



**THE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF VALENCIA COLLEGE
REGULAR MEETING**

Minutes

May 25, 2023

Valencia College – East Campus
Building 8, Room 101
and
Zoom Meeting

Members Present

Ms. Daisy Lopez-Cid, Chair
Ms. Beth Smith, Vice Chair
Mr. Angel de la Portilla
Mr. John Martinez
Mr. Michael Sasso
Ms. Tracey Stockwell

Members Absent

Mr. John Davis
Mr. Guillermo Hansen

Dr. Kathleen Plinske, Secretary of the Board and President of the College

Call to Order

Chair Lopez-Cid called the Regular Meeting of the District Board of Trustees of Valencia College to order at 9:37 a.m. A quorum was present.

**Approval of Minutes
March 2, 2023
Regular Meeting**

Ms. Stockwell moved to approve the meeting minutes of the March 2, 2023, Regular Meeting, as presented. Mr. Martinez seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

President's Report

Dr. Plinske reported that in 2022, Osceola County stepped forward to create Osceola Prosper, a county-funded initiative which provided all 2022 Osceola County high school graduates the opportunity to earn a degree or certificate from Valencia or Osceola Technical School with no out-of-pocket cost.

Dr. Plinske introduced and thanked Mr. Ricky Booth, Osceola County Commissioner, and Ms. Beth Knight, Osceola County Deputy County Administrator, for their leadership and vision to create such opportunity and access in Osceola County. Ms. Knight recognized Mr. Donald Fisher, Manager, Osceola County Government, the District Board of Trustees of Valencia College, and the College's leadership team for their collective great work.

Dr. Plinske thanked the Board members who attended the Spring Commencement ceremonies, held Sunday, May 7, 2023, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., at the UCF Addition Financial Arena. Dr. Plinske stated that a total of 1,543 graduates participated in the ceremonies. Dr. Plinske stated that the Winter 2023 Commencement ceremonies will be held Tuesday, December 12, 2023, at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., at the UCF Addition Financial Arena.

Dr. Plinske stated that among the students who completed a degree from Valencia this Spring, 3,456 earned Associate in Arts degrees, 585 students earned Associate in Science degrees, and 273 students earned baccalaureate degrees. Dr. Plinske stated that a total of 307 dual enrolled students completed their associate's degrees at the same time they graduated from high school.

Dr. Plinske shared that about a year ago, Valencia met with AdventHealth at their request to develop a customized accelerated skills training program for Certified Clinical Medical Assisting. The program is offered to AdventHealth employees who are already working in administrative assisting roles and have an opportunity for a promotion within the organization. Dr. Plinske stated that, so far, Valencia has offered six unique cohorts in total, serving 107 students from Orange and Osceola Counties, with a pass rate of 93%. The program celebrated its 100th graduate on May 19, 2023.

Dr. Plinske stated that earlier this month she and other team members traveled to Pittsburgh, PA, for the Aspen's Institute's first convening of its Unlocking Opportunity network. Dr. Plinske indicated that a total of ten colleges from across the country, including Valencia, were selected to be part of the Unlocking Opportunity network. Dr. Plinske stated that Valencia's participation will challenge and support the College in meaningfully expanding its workforce programs to increase the number of students earning a credential that leads to a high-wage, high-skill career.

Dr. Plinske stated that the College is in the process of reorganizing the organizational structure of workforce programs to provide centralized leadership for the College's full portfolio of workforce program offerings. Dr. Plinske announced that Mr. Joe Battista, Vice President, Global, Professional and Continuing Education, has accepted additional responsibility and will serve as Valencia's new Vice President for Workforce.

Dr. Plinske shared that in early June 2023, the College will submit a grant proposal to the U.S. Department of Education related to its Title V Program, which provides grants to assist Hispanic-serving institutions' adult learners.

Dr. Plinske also shared a Collegewide organizational structure update:

- Mr. Loren Bender will be retiring June 30, 2023.
- Dr. Isis Artze-Vega, Provost and Vice President, Academic Affairs, will lead a new organizational structure to build off the success that the College has experienced with its introduction of Campus Provosts, who report directly to her.
- Dr. Brandon McKelvey, Vice President, Technology, Research, and Analytics, will serve in a new role as Executive Vice President for Administrative Services.
- Mr. Oscar Cristancho-Mercado, Assistant Vice President, Budget and Analysis will serve as Chief Financial Officer, and will report to Dr. McKelvey.
- Mr. Shaun Andrews, Assistant Vice President, Facilities and Maintenance Operations, will serve in a new role as Chief Operations Officer and will report to Dr. McKelvey.
- Mr. Daryl Davis, newly appointed Chief Analytics Officer, will report to Dr. McKelvey.
- The College will be conducting a search for a new Chief Information Officer who will report to Dr. McKelvey.

Next, Dr. Plinske stated that Dr. Amy Bosley, Vice President, Institutional Planning, Development, and Chief of Staff, has been selected to serve as the next President of Northwest Vista College in San Antonio, Texas, as part of the Alamo Colleges District. Dr. Plinske recognized and thanked Dr. Bosley for her many contributions to Valencia.

Dr. Plinske thanked Valencia's legislative leaders for their great support in obtaining a \$5M allocation toward planning for the expansion of the College's Lake Nona Campus. The eventual full state funding and completion of Building 2 will ensure Valencia has the capacity to serve one of the fastest growing regions in the state and expand its nursing program to Medical City. Dr. Plinske thanked Tavistock's Tallahassee-based lobbyists Mr. Chris Dudley and Mr. Oscar Anderson for their key partnership in this effort.

Dr. Plinske stated that the 2023 Legislative Session Report was distributed to the Board. The report included the session highlights, including summaries of bills relevant to the College that passed and those that did not pass.

Faculty Association Report

Dr. Doreen Watson, President, Faculty Association, shared Valencia's faculty's passion for teaching and their great commitment to the College and its mission.

Student Government Association Report

Mr. Andres Perez, Collegewide SGA President, and Ms. Rashara Grant, Winter Park Campus Senator, presented the report, which was distributed to the Board. The SGA team shared a Spring 2023 recap of the Winter Park Campus, current initiatives, and the SGA's future plans.

The Board thanked the SGA team members for their great work.

Public Comments

No public comments were offered.

New Business

1. Approval of Continuing Contracts: Dr. Isis Artze-Vega presented the report, which was distributed to the Board. Dr. Artze-Vega referred to the list of continuing contract candidates being presented to the Board for consideration and provided a detailed review of Valencia's rigorous process for awarding continuing contracts to eligible full-time faculty members. Dr. Artze-Vega reported that to become eligible to be considered for the award of a continuing contract, a full-time faculty member first must prepare and submit a Portfolio determined to be acceptable by the College in accordance with standards, requirements, and procedures established for the College's Teaching and Learning Academy (TLA) and:

- Complete at least five (5) years of satisfactory service at Valencia College, based on the criteria established by the College, during a period not more than seven (7) years.
- Receive the recommendation of the President and approval by the District Board of Trustees based on successful performance of duties, demonstration of professional competence pursuant Valencia policies and procedures, and the needs of the College.

Following a full discussion, Mr. de la Portilla moved to approve the award of continuing contracts to the faculty members as recommended and presented. Ms. Stockwell seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

2. 2022-2023 Operating Budget Framework: Mr. Loren Bender, Vice President, Business Operations and Chief Financial Officer, presented the

report, which was distributed to the Board. Following discussion, Mr. Sasso moved to approve the 2023-2024 Operating Budget Framework, as presented. Mr. Martinez seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

The Board thanked Mr. Bender and his team for their great work.

- 3. Award of RFP 2023-13, Poinciana Campus Solar Panels:** Mr. Bender presented the report, which was distributed to the Board. This project was made possible through the leadership of Congressman Darren Soto with a federal appropriation under the Congressional Community Appropriation Initiatives program.

Following discussion, Ms. Smith moved to authorize the College to award RFP 2023-13, Poinciana Campus Solar Panels to 15 Lightyears, Inc., at a total project cost of \$1,199,644, with \$500,000 being funded by a federal HUD/EDI Solar Panel Grant awarded to the College and \$699,644 being funded directly by the College, as presented. Should the College not be able to negotiate a mutually agreeable contract with 15 Lightyears, Inc., negotiations will cease, and negotiations will commence with the second-ranked bidder and so on until a fair, competitive, and reasonable agreement is reached. Ms. Stockwell seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Martinez and seconded by Mr. de la Portilla to consider, accept, and approve items 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11 under New Business in the manner of a consent agenda. The Board unanimously approved the following items under New Business in the consent agenda, as recommended:

- 4. Approval of 2023-2024 Board Meeting Schedule**
- 5. Award of Sole Source (SS) 2023-23, Vanguard, Water Treatment Collegewide Upgrade**
- 6. Approval of 2022-2023 Annual Fire Safety, Casualty Safety, and Sanitation Inspection**
- 7. Valencia College Annual Equity Update 2022-2023**
- 8. Approval of the 2023-2024 College Catalog**
- 9. Policy Update and Repeal**
 - *Update Policy 6Hx28: 10-04 – Firearms and Weapons on College Property and at College Events*
 - *Repeal Policy 6Hx28: 6-02 – Investment of Funds*
- 10. Additions, Deletions, or Modifications of Courses and Programs**
- 11. Property Deletion**

Dr. Plinske stated that the following report items are detailed in the written

materials, which have been distributed to the Board:

Reports

- A. Financial Report**
- B. Valencia Foundation Report**

Strategic Discussion

Dr. Plinske presented an overview of the College Access goal as reflected in the 2030 Strategic Impact Plan. The written report was distributed to the Board. The report included the 2030 Strategic Impact Plan main goal areas, a baseline visualization, leading indicators, progress through 2021, and the impact of Osceola Prosper. A full discussion ensued.

Dr. Plinske thanked Dr. Lesley Frederick, Vice President, Student Affairs, Dr. McKelvey, and their teams, for their successful efforts in implementing infrastructure and technology processes within the College.

Board Comments

The Board congratulated Dr. Bosley on her selection as President of Northwest Vista College in San Antonio, Texas.

The Board thanked Valencia's leadership team, faculty, and staff for their contributions to Valencia's success.

Adjourn

Chair Lopez-Cid adjourned the Regular Meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Secretary

Chair