on the number of certifications our students earn. This year we earned 469 certifications which equates to $469,000 in additional funding. Mr. Torben Reichhardt, Automotive Instructor, received an Innovation Grant from the Foundation which was aimed at rewarding a student in his program for their academic excellence with $500 to purchase their first set of tools. Kaleb Jenkins was the winner of this award.

Lastly, Mr. Mimbs requested approval on the following items:

B. *Approval of Program Changes

Mr. John Medina made a motion to approve Item B. Approval of Program Changes. Ms. Renae Allen seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

C. *Approval of New Programs

Dr. Jim Surrency made a motion to approve Item C. Approval of New Programs. Mr. Chuck Brannan seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

D. *Approval of New Courses

Mr. Chuck Brannan made a motion to approve Item D. Approval of New Courses. Mr. John Medina seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

E. *Approval of the Updated General Education Review Course List

Dr. Jim Surrency made a motion to approve Item E. Approval of the Updated General Education Review Course List. Ms. Suzanne Norris seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

VIII. Student Services

Ms. Kacey Mimbs, Vice President of Enrollment and Marketing, provided enrollment updates. Summer registration continues to track ahead of last year. We currently have 1,864 students registered compared to 1,799 at the same point last year, an increase of 3.6%. Credit hours are also up 3.3%, at 13,123 credit hours compared to 12,698 credit hours last year. Fall enrollment is up with 1,126 students registered compared to 1,058 at this point last year, an increase of 6.4%. Credit hours have increased 9.7% from 9,687 credit hours to 10,630 credit hours.

Vice President Mimbs gave updates in her areas. The Advising Office hosted Registration Rush during the first two weeks of registration. Instant Decision Day was held at each of our service area high schools, where representatives from Admissions, Financial Aid, Advising and Registration worked together to help seniors complete the enrollment process. A end of the year Luau was held for the Residence Life students on April 28th.

Ms. Mimbs stated the Residence Hall is having several improvements made over the summer, including, bathroom improvements, painting, and comprehensive deep cleaning in all areas.

Lastly, Summer Commencement will be held on Thursday, August 6th at 6:00 pm. The AV team created a short video using excerpts from speeches given at Spring Commencement along with footage of our graduates, faculty, and staff. This video was shown to the Board members.

IX. Business Services

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

A. General Information

B. *Student Activities Budget 2026-2027

Dr. Jim Surrency made a motion to approve the Student Activities Budget 2026-2027. Mr. Chuck Brannan seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

C. *Scholarship Plan 2026-2027

Ms. Suzanne Norris made a motion to approve the Scholarship Plan 2026-2027. Mr. John Medina seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

D. *Student Fee Schedule Fiscal Year 2026-2027

Ms. Renae Allen made a motion to approve the Student Fee Schedule Fiscal Year 2026-2027. Dr. Jim Surrency seconded the motion and the motion carried Unanimously.

E. *Approval of Foundation for Florida Gateway College Budget

Dr. Jim Surrency made a motion to approve the approval of Foundation for Florida Gateway College Budget. Ms. Suzanne Norris seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously

F. *Operating Budget, FY 2026-2027 Current Fund Unrestricted (Fund 1)

Ms. Suzanne Norris made a motion to approve the Operating Budget, FY 2026-2027 Current Fund Unrestricted (Fund 1). Ms. Renae Allen seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously

***Mr. John Medina made a motion to approve the 2026-2027 Salary Schedule. Ms. Suzanne Norris seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously**

G. *Budget Amendment Number Nine (9) Restricted Current Fund (Fund 2) Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Ms. Suzanne Norris made a motion to approve the Budget Amendment Number Nine (9) Restricted Current Fund (Fund 2) Fiscal Year 2025-2026. Dr. Jim Surrency seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously

H. *Budget Amendment Number Nine (9) Capital Outlay Plan for Unexpended Plant Fund (7) Budget Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Mr. Chuck Brannan made a motion to approve the Budget Amendment Number Nine (9) Capital Outlay Plan for Unexpected Plant Fund (7) Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Ms. Suzanne Noris seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously

I. *Budget Amendment to move funds from Unrestricted Current Fund (Fund 1) to (Fund 7) Capital Funds Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Dr. Jim Surrency made a motion to approve the Budget Amendment to move funds from Unrestricted Current Fund (fund 1) to (Fund 7) Capital Funds Fiscal Year 2025-2026. Ms. Suzanne Norris seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously

J. *Approval of the Five-Year Educational Plant Survey

Ms. Renae Allen made a motion to approve the Five-Year Educational Plant Survey. Ms. Suzanne Norris seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously

K. *Request to Approve Trane, Inc. Contract

Ms. Suzanne Norris made a motion to approve the Trane, Inc. Contract. Ms. Renae Allen seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously

L. *Request to Approve Wood's Electrical Contract

Ms. Norris made a motion to approve the Wood's Electrical Contract. Dr. Jim Surrency seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously

M. *Approval of the Florida College System Capital Improvement Plan and Legislative Budget Request FY 2027-2028 through FY 2029-2030

Ms. Renae Allen made a motion to approve the Florida College System Capital Improvement Plan and Legislative Budget Request FY 2027-2028 through FY 2029-2030. Dr. Jim Surrency seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously

N. *Request to Approve Change Orders

Mr. John Medina made a motion to approve Change Orders. Ms. Suzanne Norris seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously

Mr. Brannan inquired about the delayed completion date for the STEM II Building. Dr. Barrett stated there has been issues with the permit process and the contractor on this project.

X. President's Report

Dr. Lawrence Barrett began his report by sharing that the Welding Program Grand Re-Opening was well attended and received positive feedback from attendees.

Dr. Barrett announced that the STEM II Ribbon Cutting Ceremony will be held on August 12 at 10:30 a.m., followed by the annual Foundation Celebration Luncheon in the Howard Conference Center.

President Barrett reported that he has had productive and positive meetings with several federal agencies regarding potential funding opportunities for the donated Lake Shore Hospital Authority (LSHA) downtown buildings.

Dr. Barrett further reported that the Foundation has experienced significant growth, with assets increasing by approximately 24%, including the establishment of 13 new endowments and donations associated with the LSHA properties.

Additionally, Dr. Barrett announced that the College will be adding men's golf and women's volleyball to its athletics program. He also shared that the women's flag football team captured another National Championship, marking its fourth consecutive national title.

Dr. Barrett stated that he recently attended a Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) trustee meeting, where a name change was approved from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges and Universities. He also reported that the College's Fifth-Year Interim Report was accepted and approved.

Lastly, Mr. Lander requested approval on the following items:

B. *Annual Review of the Mission Statement

Mr. Lander reviewed the current mission statement and asked if any changes were needed. No changes were made.

Dr. Jim Surrency made a motion to approve the current Mission Statement. Ms. Renae Allen seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously

C. *Board Calendar

Dr. Jim Surrency made a motion to approve the 2026-2027 Board Meeting Calendar. Mr. John Medina seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

D. 2026-2027 College Organizational Chart

The 2026-2027 College Organizational Chart was available to review in their Board book.

E. *2025-2026 Presidential Evaluation Results {M. Logan}

Dr. Jim Surrency made a motion to approve the 2025-2026 President Evaluation. Mr. Chuck Brannan seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

F. 2025-2026 Board Self Evaluation {M. Logan}

Ms. Logan reviewed the results of the 2025-2026 Board Self Evaluation.

XI. **Topics for Future Meetings**

XII. **Inspect Warrant Register**

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

August 13, 2026
Time: 5:00 pm / Regular Meeting
Location Regular meeting: Florida Gateway College Board Room
Administration Bldg. 1

The meeting adjourned at 5:54 pm

Mr. Lindsey Lander, Chair

Dr. Lawrence Barrett, Secretary