THE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF VALENCIA COLLEGE
REGULAR MEETING

Minutes
September 17, 2026
Valencia College – West Campus
Building 8, Room 111
and
Zoom Meeting

Members Present
Trustee John Davis, Acting Chair
Trustee Blair Bradley
Trustee Shawn Hindle
Trustee Belinda Kirkegard
Trustee Sean Milligan
Trustee Rick Pullum
Trustee Tracey Stockwell

Member Absent
Trustee Michael Sasso, Chair

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

Call to Order	Acting Chair Davis called the Regular Meeting of the District Board of Trustees of Valencia College to order at 9:31 a.m. A quorum was present.
Approval of August 6, 2026, Organizational Meeting and August 6, 2026, Workshop	Trustee Pullum moved to approve the meeting minutes of the August 6, 2026, Organizational Meeting, and the August 6, 2026, Workshop, as presented. Trustee Stockwell seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.
President's Report	Dr. Plinske recognized Florida House Representative Douglas Michael "Doug" Bankson for his support of legislation to amend the enabling language

for the Linking Industry to Nursing Education (LINE) Fund to make renovation projects, including Valencia College's planned nursing simulation center, eligible for state matching funds. Representative Bankson represents District 39 and most recently served as Vice Chair of the House Student Academic Success Subcommittee and the House Careers and Workforce Subcommittee.

Dr. Plinske recognized the leadership and substantial contributions of two former Valencia College trustees: former Board Chair Beth Smith and former Trustee Angel de la Portilla. Ms. Smith served on the College's Board from 2018 to 2024, and Mr. de la Portilla served from 2021 to 2024. Both received tokens of appreciation and offered comments expressing their continued support for the College and its mission.

Dr. Plinske noted the completion of the College's series of America 250 events and thanked Dr. Lesley Frederick, Vice President of Student Affairs, and her team for their leadership of the events committee.

Dr. Plinske reported that Valencia College is partnering with the supervisors of elections in Orange and Osceola counties to provide on-campus voter registration services for students.

Dr. Plinske announced that Valencia College will welcome Dr. Marva Johnson, President of Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (FAMU), to celebrate the IGNITE partnership, which guarantees admission to FAMU for students who complete an associate degree at Valencia College. The event is scheduled for September 29, 2026, at 10 a.m. in the West Campus Student Services Building (SSB).

Dr. Plinske reminded the Board that the Valencia College Foundation Gala is scheduled for Saturday, October 3, 2026, at 5 p.m. at the Walt Disney World EPCOT Showplace Pavilion.

Dr. Plinske reported that the State Board of Education recently selected Dr. Henry Mack to serve as Commissioner of Education. Dr. Mack previously served as Chancellor of Career and Workforce Education and later as Senior Chancellor at the Florida Department of Education. Immediately prior to his appointment as Commissioner, he served as an Assistant Secretary at the U.S. Department of Labor.

Dr. Plinske reported on her recent visit to Tallahassee at Commissioner Mack's invitation to discuss legislative and budget priorities for the upcoming session. In her capacity as Vice Chair of the Florida College System (FCS) Council of Presidents (COP), she was joined by COP Chair Fred Hawkins, President of South Florida State College, and Dr. Mel Ponder, President of Northwest Florida State College.

Dr. Plinske reported that the State Board of Education approved a legislative budget request proposing $100 million in new funding for the FCS, including a $19 million increase for the dual enrollment scholarship fund. She also reported a recommendation for $50 million in nonrecurring funding for campus safety initiatives.

Dr. Plinske reported that, on Wednesday, September 16, 2026, the State Board of Education adopted several rules that will require amendments to existing College policies or the adoption of new policies. These policy changes will be presented to Valencia College's District Board of Trustees for approval in the coming months.

Faculty Association Report

Dr. Joey Templeton, President, Faculty Association, emphasized the importance of faculty engagement with dual enrollment and traditional students, and the importance of faculty strategies to collaborate in work concerning learning outcomes, assessment, and curriculum.

Student Government Association Report

Ms. Annese Williams, SGA Vice President, presented the report, which was distributed to the Board. The report included a summary of the SGA Summer and 2026-2027 collegewide initiatives, and Weeks of Welcome events.

Public Comments

No public comments were offered.

New Business

1. **Award of Ellucian Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) System Renewal and Modernization Agreement:** Dr. Brandon McKelvey, Executive Vice President, Administrative Services, presented the report, which was distributed to the Board. Dr. McKelvey stated that Valencia College has utilized Ellucian's Banner enterprise resource planning (ERP) system for over 20 years to support core institutional operations. Through numerous Board actions over the last six years, the Board has approved a series of process improvement projects to provide the foundation for the College's transition to this new platform. The College seeks to enter into a new ten-year agreement with Ellucian that continues this long-standing relationship while modernizing the College's existing ERP environment. Under the proposed new agreement, the College will transition from its existing Banner and related software to Ellucian's cloud-based Advanced Administration platform, including Ellucian Student Signature and HCM and Finance, while continuing certain complementary Ellucian products and services. If approved, the agreement would run from January 1, 2027, through December 31, 2036.

   Following discussion, Trustee Stockwell moved to authorize the College to renew and modernize its Ellucian enterprise resource planning (ERP) system through a ten-year agreement with Ellucian at a total cost of $28,580,500, as presented. Trustee Hindle seconded the motion, and the motion was approved by a 6-1 vote with Trustee Kirkegard opposing.

2. **Expansion of Scope and Authorized Amount for Technology and Business Process Transformation Services:** Dr. McKelvey presented the report, which was distributed to the Board. He reminded the Board that on October 17, 2024, the Board approved Continuing Services Agreements with CampusWorks, Inc. and Strata Information Group (SIG) for IT technical support services. The continuing services model was established because individual projects supported by these firms were expected to exceed the $325,000 procurement category threshold. This approach provides the College with the flexibility to engage these firms as project needs arise, helping maintain project continuity and avoid delays in the execution of critical technology initiatives. The Board's original approval established a combined annual not-to-exceed amount of $2.7 million across both firms.

   Dr. McKelvey explained that as the College prepares to undertake the significant modernization of its Banner enterprise resource planning (ERP) environment and transition to Ellucian's cloud-based platform, additional technical resources and specialized expertise will be required to support the implementation. While the Banner modernization is the immediate driver for this expanded need, similar business process transformation may be necessary as the College implements, modernizes, and optimizes other enterprise technology systems.

   Dr. McKelvey stated that the College seeks authority to expand the scope of the existing agreements to include business process assessment, redesign, and related transformation services associated with the implementation, modernization, and optimization of College technology systems and technology-enabled business operations. Services under these agreements will continue to be procured in accordance with applicable provisions of law. The College is also requesting an increase in the combined annual not-to-exceed amount for CampusWorks and SIG from $2.7 million to $5.5 million to provide sufficient capacity for the additional resources anticipated in connection with the Banner modernization and other technology initiatives. This not-to-exceed funding amount includes items within the Carryforward Spending Plan for the 2025-2026 Fund Balance.

   Following a full discussion, Trustee Milligan moved to approve the expansion of the Continuing Services Agreements with CampusWorks, Inc. and Strata Information Group (SIG) to include business process assessment, redesign, and related transformation services associated with College technology systems and technology-enabled business operations and increase the combined annual not-to-exceed authorization under the agreements from $2.7 million to $5.5million, for fiscal years 2027 through 2031. Trustee Pullum seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

3. **Carryforward Spending Plan for 2025-26 Fund Balance:** Mr. Oscar Cristancho Mercado presented the Spending Plan, which was distributed to the Board. Mr. Cristancho Mercado reported that, pursuant to section 1013.841, F.S., each FCS institution with a prior-year final FTE enrollment of 15,000 or more that maintains a state operating fund carry forward balance exceeding seven percent (7%) must submit a spending plan for the excess balance to its District Board of Trustees. Valencia College currently has $64,605,949 in state operating fund carry forward balances and proposes to expend $40,308,220 of those funds. This spending plan, as presented, would reduce the carry forward balance to $24,297,728, which represents seven percent of the College's state operating budget.

   Following a discussion, Trustee Kirkegard moved to approve the carry forward spending plan for the 2025-26 carryforward operating fund balance, as presented. Trustee Stockwell seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Trustee Stockwell and seconded by Trustee Milligan to consider, accept, and approve items 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 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. **Award of CA 2027-09, Chiller Refurbishment, Osceola Campus**
5. **Approval of Access Control Expansion**
6. **Recommendation to Terminate a Continuing Contract**
7. **Approval of Audit Work Plan – FY 2026-2027**
8. **Policy Amendment**
   - ***Amend Policy 6Hx28: 5-10 – Procurement Requirements for Commodities and Services***
9. **Property Deletion**

Reports

A. **Fall Enrollment Report:** Dr. Frederick presented the report, which was distributed to the Board. Dr. Frederick stated that 16 days after semester start, unduplicated student headcount for Fall 2026 is 52,441, representing another record enrollment. The total number of students enrolled at Valencia increased 2.5% from Fall 2025 to Fall 2026. Full-time equivalent (FTE) enrollment (a measure of credit hours) also increased, albeit at a slightly slower pace of 1.4%, also setting a record high. The report included a summary of enrollment by student type, and modality. Dr. Frederick shared that Valencia's Specialized Associate of Arts Transfer degrees have officially launched this Fall, and a total of 186 students are already enrolled in these new degree pathways.

B. Financial Report: Mr. Cristancho Mercado presented the report, which was distributed to the Board. Mr. Cristancho Mercado indicated that the report includes most of the full-term activities expressed in the financials, and that the revenues are performing just in line with the College's budget assumptions. Mr. Cristancho Mercado noted that annual projections for revenues for Student Credit Tuition and Fees have been adjusted to fall slightly below the original budgeted amount. Dr. Plinske explained that the revised projection reflects students' summer enrollment patterns and a higher proportion of dual enrolled students, whose tuition revenues per credit hour are lower than those generated by degree-seeking students..

C. Valencia College Foundation Report: Dr. Carla McKnight, Vice President, Institutional Advancement, Partnerships and Chief of Staff, presented the report, which was distributed to the Board. Dr. McKnight stated that the upcoming Valencia College Foundation Red, Black & Boundless Gala brings together partners, alumni, and community champions to celebrate Valencia's impact and invest in the students that will carry that legacy forward. To date, the Valencia College Foundation has secured $346,500 in sponsorship commitments and welcomed 10 new sponsors supporting the Gala for the first time. This growth reflects the expanding community of champions who believe in Valencia's mission and the transformational power of education. Dr. McKnight stated that Florida's First-Generation Matching Grant Program provides financial aid based on need for undergraduate students at participating public colleges and universities whose parents have not earned a bachelor's degree.

Strategic Discussion

Dr. Plinske presented the report, which was distributed to the Board. The report included a summary update of the College's 2030 Strategic Impact Plan goal regarding Access, followed by a full discussion of the Board.

Board Comments

The Board commended Valencia's leadership team, faculty, and staff for their excellent work.

Adjourn

Acting Chair Davis adjourned the Regular Meeting at 11:09 a.m.

Secretary

Chair