

**Minutes  
District Board of Trustees  
Tallahassee Community College  
444 Appleyard Drive  
Tallahassee, FL 32304  
February 15, 2021  
Business Meeting – 2:30 PM**

The February 2021 District Board of Trustees meeting was called to order by Chair Messersmith at approximately 2:30 p.m.

**Members Present:** Chair Messersmith, Trustees Callaway, Kilpatrick, Lamb, Moore and Pople

**Absent:** Trustee Grant      **Via phone/Zoom:** None

**Others Present:** President Murdaugh, Candice Grause, Lenda Kling, Josh Willoughby, Rob Hall, Kim Moore, Alice Maxwell, Joey Walter, Lauren Schoenberger, Bill Spiers, Heather Mitchell, Craig Knox, Sheri Rowland, Bobby Jones, Calandra Stringer, Nyla Davis, Kalynda Holton, Anthony Jones, Barbara Wills, Frank Mix, Sharisse Turner, Lei Wang, Donmetrie Clark and Byron Dobson

**Via Zoom:** Bret Ingerman, Chip Singletary, Ladanya Ramirez Surmeier, Henry Coles, Freddy Menendez, Mike Robeck, Tina Workman, Patricia Manning, Amy Bradbury, Nicholas Vick, Angela Long, Jacque Parramore, Scott Balog, Don Herr, Marissa Mainwood, Ayanna Young and Renae Tolson

**COMMENTS**

- i. Board Chair Messersmith asked everyone to stand for a moment of silence and the pledge of allegiance.
- ii. Board Members – Trustee Moore acknowledged the beautifully designed African American history calendar and recognized Trustee Lamb for being selected for the President’s Award.
- iii. President Murdaugh - None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- 1. January 11, 2020 Meeting  
Request Board approve minutes as presented.

**MOTION:** Trustee Moore      **SECOND:** Trustee Lamb  
Motion passed unanimously.

**INFORMATION AND NEWS ITEMS**

Director Maxwell introduced media clips for entrepreneurship week, healthcare, increased student success, African American history calendar unveiling, Pathfinder program, Gadsden Connect and virtual scholarship fair. Chair Messersmith indicated a Senator is interested in our inmate to work program.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**PRESENTATIONS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

***Approval of Consent Agenda***

- 2. Human Resources Report  
Approve the report as presented.
- 3. Architect Invoices  
Authorize payment of architectural invoice as presented.

4. Sponsored Programs – Provider  
Authorize funding for the awards and contracts as presented.

**MOTION:** Trustee Moore                      **SECOND:** Trustee Kilpatrick  
Motion passed unanimously.

### ***TCC Foundation***

5. TCC Foundation Update  
VP Mitchell shared they are still tracking ahead of last year, with an increase in total assets. She indicated our First Class project is now fully funded. Trustee Moore asked how we are able to get funding when others can't, with VP Mitchell stating we try to connect the project to the interest of the donor and her team does a good job of engaging everyone with events. Chair Messersmith confirmed the Foundation is adding more events each year.

None required. Report provided for information only.

### ***Academic Affairs***

6. Career Pathway Agreement with Florida State University School  
That the Board approve the Career Pathway Agreement.

**MOTION:** Trustee Callaway                      **SECOND:** Trustee Lamb  
Motion passed unanimously.

### ***Administrative Services***

7. Construction Status Report  
Presented as an information item only.
  
8. Fund Analysis – January  
For information only, no Board action required.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

## **WORKSHOP**

### ***Healthcare Programs Update***

Provost Stringer listed our numerous healthcare programs, including some new offerings. She said we increased the number of students admitted into our programs this year, sharing that due to COVID-19 we created a virtual clinical situation for students (except Dental) to complete their program. She indicated we are in the process of updating our dental clinic, so it can be re-opened in March with CDC guidelines. She shared there have been challenges obtaining bulk PPE, with employees unable to work due to COVID-19 exposure, recruiting and retaining qualified faculty, and available space due to physical distancing.

VP Moore said the Gadsden Center was fully funded by Sunshine Health for sixty (60) residents to receive home health aide and long-term care nursing assistant training. She stated the Wakulla Center offers training for home health aide and medical administrative specialist. She shared the GED program can be coupled with integrated education training that allows the student to obtain healthcare certification.

Provost Stringer shared enrollment, retention, completion, licensure and placement rates – thanking faculty and staff for their flexibility in assisting our students. She stated Dean Solomon would normally provide this report, but is currently covering clinicals, simulations and labs.

She disclosed twenty-seven percent (27%) of our healthcare students are low income, with VP Moore saying ninety percent (90%) of the workforce healthcare program students receive some form of funding. Provost Stringer said our nursing program is ranked seventh (7<sup>th</sup>) in the United States, with VP Moore

sharing workforce healthcare programs are in the top twenty (20) in Florida. Chair Messersmith said he thinks it is great to attach a workforce program to the GED program.

President Murdaugh said this has been a difficult time for our community and he is thrilled the CEOs from our two (2) hospitals are here to share information with us. TMH CEO Mark O'Bryant said the quality of life includes the quality of health, but healthcare is dependent upon a high functioning workforce. He disclosed the one institution that seeks out input on a routine basis on how to assist them is TCC.

Ryan Smith, Chief Clinical Officer, said they hire about three hundred (300) nurses a year, sharing we assist by offering needed programs. He shared future roles to support include radiology technology advanced imaging and medical technology. Mr. O'Bryant said they would like to explore partnerships with our electrical, HVAC, and other programs.

President Murdaugh shared this year our ask of the legislature was one million three hundred thousand dollars (\$1,300,000), primarily for nursing program equipment and indicated we appreciate the hospital partnership. Mr. O'Bryant said they would be happy to discuss this ask with their lobbyists. Trustee Moore said when at TMH the percentage of people who attended TCC is high and our partnership is essential.

CRMC CEO Alan Keesee thanked us, providing some statistics on the current COVID situation and sharing many of our graduates were on the front lines. He said they have over three hundred fifty (350) nurse openings today and the medical technology lab professional need has increased. He stated the *Be Essential* campaign has been a big part of filling the healthcare need. Micah Roden, VP, Human Resources, said more than thirty percent (30%) of their nurses come from TCC and they are some of their most successful. Mr. Keesee thanked TCC for producing excellent talent.

Trustee Kilpatrick asked about the impact the need for traveling nurses has had on their hospitals, with Mr. Roden saying it has had a significant impact. He said the hope is the need will decrease as the serious situation gets better. Mr. Keesee said immunizations/testing has increased the need for nurses.

President Murdaugh asked about the future, with Mr. O'Bryant saying this is the first time we have seen the numbers going down in most areas and Leon County has the most vaccinated seniors in the State of Florida. Chair Messersmith thanked the hospitals for the opportunity provided to our students. Trustee Moore said we are appreciative of the partnerships and their large workforce. President Murdaugh said we are here to provide support, indicating they have the commitment of our Board and team.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

None

## **NEXT MEETING DATE**

March 22, 2021      Location: **Main Campus**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at approximately 3:30 p.m.

Minutes approved at the regular meeting of the District Board of Trustees on March 22, 2021.

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**Frank Messersmith**  
Chair

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**Jim Murdaugh, Ph.D.**  
President