

Minutes
District Board of Trustees
Tallahassee State College
Center for Innovation
350 South Duval St.
Tallahassee, FL 32301
Monday, March 23, 2026
Business Meeting & Workshop – 2:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER

On Monday, March 23, Chair Eugene Lamb called the Tallahassee State College District Board of Trustees meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

Chair Lamb asked everyone to stand for a moment of silence in honor of the memory of Dr. Kelvin Marcelli, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Kelvin passed on March 16. He had been a member of the Counseling Services team since 2023.

Members Present: Chair Eugene Lamb, Vice Chair Christian Caban, Trustees Sara Bayliss, Monesia Brown, Karen Moore, and Monte Stevens.

By Phone: Trustee Jonathan Rees.

Others Present: President Jim Murdaugh, Christen Givens, Hope Childree, Ashley Johnson, Lamont Cook, Mark Fletcher, Martha Fletcher, Jennifer Peavey, Sheri Rowland, Donmetrie Clark, Cerissa Fondo, Nick Vick, Jackson Hopkins, Grace Hartman, Mya Richardson, Jon Schultz, Angela Long, Heather Mitchell, Amanda Clements, Sean McGovern, Kalynda Holton, Dustin Frost, Sara Bayliss, Lillyana Humphreys, Olivia Shull, Ava Alarco, Samuel Kings, Carlesia Collins, Kirk Pepper, Solei Sutton, Janet Hartman, Keith Richard, Wayne Almy, Bertie Culbreath, Camden Smit, Bobby Jones, Shelly L. Bell, Calandra Stringer, Nyla Davis, Barbara Wills, and Riley Landy.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

I. Chair Remarks:

Chair Lamb called for a motion to allow Trustee Rees to participate in the meeting and vote by phone.

Motion: Vice Chair Caban **Second:** Trustee Moore
The motion passed unanimously.

II. Trustee Remarks:

- a. Trustee Brown shared that she attended the Women's History Month ceremony and will attend StuFac.
- b. Trustee Moore commended Vice President Mitchell and the team for the success of Cleaver & Cork. She congratulated Janet Hartman, Executive Director of the Florida Public Safety Institute, for hosting the College's site visit from *Florida Trend* magazine. She shared that the team at *Florida Trend* enjoyed their visit and to expect an article in the magazine soon.
- c. Vice Chair Caban thanked VP Mitchell and team for the success of Cleaver & Cork, and noted the strong community support.
- d. Trustee Bayliss shared that she brought a group of seniors from St. John Paul II Catholic High School to TSC Preview Day. She commended the team that organized it and shared that she had several students commit to TSC after the event.
- e. Trustee Stevens highlighted the achievements of TSC's men's and women's basketball teams and mentioned that Corey Hendren, the men's head basketball coach, was named the 2025-26 Panhandle Conference Coach of the Year. He expressed disappointment that the TSC men were not invited to the state and national tournaments.
- f. Trustee Rees shared that he had completed the confirmation process and is looking forward to attending the next board meeting in person.

A discussion took place about the Florida College System Activities Association's decision not to invite the men's basketball team to the state or national tournaments. Vice President Sheri Rowland provided additional details about the decision in response to trustee questions.

Vice Chair Caban made a motion to have VP Rowland and Chuck Moore, Athletic Director, present information on the FCSAA decision at the next Board meeting. The motion was amended to include staff drafting a resolution from the Board honoring the team.

Motion: Vice Chair Caban **Second:** Trustee Stevens
Motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Brown suggested inviting the men's and women's basketball teams to the upcoming board meeting.

III. President's Remarks:

President Murdaugh thanked Trustee Moore for starting the conversation with *Florida Trend* magazine that led to the site visit that focused on the Florida Public Safety Institute. He noted the publication's interest in the Gadsden Re-Entry Center, located on the FPSI campus, which is the only jail-based training facility of its kind at a college in the nation and provides corrections program students with hands-on experience in a real-world Florida Department of Corrections setting. He also thanked Janet Hartman for coordinating the visit.

President Murdaugh recognized Vice President Shelly Bell for her team's work in providing workforce programs that help incarcerated individuals re-enter society by providing them with education leading to credentials and certifications.

He shared details about the recent ribbon-cutting for the Innovation Hub, where Lieutenant Governor Collins, who was on campus to host a Cybersecurity Advisory Committee meeting, took part in the ceremony.

President Murdaugh then invited faculty member and coach of the Forensics team, John Schultz, to give an overview of the team's season. Team members introduced themselves. The team is hosting the Phi Rho Pi National Speech and Debate Tournament in April in Bethesda, MD. The team is also in contention for the Perpetual Team Sweepstakes Award, also known as the Mariner Award. They will enter the tournament as the number one seed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. 2026 February Minutes

Approve Minutes as presented.

MOTION: Trustee Stevens

Motion passed unanimously.

SECOND: Vice Chair Caban

INFORMATION AND NEWS ITEMS

Amanda Clements, Vice President for Communications, shared an overview of recent media coverage for the College.

Highlights included:

- Florida Politics mention of the College's recertification as an Achieving the Dream Leader College of Distinction.
- The Innovation Hub story picked up by all local news outlets.
- Cleaver & Cork coverage in Garden and Gun, Flamingo magazine, Tallahassee Magazine, and on local broadcast channels.
- Six influencers attended the Cleaver & Cork Food & Wine Weekend.
- Broadcast clips featured the ribbon-cutting of the Innovation Hub, TSC Women's Basketball in the State Playoffs, Cleaver & Cork Food and Wine Festival, and the groundbreaking of the Eugene Lamb Jr. Community Center.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

Vice President Mitchell invited Kirk Pepper and Carlesia Collins of GrayRobinson to provide a legislative update. Mr. Pepper reported that the Legislature adjourned on the traditional 60th day without reaching agreement on the state budget. He noted that lawmakers are expected to reconvene in April and June.

He shared his belief that TSC is in a strong position to secure significant funding to complete the Gadsden and Dental Building projects.

VP Mitchell added that the Senate budget includes \$7.2 million for these projects, compared to the \$10 million request, while the House budget includes \$4 million. She also confirmed that trustees Bayliss, Brown, Caban, Moore, and Rees have been confirmed by the Senate.

PRESENTATIONS - VP Heather Mitchell introduced the following donors:

Lamont Cook, President and Owner of Cook Brothers Inc., was recognized for a \$10,000 sponsorship of Cleaver & Cork.

Ashley Johnson, Florida Restaurant and Lodging Association, was recognized for a \$10,000 sponsorship of Cleaver & Cork Sous.

Karen and Richard Moore of The Moore Agency were recognized for a \$10,000 sponsorship of Cleaver & Cork.

Martha and Marc Fletcher were recognized for a \$25,000 gift for the creation of an endowed scholarship.

Approval of Consent Agenda

The consent agenda format is an organization process for meetings that allows the governing board to focus their time and attention on action items that require more elaboration, information, and/or discussion. The intent of the consent agenda is to support the efficiency and effectiveness of the meeting.

If a trustee has a question or plans to cast a negative vote regarding a specific recommendation, then the trustee/trustees need to acknowledge their intention to the Chair. This action item will be considered in the regular order of business as an individual action item.

Those action items that the trustees plan to approve without further question or discussion will remain on the consent agenda. Upon the final determination of the consent agenda, a motion, second to the motion, and unanimous approval of the Board of Trustees is needed to approve the action items. Upon approval of the consent agenda, the Board of Trustees will proceed with the remainder of the agenda.

2. Attorney Invoices – Bryant Miller Olive (February 2026)

Authorize payment of invoices as presented.

3. Human Resource Report

Approve the report as presented.

MOTION: Vice Chair Caban **SECOND:** Trustee Stevens
Motion passed unanimously.

TSC Foundation

4. TSC Foundation Update

Presented as an information item only.

5. TSC Foundation – Gift Acceptance

Accept gift as presented.

MOTION: Trustee Stevens **SECOND:** Vice Chair Caban
Motion passed unanimously.

Administrative Services

6. Policy Manual Changes

Approve revision of College policies as presented.

MOTION: Trustee Stevens **SECOND:** Trustee Moore
Motion passed unanimously.

7. Fund Analysis - February

Presented as an information item only.

8. Authorization of Designated Officers to Execute Banking Documents

Authorize the Vice President for Administrative Services and the Associate Vice President for Administrative Services to act as signers on the Centennial Bank account.

MOTION: Trustee Brown **SECOND:** Trustee Stevens
Motion passed unanimously.

9. Sponsored Programs – Provider

Authorize funding for the awards and contracts as presented.

MOTION: Trustee Moore **SECOND:** Trustee Stevens
Motion passed unanimously.

10. Construction Status Report

Presented as an information item only.

Trustee Moore inquired about the details of the Truck Driving Program Expansion agreement. Vice Presidents Wills and Bell explained that the Department of Transportation's requirements included repaving the site for truck driving, increasing the number of cohorts and vehicles, obtaining the necessary permit, and submitting the application.

11. Architect Invoices

Authorize payment of architectural invoice(s) as presented.

MOTION: Trustee Stevens **SECOND:** Trustee Moore
Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT-None.

WORKSHOP – Florida Census Undercount Study presented by Dr. Keith Richard, Vice President of Research, Florida Chamber Foundation.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- March 25: StuFac, 11 a.m. -1 p.m. on the Intramural Field. Calendar invitations have been sent to trustees.
- April 6: SGA Passing of the Gavel, 1 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom.
- April 7-12: Forensics Team hosts and competes in Phi Rho Pi National Tournament in Bethesda, MD.
- April 10: Ignite Day, 1 p.m., in the Student Union Ballroom.
- April 11: Tallahassee History Festival, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the Intramural Field.
- April 24-26: Word of South; TSC is the presenting sponsor.
- April 30: 2026 Spring Commencement at the Donald L. Tucker Center. 5:15 pm arrival time; ceremony begins at 6 p.m. A calendar invitation was sent to trustees.
- June 16-17: AI Innovations Summit; Registration opens April 1.

NEXT MEETING DATE

April 20, 2026

Location: **Wakulla Environmental Institute.**

ADJOURNMENT at 3:59 p.m.

Eugene Lamb
Chair

Jim Murdaugh, Ph.D.
President