

**Minutes
District Board of Trustees
Tallahassee State College
Ghazvini Center for Healthcare Education
1528 Surgeons Drive
Tallahassee, FL 32308
Monday, May 18, 2026
Business Meeting & Workshop – 2:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

On Monday, May 18, 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, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

By Phone: Trustees Monesia Brown and Jonathan Rees.

Others Present: President Jim Murdaugh, Nyla Davis, Bertie Culbreath, Wayne Almy, Shelly L. Bell, Amanda Clements, Brendie Hawkins, Camden Smit, Sheri Rowland, Pam Johnston, Barbara Wills, Dustin Frost, Jason Fowler, Sean McGovern, DeNitra Ukpo, Eileen Durant, Angela Gruber, Tricia Rizza, Calandra Stringer, Kalynda Holton, Steve Nettles, Hope Childree, Jennifer Peavy, Cerissa Fondo, Bobby Jones, and Janet Hartman.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

- I. Chair Remarks:
Chair Lamb called for a motion to allow Trustees Brown and Rees to participate in the meeting and vote by phone.

MOTION: Vice Chair Caban **SECOND:** Trustee Moore
The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Lamb reported that he attended the Miami Commissioners Summit with President Murdaugh and TSC Chief of Police Sean McGovern. He also commented positively about the TSC commencement. He explained to the new members of the Board that each May, a subcommittee of the Board, made up of the Chair and Vice Chair, meets with the President. Board subcommittee meets and includes the President, Chair, Vice Chair, Nyla Davis, Director of Human Resources, Riley Landy, the College's attorney. The Board subcommittee reviewed three items related to President Murdaugh's employment contract.

Chair Lamb shared that the President has done a great job at TSC, and the Board is blessed to have him.

1. President Murdaugh is required to undergo a comprehensive physical exam at the expense of the board, and a statement from the physician is to be placed in his personnel file.
2. President Murdaugh's performance as president of Tallahassee State College is reviewed using an evaluation that was completed by all board members.
3. President Murdaugh's base salary and all financial benefits outlined in his contract are reviewed.

II. Trustee Remarks:

- a. Trustee Moore shared that the evaluation reflects the sentiment of the board, the academic institution, and the community. TSC has an incredible president with vision and passion, and we consider ourselves fortunate to have him at the institution. Trustee Moore expressed pride in having him as the college's president. She was unable to attend this year's commencement and thanked the staff for the Veterans Cord and Coin ceremony. She noted Trustee Stevens attended and brought his son because it was Bring Your Child to Work Day, which made the occasion very special. Trustee Moore mentioned that the Innovation Hub is doing incredible things and recognized Dr. Stringer, Dr. Rizza, and Dr. Wills for their work with the Tallahassee Collegiate Academy, where 39 students graduated this year, some earning their high school diploma along with an AS degree, some entering the military, and one attending the Savannah College of Art and Design. A highlight was the robot dog that came to congratulate our students.
 - b. Trustee Brown thanked the faculty and staff who made the students' success possible.
 - c. Trustee Stevens mentioned that commencement was always the best time of year to celebrate the students and shared a story about meeting a student who attended TSC for their EMS and Nursing degree.
 - d. Trustee Bayliss congratulated President Murdaugh on his great review. She enjoyed the Healthcare Pinning and graduation, Eagle Connection, and the dual enrollment students, who were amazing. Great news about the Sterling Flight Training - Professional Aeronautics Certification (PAC) starting in the Fall, and a friend praised the TSC's building construction management program.
 - e. Vice Chair Caban congratulated the president on his great review and is looking forward to another great year.
- III. President Murdaugh thanked the Board for their thoughtful comments and evaluation. He acknowledged that the college's work is done in collaboration with everyone here. He expressed gratitude for everyone's efforts in the evaluation, which covered 34 areas; he requested that no changes be made

to his contract this year; recognized the need for prompt communication with the Board; and appreciated their care throughout the evaluation. President Murdaugh congratulated Trustee Moore on the special graduation of thirty-nine students from the Tallahassee Collegiate Academy. He thanked Governor DeSantis for reappointing Trustees Bayliss, Lamb, and Moore, and the Department of Education for grant funding that made the Innovation HUB possible. Additionally, he congratulated Dean Pam Johnston of Career and Academic Planning, Director Emily Micik of Advising, and Manager Tamaris Cockfield of Career Services and Specialized Student Support for winning the 25-26 Innovation of the Year award from the League for Innovation in the Community College System for our program, APP to CAP, personalized advising from application to graduation. He mentioned that TCS has hired Brett Rutherford as Director of Athletics and Campus Recreation, and Trent Short as head men's basketball coach.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. 2026 April Board Minutes

Approve minutes as presented.

MOTION: Trustee Moore **SECOND:** Trustee Stevens

The motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATION AND NEWS ITEMS

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

Highlights included:

- Florida Politics mentioned Trustee Karen Moore's Trustee of the Year honor.
- Florida Chamber newsletter featured Dr. Murdaugh's 50 over 50 recognition.
- Word of South festival sponsorship, Sarah Marchessault, Director of the festival and a member of our staff, had a publication in the Democrat, and WTXL did a feature on Word of South.
- Student success stories include Maria Garcia, Student Body Vice President; Demetria Coley, our youngest dual enrollment graduate and now the youngest graduate of the College of Nursing at Florida State; and a graduate of the Dreams and Success Homes (DASH) for individuals who have aged out of foster care. She was the first in her family to attend college and the first from Dreams and Success Homes to finish.
- New athletic hires (Brett Rutherford, Trent Short), also Gary Droz as a women's cross country coach, he is bringing back track and field.
- Trustee reappointments featured in the Democrat and Florida Politics.

Broadcast clips included:

- A new scholarship named for fallen Tallahassee police officer Michael Cody Terranoa, from his family, supporting future law enforcement recruits.
- Canvas outage response and communication protocols.
- Public Safety Banquet, the event honors people who have made a significant impact on public safety in our area. Retiree Brian Dunmire was honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award. Dunmire served as an educator at TSC and launched the first paramedic training program.

PRESENTATIONS-None

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. Human Resource Report

Motion to Approve Consent Agenda

MOTION: Trustee Moore **SECOND:** Vice Chair Caban

The motion passed unanimously.

Academic Affairs

3. General Education Institutional Review Certification – Revised for Fall 2026

Approve the amended College's list of general education courses for 2026-2027.

MOTION: Trustee Stevens **SECOND:** Vice Chair Caban

The motion passed unanimously.

4. Laboratory/Course and Distance Learning Fees for 2026-2027

Approve the laboratory/course and distance learning fees for 2026-2027.

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

5. Dual Enrollment Articulation Agreements with County School Boards and Public Charter Schools

Approve the 2026-2027 dual enrollment articulation agreements.

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

6. Dual Enrollment Articulation Agreements with Private Schools

Approve the 2026-2027 dual enrollment articulation agreements.

MOTION: Trustee Moore **SECOND:** Vice Chair Caban
The motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Bayliss asked whether Maclay School is new to an articulation agreement this year, and whether they use it. Per Dr. Stringer, Maclay School is not new and actively uses it.

Administrative Services

7. Fund Analysis - April

Presented as an information item only.

8. Sponsored Programs – Provider

Authorize funding for the awards and contracts as presented.

MOTION: Trustee Moore **SECOND:** Vice Chair Caban
The motion passed unanimously.

9. Construction Status Report

Presented as an information item only.

10. Line of Credit

Authorize the College to create a line of credit.

MOTION: Trustee Stevens **SECOND:** Trustee Moore
The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT-None

WORKSHOP- Strengthening The Healthcare Workforce Pipeline

Dr. Stringer, Vice President of Academic Affairs and Provost.

Discussion included the following.

- Whether the new admission requirements (B in A&P, higher HESI) will significantly reduce the applicant pool for fall 2025.
- Whether 12-month faculty contracts can be achieved through collective bargaining without major labor conflict.
- Whether other accrediting bodies could provide alternative pathways if the Florida Board of Nursing probation persists.
- How to encourage graduates to test within 60 days when institutions have no statutory control over timing.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- May 20 Mental Health Awareness Month, an event Mind Matters will be held in the Student Union Ballroom.
- June 16-17: Innovation Summit will be held on campus.

NEXT MEETING DATE

June 15, 2026

Location: **Main Campus**

ADJOURNMENT 3:41 p.m.

Eugene Lamb
Chair

Jim Murdaugh, Ph.D.
President