

**MINUTES**  
**POLK STATE COLLEGE**  
**District Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**Monday, March 18, 2019 – 4:00 p.m.**  
**Polk State College Center for Public Safety, CPS 267**

Dr. Angela M. Garcia Falconetti called the March 18, 2019, District Board of Trustees meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

**Members Present:** Ms. Ashley Bell Barnett, Mr. Dan Dorrell, Mr. Greg Littleton, Ms. Teresa Martinez, Ms. Cindy Ross, and Mr. Mark Turner

**Members Absent:**

**Student Spotlight:** Ms. Susan Reed, Paramedic Student, Polk State Center for Public Safety

**Foundation Special Recognitions: Ms. Tracy Porter**

Dr. Falconetti introduced Ms. Tracy Porter to speak about today's special recognition. Ms. Porter acknowledged a \$23,940 gift from Dr. and Mrs. Bill and Summer Roth for scholarships and programs. Dr. Roth briefly addressed the Board and expressed the importance of an affordable education for all.

**Special Recognitions: Dr. Angela M. Garcia Falconetti**

Dr. Falconetti briefly recognized VP of Administration and CFO Peter Elliott, who is a recent recipient of the Ken Jarrett Service Award. This award is given by COBA in recognition of outstanding contributions to the Florida College System (FCS) in the spirit of helping others as was practiced by Mr. Ken Jarrett throughout his remarkable career of service to the FCS.

**Agenda:**

Mr. Littleton moved, seconded by Mr. Turner, to approve the agenda for March 18, 2019. All members voted affirmatively.

**Consent Agenda Items: Mr. Peter Elliott**

- a. **Payroll Distribution for February 2019** – Approved on consent agenda. Board action is required.
- b. **Expenditure Summary for February 2019** – Approved on consent agenda. Board action is required.
- c. **Tangible Personal Property Deletions for March 2019** – Approved on consent agenda. Board action is required.
- d. **Personnel Actions Report for February 2019** – Approved on consent agenda. Board action is required.

Ms. Barnett moved, seconded by Ms. Ross, to approve the consent agenda items for February and March 2019. All members voted affirmatively.

Those items included under the Consent section are self-explanatory and are not expected to require discussion before action. Items will be enacted by one motion. If discussion is desired by any Board

member on any item, the item should be identified and removed from the Consent agenda for separate action.

### **Approval of Board Minutes**

#### **a. February 25, 2019, Board Minutes**

Ms. Martinez moved, seconded by Ms. Ross, to approve the February 25, 2019, Board minutes. All members voted affirmatively.

### **President's Report**

1. Dr. Falconetti distributed copies of the March/April 2019 issue of "What's up?" which lists recent and current happenings at Polk State College. In particular, she referred the Board to the second bullet point, which announced Dr. Keith Bonney as Polk State Chain of Lakes Collegiate High School's new principal, following Ms. Bridget Fetter's retirement in February.
2. Dr. Falconetti introduced new VP of Institutional Effectiveness, Accreditation, and Research, Dr. Mary Clark, who joined the College on March 5.
3. Dr. Falconetti shared the recent editorial published by The Ledger on March 15, which highlighted the College's budget requests.
4. Dr. Falconetti thanked Chair Dan Dorrell, Vice Chair Teresa Martinez, and Board members Ashley Bell Barnett and Greg Littleton for accompanying her to Tallahassee to participate in Polk County Day on March 12 and to attend the Association of Florida Colleges Trustees Commission Legislative Conference March 13-14. While there, they met with several members of the Polk County Legislative Delegation to present the College's legislative priorities.
5. Dr. Falconetti stated that Florida TaxWatch, an independent, non-partisan, non-profit taxpayer research institute, announced at a press conference the results of their independent study of the economic impacts of the Florida College System (FCS). Their research revealed that the FCS provides a significant return on the state's investment. In particular, Polk State College boasts the second highest job-placement and continuing-education rate in the Florida College System at 96.9 percent.
6. Dr. Falconetti shared that she traveled to Tallahassee on March 7 with VP for Administration and CFO Peter Elliott and District Dean of Workforce Education & Economic Development, Dr. Orathai Northern, to present the College's Public Education Capital Outlay (PECO) Funding requests to the Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee. She emphasized that it is very early in the Legislative Session, but that she would keep the Board informed relative to any developments regarding the College's PECO funding and budget requests.

### **Attorney's Report:**

None.

**Business Services Action Items:**

**a. District-Wide Roof Repairs – Mr. Peter Elliott**

Mr. Littleton moved, seconded by Mr. Turner, to approve the District-Wide Roof Repairs. All members voted affirmatively.

**Business Services Informational Items: Mr. Peter Elliott**

- a. Investment Interest Comparison for February 2019** – Mr. Elliott presented and reviewed the College's Investment Interest Comparison for February 2019. No Board action required.
- b. Budget Amendment Summary for February 2019** – Mr. Elliott presented and reviewed the Budget Amendment Summary for February 2019 for the Board's information. No Board action required.
- c. Financial Statements for February 2019** – Mr. Elliott presented and reviewed the Financial Statements for February 2019 for the Board's information. No Board action required.
- d. Project Status Report, College-Wide for March 2019** – Mr. Elliott presented and reviewed the Project Status Report, College-Wide for March 2019 for the Board's information. No Board action required.

**Items Removed from the Consent Agenda:**

None.

**Academic & Student Services Action Items:**

None.

**Academic & Student Services Informational Items:**

None.

**Collegiate High School Report:**

**a. Polk State Lakeland Collegiate High School Application Status Report for Fall Term 2019 - Mr. Rick Jeffries**

Mr. Jeffries provided a brief update on the Polk State Lakeland Collegiate High School (CHS) Application Status for the Fall Term 2019. He noted that CHS continues to have an overwhelming application response with the receipt of approximately 500 total applicants. Approximately 165 qualified applicants will be accepted bringing total projected enrollment, including returning students, to 325. CHS will continue to work from its waiting list throughout the summer as spots become available due to normal attrition. Final enrollment stats for the 2019 fall term will be calculated once the waiting list procedure ends at the end of the summer.

