



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

**Minutes**

**April 28, 2022**

Valencia College – School of Public Safety  
Auditorium  
and  
Zoom Meeting

Members Present

Ms. Beth Smith, Vice Chair  
Mr. John Davis  
Mr. Angel de la Portilla  
Mr. Guillermo Hansen  
Mr. John Martinez  
Mr. Michael Sasso  
Ms. Tracey Stockwell

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

Member Absent

Ms. Daisy Lopez-Cid, Chair

**Call to Order**

Vice Chair Smith, serving as Chair, called the Regular Meeting of the District Board of Trustees of Valencia College to order at 9:34 a.m. A quorum was present.

**Approval of Minutes  
February 24, 2022  
Regular Meeting  
and March 17, 2022  
Special Meeting**

Mr. Sasso moved to approve the meeting minutes of the February 24, 2022, Regular Meeting, and the March 17, 2022, Special Meeting, as presented. Ms. Stockwell seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

**President's Report**

Dr. Plinske introduced Orange County Sheriff John Mina. Sheriff Mina stated that the partnership between Valencia College and the Orange County Sheriff's Office is remarkable and one of the best of its kind in the nation.

Dr. Plinske recognized Valencia's nearly three-decade-long partnership with the Orange County Sheriff's Office for providing the latest in training and education to Central Florida's law enforcement officers.

Dr. Plinske reported that City of Orlando Mayor Buddy Dyer hosted Deputy Secretary of the United States Treasury Wally Ademeyo during his recent visit to Orlando. Deputy Secretary Ademeyo learned about the City of Orlando's use of the American Rescue Plan funds to support the Rapid Increase of Skills and Employment (RISE) program, which connects residents with education, training, coaching, and support services to measurably increase their employability, and prioritizes service for those residing in neighborhoods with the greatest need, including Parramore.

Deputy Secretary Ademeyo's visit included a tour of the new RISE office in Orlando, after which he joined Valencia team members for a tour of Valencia's Downtown Center for Accelerated Training.

Dr. Plinske stated that the College will be holding its 53rd Commencement ceremonies on Sunday, May 8, 2022, at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the UCF Basketball Arena. She shared that the College expects nearly 4,000 students to graduate this spring, in addition to the nearly 3,000 students who graduated in the fall.

**Faculty Association Report**

Mr. Michael Robbins, President, Faculty Association, expressed his excitement over the College's first in-person traditional Commencement ceremony to be held since 2019.

**Student Government Association Report**

Valencia's 2021-2022 President's Student Advisory Board (PSAB) team presented the report, which was distributed to the Board.

Ms. Olivia Assing Nunes, East Campus SGA President, Ms. Miranda Rublaitus, Osceola Campus SGA President, Mr. Toby Hand, Lake Nona Campus SGA President, and Mr. Ty'Jon Streets, West Campus SGA President, presented the report, which was distributed to the Board.

The PSAB team shared the PSAB purpose and goals, programming highlights, the College's new mascot selection process, the initiatives to support and assist students with academic challenges, and the SGA's

annual trip to Tallahassee.

Mr. Streets thanked Dr. Plinske, Mr. Jay Galbraith, Vice President, Public Affairs and Advancement, and the Board, for coordinating the logistics involved in the SGA trip to Tallahassee.

The Board thanked the PSAB team for their great work.

**Public Comments**

No public comments were offered.

**New Business**

- 1. Valencia College Foundation Certification Agreement:** Mr. Jay Galbraith, Interim Executive Director, Valencia College Foundation, presented the report, which was distributed to the Board. Mr. Galbraith stated that the Valencia College Foundation certification agreement will support the College's certification of the Foundation, as required by law, will comport with accreditation requirements, and document the parameters of the College's oversight of and relationship to the Foundation, the sharing of the resources by the College, and the conditions, requirements, policies, rules, and laws governing the Foundation and its operations.

Following a discussion, Mr. de la Portilla moved to authorize the College to execute the Valencia College Foundation Certification Agreement, as presented and reviewed. Mr. Martinez seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

- 2. Certification of Valencia College Foundation:** Mr. Galbraith presented the report, which was distributed to the Board. Mr. Galbraith reminded the Board that at its Regular Meeting of December 2, 2021, and in accordance with applicable laws, the Board reviewed, discussed, and approved the Valencia College Foundation's Annual Financial Audit, the Federal Internal Revenue Service Application for Recognition of Exemption Form (Form 1023), and the Federal Internal Revenue Service Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax form (Form 990).

Mr. Galbraith stated that, in accordance with Section 1004.70(1)(a)(3), F.S., the Board must certify the Valencia College Foundation to be operating in a manner consistent with the goals of Valencia College and in the best interest of the state.

Following a discussion, Mr. Sasso moved to certify the Valencia College Foundation to be operating in a manner consistent with the goals of Valencia College and in the best interest of the state. Ms.

Stockwell seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

3. **Award of ITN 2022-13, Management of Valencia College Virtual Course Materials Store:** Dr. Plinske presented the report, which was distributed to the Board. Dr. Plinske reported that, on January 21, 2022, the College issued Invitation to Negotiate (ITN) 2022-13, in which the College sought proposals to outsource its course materials distribution services. The College strives to implement a program that maintains affordability through efficient and effective support services and competitive prices, in compliance with applicable laws, policies, and procedures with respect to instructional materials adoption.

Following a discussion, Ms. Stockwell moved to authorize the College to award ITN 2022-13, to Akademos, Inc., as presented. Should the College not be able to negotiate a mutually agreeable multi-year contract, negotiations will cease, and negotiations will commence with the second-ranked bidder and so on until a fair, competitive, and reasonable agreement is reached. Mr. Davis seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

4. **2021-2022 Annual Fire Safety, Casualty Safety, and Sanitation Inspection:** Dr. Plinske presented the report, which was distributed to the Board. Dr. Plinske shared that the State Requirements for Educational Facilities requires that annual fire safety, casualty safety, and sanitation inspections be completed each year and that the schedule of corrections of each deficiency be adopted by the District Board of Trustees. The inspection of Valencia's facilities took place during February and March 2022.

Dr. Plinske announced that for the seventh straight year, no deficiencies were noted in the inspection of all College buildings, which encompass over 2.4 million square feet. She noted how significant this accomplishment is and lauded the Valencia team for another great year.

Following discussion, Ms. Stockwell moved to approve the 2021-2022 State Requirements for Educational Facilities Report, as presented. Mr. Sasso seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Dr. Plinske thanked Mr. Loren Bender, Vice President, Business Operations and Finance, and Chief Financial Officer, and his team for their great work.

A motion was made by Mr. Martinez and seconded by Ms. Stockwell to consider, accept, and approve items 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 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:

- 5. Approval of the 2021-2022 Annual State Equity Report**
- 6. Approval of the 2022-2023 Academic Calendar**
- 7. Additions, Deletions, or Modifications of Courses and Programs**
- 8. Continuing Education Programs and Courses**
- 9. Submission of Grant Proposals**
- 10. Property Deletion**

Vice Chair Smith noted that the following report items are detailed in the written materials, which have been distributed and reviewed by the Board:

**Reports**

- A. School of Public Safety Report**
- B. Spring Enrollment Report**
- C. Financial Report**
- D. Construction Report**
- E. Valencia Foundation Report**

**Strategic Discussion**

**Update on Strategic Impact Plan Goal #3 – Transfer Success:**

Dr. Plinske provided an overview of the 2030 Strategic Impact Plan Goal #3 – Transfer Success, which included a baseline visualization, transfer success progress through 2021-22, leading indicators, and the impact of the DirectConnect to UCF pathway.

Dr. Plinske reported that, by 2030, 65% of students of each race and ethnicity who earn an A.A. or A.S. degree from Valencia College and enroll in a baccalaureate degree program at the University of Central Florida or Valencia College will earn their bachelor's degree within four years of starting a baccalaureate degree program.

Dr. Plinske introduced special guest Dr. Alexander Cartwright, UCF President. Dr. Cartwright discussed Valencia College and UCF's strategies to increase Valencia graduates' success once they transfer into a baccalaureate program, such as working collaboratively on advising students to properly prepare them for their major and encouraging them to take the prerequisites required for a degree completion before transferring to UCF.

Dr. Cartwright recognized the great partnership between UCF and Valencia College and the remarkable student success through DirectConnect to UCF.

**Board Comments**

The Board emphasized the importance of the partnership between Valencia College and UCF.

The Board thanked the leaders of the School of Public Safety for coordinating the tour experiences of the tactical simulator and the Orange County Sheriff's Office K9 Unit training exercise.

Mr. de la Portilla noted the importance of the Osceola Prosper initiative.

The Board praised Valencia for its effective partnerships throughout the Central Florida community.

**Adjourn**

Vice Chair Smith adjourned the Regular Meeting at 11:13 a.m.

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Secretary

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Chair