

MINUTES
FLORIDA GATEWAY COLLEGE
DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
June 12, 2025
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 June 12, 2025 at 4:40 p.m. by Chairperson Lindsey Lander.

Board member Ms. Renae Allen was 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 inquired about how many students are in need of remediation when starting at FGC in Columbia County specifically.

Frank Hufty, FGC Flag Football Coach, thanked the board for their continued support and highlighted the seven players that graduated while at their final game in Kansas City.

IV. Approval of Minutes

Dr. Jim Surrency made a motion to approve the May 8, 2025 Board workshop minutes. Mr. John Medina seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Mr. Chuck Brannan made a motion to approve the May 8, 2025 Board meeting minutes. Dr. Miguel Tepedino seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

V. Student Government Report

There was no report.

VI. Presentation of Consent Agenda

- A. *Personnel Matters
- B. *Routine Contracts and Agreements
- C. * Surplus Property
- D. * Approval of New Courses
- E. * Approval of New Program
- F. *Approval of Revised Policy: 6Hx12:04-17, Postsecondary Credit Definition

Dr. Miguel Tepedino made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of items “A” through “F,” removing item E to new item VII.C under Academic Affairs. Dr. Jim Surrency 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 congratulating Dr. Elizabeth Carroll on her promotion to Associate Dean of Liberal Arts.

He then gave updates in the Teaching Program. Students who took the professional teaching certification had a 100% pass rate in the Spring semester, and 60% of upcoming seniors have met all licensure requirements to prepare for the Fall semester.

In the Workforce Programs, the Olustee campus had an upgrade with the addition of an obstacle course. This will be used for scenario training exercises and will be used for all of FGC’s Public Service Programs. This project was led by William Busby, Director of Public Service Training Programs, and John Thomas, Coordinator of Law Enforcement Programs.

Dr. Brady shared the graduation results of Spring 2025. 26 law enforcement officers graduated this Spring with a pass rate of 95% on the state exam, compared to the state average of 85%. The firefighter program had 39 students graduate and 34 of them already passed their state certification. Those who passed their certification have been employed at agencies throughout the region.

Lastly, Dr. Brady requested approval on the following items:

B. *Approval of General Education Course List

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

C. *Approval of New Program/Massage Therapy

Mr. John Medina made a motion to approve the of New Program/ Massage Therapy. Ms. Suzanne Norris seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

VIII. Student Affairs and Public Information

Mr. Tony Cardenas, Vice President of Student Affairs and Public Information, began his report sharing, Alexandra Harris and Kaitlyn Suggs, two of the SGA Executive Board members, have been named to the Florida College System All-Academic Team.

Mr. Cardenas then gave updates on athletics. 32 student-athletes earned a place on the FCSAA Academic All-Region Team, and 17 student-athletes qualified for NJCAA

Academic All-American honors, along with 4 Esports athletes who met the same academic criteria.

London Jenkins made the roster for the U.S. Women's National Flag Football Team at the IFAF Americas Continental Championship in Panama City. The team will be competing at the World Games 2025 in Chengdu, China, this August.

Lastly, he shared news on events around campus. New Student Orientation "How to Succeed 2025" dates are July 24, August 6, and August 14, with 40 students already registered. Campus housing applications are on track with last year's, reaching 84 students so far. Summer camps have registered over 200 children and are projected to surpass last year's enrollment. FGC was reported positively in the media 8 times within the last month.

IX. Enrollment and Marketing

Ms. Kacey Mimbs, Vice President of Enrollment and Marketing, provided enrollment updates. Summer enrollment has decreased by 3.4%, with 1,802 students compared to 1,865 students from last year. Credit hours are up by 4.5% at 12,709 compared to 12,165 from last Summer. Fall enrollment is up by 15% increase at 1,157 students compared to 1,003 around this time last year. In credit hours there was a 17% increase at 10,666, compared to 9,099. Dual Enrollment is up by 2% in the Summer and 5% for the Fall semester compared to last year.

There will be a new Dual Enrollment Student Orientation on August 5th and August 12th and two Fall One-Stop Enrollments on June 26th and July 31st. Summer commencement will be on August 7th at 6:00 pm.

Ms. Mimbs concluded her report with the 2025-2026 Campus Vibes line up. An Eagles Tribute show will be held on November 15th, a Christmas performance by MPACT will be held on December 12th a Valentine's Day event with an Elton John and Billy Joel performer will be held on February 14th. Lastly, Soul of Motown will be on April 17th.

X. Business Services

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

A. General Information

B. *Student Activities Budget 2025-2026

Dr. Miguel Tepedino made a motion to approve the Student Activities Budget 2025-2026. Dr. Jim Surrency seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

C. *Scholarship Plan 2025-2026

Dr. Jim Surrency made a motion to approve the Scholarship Plan 2024-2025. Dr. Miguel Tepedino seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

D. *Student Fee Schedule Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Mr. John Medina made a motion to approve the Student Fee Schedule Fiscal Year 2025-2026. Mr. Chuck Brannan 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 2025-2026 Current Fund Unrestricted (Fund 1)

Ms. Suzanne Norris made a motion to approve the Operating Budget, FY 2025-2026 Current Fund Unrestricted (Fund 1). Dr. Jim Surrency seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously

G. *Budget Amendment Number Ten (10) Restricted Current Fund (Fund 2) Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Mr. John Medina made a motion to approve the Budget Amendment Number Ten (10) Restricted Current Fund (Fund 2) Fiscal Year 2024-2025. Ms. Suzanne Norris seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously

H. *Budget Amendment Number Ten (10) Capital Outlay Plan for Unexpended Plant Fund (7) Budget Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Dr. Miguel Tepedino made a motion to approve the Budget Amendment Number Ten (10) Capital Outlay Plan for Unexpected Plant Fund (7) Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Dr. Jim Surrency 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 2024-2025

Ms. Suzanne Norris made a motion to approve the Budget Amendment to move funds from Unrestricted Current Fund (fund 1) to (Fund 7) Capital Funds Fiscal Year 2024-2025. Mr. John Medina seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously

XI.

President's Report

Dr. Lawrence Barrett began his report sharing that HVAC and automotive capital projects were approved by the House and the Senate. These projects are now awaiting approval by the Governor.

He attended the Education Commissioner's Summit in Miami with Ms. Renae Allen. Ms. Allen met with 14 fellow trustees, and Dr. Barrett met with 36 presidents.

President Barrett then stated the Golf Horticulture Program has been in redevelopment and now has 58 students across Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina. The SACS 5th year report will be submitted in August and is anticipating an approval by December.

We have been informed that the federal government is recommending the closure of the TRIO Program, effective August 31st. In response to this development, a plan of action is currently being developed to address the implications of this recommendation.

Additionally, Dr. Barrett announced that the College will host a Retiree Luncheon on July 29th and an employee outing to the Jumbo Shrimp baseball game on August 1st.

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. Miguel Tepedino made a motion to approve the current Mission Statement. Dr. Jim Surrency seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously

C. *Board Calendar

Mr. Chuck Brannan made a motion to approve the 2025-2026 Board Meeting Calendar. Mr. John Medina seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

D. 2024-2025 Board Self Evaluation {M. Logan}

Ms. Logan reviewed the results of the 2024-2025 Board Self Evaluation.

XII. Other Business {M. Logan}

A. *Personnel Matter-President's Contract (Potential Action Requested)

Board Attorney Ms. Meagan Logan brought forward the President's contract for approval.

Ms. Suzanne Norris made a motion to approve the President's Contract as presented. Dr. Miguel Tepedino seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

XIII. Topics for Future Meetings

XIV. Inspect Warrant Register

XV.

Set Time for the Next Meeting

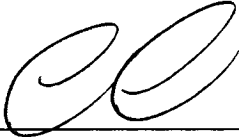
August 14, 2025

Time: 5:00 pm / Regular Meeting

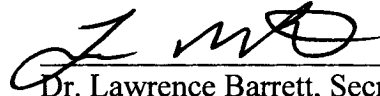
Location Regular meeting: Florida Gateway College Board Room

Administration Bldg. 1

The meeting adjourned at 5:34 pm



Mr. Lindsey Lander, Chair



Dr. Lawrence Barrett, Secretary