Minutes
District Board of Trustees
Tallahassee State College
444 Appleyard Drive
Tallahassee, FL 32304
Monday, August 17, 2026
Business Meeting – 2:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER

On Monday, August 17, 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 Karen Moore, and Monte Stevens.

By Phone: Trustees Sara Bayliss, Monesia Brown, and Jonathan Rees.

Others Present: President Jim Murdaugh, Wayne Almy, Camden Smit, Calandra Stringer, Tricia Rizza, Brett Rutherford, Trent Short, Andre Harris, Nyla Davis, Heather Mitchell, Christen Givens, Alysha Gutierrez-Tapia, Shelly L. Bell, Brendie Hawkins, Alison Fleischmann, Jennifer Carr, Bobby Jones, Jaelyn Perez, Cami Coello, Brianna Rogers, Levi Pearson, Cerissa Fondo, Sean McGovern, Anthony Jones, Riley Laudy, Steve Nettles, Malik Johnson, Kayla Dover, Rick Faezy, Amanda Clements, Sheri Rowland, Hope Childree, Dustin Frost, Angela Long, Bertie Culbreath and Janet Hartman.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

I. Board Chair Remarks:
Chair Lamb called for a motion to allow Trustees Bayliss, Brown, and Rees to participate in the meeting and vote by phone.
MOTION: Trustee Caban **SECOND:** Trustee Moore
The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Lamb attended the Eagles Rise, the HCP Pinning Ceremony, and a workshop presented by Dr. Angela Long in Gadsden County.

II. Trustee Remarks:
a. Trustee Moore noted that TSC was well represented at the Tallahassee Chamber and thanked Shelly Bell and the Workforce Development team for their efforts.

b. Vice Chair Caban was glad all the students were back on campus, echoed that TSC was well represented at the Tallahassee Chamber, and would like to see TSC continue to be a great community partner across the board.
c. Trustee Stevens expressed gratitude to Coach Henry for the baseball camp held during the summer, and thanked Chair Lamb for his service on the board.

President Murdaugh asked Dr. Rowland to provide an enrollment update and to introduce the new head of the Athletics Department, the coaches, the Student Government Association President, and their officers. Dr. Rowland noted that on the first day of class, the institution is already celebrating 12 semesters of enrollment growth. Last year, there were 12,500 students; this year, the number is already over 12,700 and approaching 12,800. Credit hours are increasing significantly. She thanked Dr. Stringer's team for the 4% growth from the previous year. Dr. Rowland introduced the new Director of Athletics, Brett Rutherford; Trent Short, Men’s Basketball; Jessica Santiago, Women's Softball; and Gary Droze, Track and Field. She also introduced SGA President Jaelyn Perez and her officers.

President Murdaugh congratulated Trustee Moore on being named the recipient of Leadership Tallahassee’s 2026 Lifetime Leadership Award.

President Murdaugh asked Chair Lamb to move to pull Tabs 12 and 13 from the agenda.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

16. 2026 June Board Minutes

Approve June Board Minutes as presented.

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

INFORMATION AND NEWS ITEMS-Amanda Clements, Vice President of Communications, shared an overview of recent media coverage.

Highlights included:

- Ava
- African American History Calendar-Print to Pixels, Black Creators and Communicators
- Art Exhibit
- Drone program at Wakulla Environmental Institute
- TSC Hall of Fame
- AI Innovation Summit

Broadcast clips included:

- New Athletic Director and coaches
- US Army PFC Bandon N. King scholarship that has lasted 15 years.

PRESENTATIONS-Heather Mitchell, Vice President of the TSC Foundation.

VP Mitchell introduced Andre Harris from Addition Financial. They will serve as the presenting sponsor and presented a $15,000 check for STUFAC in both the Fall and Spring.

Approval of Consent Agenda

The consent agenda format is an organizational 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 (June and July 2026)
   Authorize payment of invoices as presented.

3. Human Resources Report
   Approve report as presented.
4. Sponsored Programs
   Authorize funding for the awards and contracts as presented.

   Motion to Approve Consent Agenda
   MOTION: Trustee Stevens **SECOND:** Trustee Moore
   The motion passed unanimously.

TSC Foundation

5. TSC Foundation Update
   Presented as an information item only.

Academic Affairs

6. General Education Institutional Review Certification
   Approve the College's list of general education courses for 2027-2028.

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

Administrative Services

7. Fund Analysis – July
   For information only, no Board action required.

8. Disposal of Property Assets
   Authorize the College to dispose of the items designated as surplus.

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

9. Agreements/Purchase Orders Over $325,000
   Authorize the College to enter into the contracts listed in this agenda item.

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

10. Architect Invoices
    Authorize payment of architectural invoice(s) as presented.

    MOTION: Trustee Moore **SECOND:** Trustee Stevens
    The motion passed unanimously.
11. Construction Status Report
    Presented as an information item only.

12. College Application Fee
Board approval of the Application Fee of $30.00
Item pulled from the agenda.

13. User Fees for Student Transcripts
Approve a Transcript Fee of $10 per official transcript request.
Item pulled from the agenda.

Institutional Effectiveness

14. The District Board of Trustees 2026 Board Self-Evaluation
Recommended that the District Board of Trustees of Tallahassee State College acknowledge and accept the results of the 2026 Board Self-Evaluation as presented.

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

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

15. 2026 – 2027 Schedule of Business Meetings and Workshops
Approve the schedule as presented.

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

16. Election of Officers
Motion for nominations for Board Chair for the year 2026-2027.

MOTION: Trustee Stevens **SECOND:** Trustee Moore
Nomination accepted by Trustee Caban
The motion passed unanimously.

Motion for nominations for Board Vice Chair for the year 2026-2027.
MOTION: Vice Chair Caban **SECOND:** Trustee Moore
Nomination accepted by Trustee Stevens
The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Caban thanked the Board for the nomination. He described his college experience at TSC as incredible. His vision as chairman is to ensure the Board fulfills its role in providing students with the same opportunities, to continue expanding efforts to create a foundation for more career-building possibilities for students who want to stay and build careers there, and to support the faculty members, the president, and build on the current vision.

Chair Caban presented outgoing Chair Lamb with a plaque.

> Motion made to request a status report on the history and plans for the TSC property at the corner of Appleyard Drive and Tennessee, at the next meeting.
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> **MOTION:** Vice Chair Stevens **SECOND:** Chair Caban
> The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT-No public comment.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- On September 7, Labor Day, the campus will be closed.

NEXT MEETING DATE: September 21, 2026 Location: **Wakulla Environmental Institute**

ADJOURNMENT-3:18 p.m.

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Christian Caban **Jim Murdaugh, Ph.D.**
Chair **President**