

**Minutes**  
**District Board of Trustees**  
**Wakulla Environmental Institute**  
**170 Preservation Way, Crawfordville, FL**  
**Monday, April 18, 2022**  
**Business Meeting & Workshop – 2:30 PM**

The April 2022 District Board of Trustees meeting was called to order by Chair Grant at approximately 2:29 p.m.

**Members Present:** Chair Grant, Trustees Messersmith, Kilpatrick, Moore, Lamb, Ward and Stevens.

**Absent:** None

**Via Phone /Zoom:** None

**Others Present:** President Murdaugh, Calandra Stringer, Sheri Rowland, Barbara Wills, Bret Ingerman, Alan Moran, Kim Moore, Heather Mitchell, Lei Wang, Steve Outlaw, Bob Ballard, Candice Grause, Shelby Bishop, Angela Long, Heather Del Vecchio, Dustin Frost, Craig Knox, Gerald Jones, Bill Spiers, Amanda Clements, Suzi Baugh, and Nick Vick.

## **COMMENTS**

- li Board Chair – Board Chair Grant asked that everyone stand for a moment of silence followed by the pledge. Chair Grant then congratulated the team of 11 for the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) for their outstanding work. Nyla Davis, Christen Givens, John Schultz, Lauren Fletcher, Barbara Wills, Gigi Colverton, Ginny Marsters, Ross Brooks, Albert Wynn, Desiree Gorman and Karen Washington. Chair Grant also congratulated TCC for being chosen a Military Friendly 20-23 Gold School.
- ii. Board Members – Trustee Messersmith made mention of the Tallahassee History Festival and Expo that he attended, and thanked President Murdaugh for bringing equity and inclusion to TCC. He then spoke of the great success it has produced. He also mentioned that TCC won nine awards from SPFCA for two publications that the campus produces the Eyrie and the Talon. Trustee Kilpatrick made mention and thanked TCC for the donation of theater seats for the Young Actors Theater. Trustee Moore then gave accolades to faculty and staff for all they do. Trustee Lamb spoke favorably of the award banquet he attended at FSU and his participation and attendance at the Low Country Boil (LCB). Trustee Ward spoke highly of TCC and all its accomplishments, he also attended the LCB. Trustee Stevens complemented faculty and staff for the awareness they give to Student Mental Health.
- iii. President – Congratulated Dr. Gerald Jones who was selected to serve on the National Advisory Council for the National Conference on Race & Ethnicity (NCORE) in Higher Education. The President then spoke of a new publication SOAR Journal produced by the Honors Program. He invited Nicholas Vick to give a brief description on the publication. The President then gave an update on where TCC is with the new Charter School.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. March 21, 2022 Meeting  
Request approve minutes as presented.  
**MOTION:** Trustee Stevens      **SECOND:** Trustee Moore  
Motion passed unanimously

## **INFORMATION AND NEWS ITEMS**

VP Alan Moran gave highlights on media coverage for the month. President Murdaugh announced Al's retirement and his pick for the replacement of the position, Candice Grause will be the new VP for Communication/Chief of Staff. Chair Grant thanked Al for his service. Candice Grause thanked the Trustees for the honor to serve. Trustee Moore thanked the President for his leadership team. Trustee Stevens gave credit to the President for his choices in his leadership team and diversification of the college. Chair Grant congratulated Candice Grause on her new position.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

VP Ballard announced that John & Petra Shuff donated 29 acres of land to the Wakulla Environmental Institute, the value of the property is \$52,000.00. Opportunity was given for a photo with John & Petra and the Board. Trustee Messersmith thanked John & Petra for their community service. VP Moore and VP Ballard gave a presentation on Wakulla "Year in Review". The presentation covered Annual Highlights, Community Impact, (Student Spotlight on Jason Harris) On the Horizon, (STEM camp, SAT test center, Phlebotomy, Career Exploration, Credit Classes and Career and Technical Education) Aquaculture Habitat Restoration, (349 oyster leases around the state of FL) Drones (FAA Drones certified training with a grant \$280,000 for precision agriculture) and Agriculture (In 2021 they launched urban farming entrepreneurship training with TLH). The President ask how many oysters are in the water now? VP Ballard answered 10 to 20 M.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

None

## **Approval of Consent Agenda**

2. Human Resource Report  
Approve the Report as presented
3. Attorney Invoice – Bryant Miller Olive (February 2022)  
Authorized payment of invoices as presented
4. Sponsored Programs – Provider  
Authorized funding for the awards and contracts as presented  
**MOTION:** Ward      **SECOND:** Moore  
Motion passed unanimously

## **TCC Foundation**

5. TCC Foundation Updates  
None required. Report provided for information only  
VP Mitchell presented a financial update, talked about upcoming events and encouraged the Board to participate.

## **Academic Affairs**

6. Academic Curriculum Change  
That the Board approve the recommendation for program revision, new

courses, course revision, and course deletions, as attached.

**MOTION:** Messersmith                      **SECOND:** Moore

Motion passed unanimously

**Administrative Services**

7. Fund Analysis – March  
For information only, no Board action required.
8. Construction Status Report  
Presented as an information item only.
9. Spot Survey 2.5  
Approve the attached Educational Plant Spot Survey 2.5  
**MOTION:** Lamb                      **SECOND:** Ward  
Motion passed unanimously
10. Approve the disposal of real properties identified as buildings 44, 45 and 47 on TCC's Main Campus Site 1, located at 444 Appleyard Drive, Tallahassee, Fl 32304  
**MOTION:** Stevens                      **SECOND:** Lamb  
Motion passed unanimously  
Trustee Ward asked where the buildings were on campus? President referred the question to VP Wills who answered Pensacola Street with an explanation.
11. Architect Invoices  
Authorize payment of architectural invoices as presented.  
**MOTION:** Lamb                      **SECOND:** Moore  
Motion passed unanimously

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**Workshop**

None

**PRESIDENTS' Report**

The President ask Trustees if they were attending April 30, 2022 Commencement, everyone will attend minus Chair Grant. President announced the retirement of Coach McCloud. His last game will be April 27, 2022. President announced that TCC was having a press conference on Thursday April 21, 2022 to reveal a new program for TCC in the fall it will be called 'Soar Ahead" President asked VP Stringer.to explain, Soar Ahead is an accelerated Associate of Arts degree program designed for students who plan to transfer to a four-year Bachelor's degree program. Through Soar Ahead, students can earn their AA degree, which traditionally takes two years in just one year.

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

May 16, 2022                      **Location:** Main Campus, Hinson Administration Building

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Grant, meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.  
Minutes approved at regular meeting of District Board of Trustee on April 18, 2022.

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**W. Eric Grant**  
Chair

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**Jim Murdaugh, PH.D.**  
President