

**MINUTES**  
**POLK STATE COLLEGE**  
**District Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**Monday, March 19, 2018 – 4:00 p.m.**  
**Lakeland Campus, LTB 1100**

Dr. Angela M. Garcia Falconetti called the March 19, 2018, 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:** Kylie Azzara, Liberal Arts Major, Lakeland Campus

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

Dr. Falconetti thanked Foundation Board member Ms. Greta Dupuy for her service on the Foundation Board. Ms. Porter introduced Ms. Dupuy. Ms. Dupuy acknowledged a cumulative donation of \$390,000 from the Polk Education Foundation for scholarships. Ms. Susan Copeland, Executive Director of the Polk Education Foundation and Past President of the Polk State College Alumni Association, briefly addressed the Board and expressed pride in the work the Polk Education Foundation does to send Polk County students to college all around the nation, and noted that she is especially happy when students choose to attend her alma mater, Polk State College.

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

Dr. Falconetti expressed excitement that new District Board of Trustees member, Ashley Bell Barnett, was appointed by Governor Rick Scott. She introduced Ms. Bell Barnett and thanked her for her service. Ms. Bell Barnett expressed that she is honored to serve the College.

**Agenda:**

Mr. Littleton moved, seconded by Mr. Dorrell, to approve the agenda for March 19, 2018. All members voted affirmatively.

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

- a. **Payroll Distribution for February 2018** – Approved on consent agenda. Board action is required.
- b. **Expenditure Summary for February 2018** – Approved on consent agenda. Board action is required.
- c. **Tangible Personal Property Deletions for March 2018** – Approved on consent agenda. Board action is required.
- d. **Personnel Actions Report for February 2018** – Approved on consent agenda. Board action is required.

Mr. Dorrell moved, seconded by Ms. Ross, to approve the consent agenda items for February and March 2018. 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 26, 2018 Board Minutes**

Ms. Martinez moved, seconded by Ms. Ross, to approve the February 26, 2018, Board minutes. All members voted affirmatively.

### **President's Report**

- a. Dr. Falconetti distributed copies of the February/March 2018 issue of "What's up?" which lists recent and current happenings at Polk State College. In particular, she referenced the second bullet point: The first of two spring 2018 Campus & Safety Security Forums occurred on Friday, March 16, from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. in the LAC 1133 Student Center and the second will occur on Friday, March 23, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in WLR 106. Dr. Falconetti also noted her intention to discuss the Sentinel Program with the Polk County Sheriff's Office and said that she will continue working to expand the College's professional security team and safety training opportunities.
- b. Dr. Falconetti acknowledged the recent success of two Wise and Witty Women & Many Magnificent Men luncheons in honor of Women's History Month. She thanked Ms. Porter, District Vice President of Institutional Advancement and Executive Director of the Polk State College Foundation; the Foundation Board of Directors; and the Foundation staff for their efforts in ensuring an inspirational and fun celebration.
- c. Dr. Falconetti provided a final legislative update and thanked Board members for their advocacy and leadership during the 2018 Legislative Session.
  - o Polk State received \$500,000 in recurring operational support that the College will use to bolster student services and further enhance academic advising.
  - o The Florida College System (FCS) received \$60 million in performance-based funding: \$4.76 million as a rate increase for the Florida Retirement System (FRS) and \$6.75 million in program funding.
  - o The budget included maintaining \$2.5 million for *Polk State Access to Academic and Workforce Programs* to fund operations at the Polk State JD Alexander Center.
  - o Senate Bill 540, which would have negatively impacted the College by establishing baccalaureate enrollment caps, changing performance-based funding metrics, and placing restrictions on college direct support organizations, did not make it through the legislative process.
  - o Preparations for the 2019 Legislative Session are already underway.
- d. Dr. Falconetti confirmed that Florida's Commissioner of Agriculture Adam Putnam will serve as keynote speaker of the May 3, 2018, 6:30 p.m. Commencement Ceremony.

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

None.

**Business Services Action Items:**

None.

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

- a. **Investment Interest Comparison for February 2018** – Mr. Elliott presented and reviewed the College’s Investment Interest Comparison for February 2018. No Board action required.
- b. **Budget Amendment Summary for February 2018** – Mr. Elliott presented and reviewed the Budget Amendment Summary for February 2018 for the Board’s information. No Board action required.
- c. **Financial Statements for February 2018** – Mr. Elliott presented and reviewed the Financial Statements for February 2018 for the Board’s information. No Board action required.
- d. **Project Status Report, College-Wide for March 2018** – Mr. Elliott presented and reviewed the Project Status Report, College-Wide for March 2018 for the Board’s information. No Board action required.

**Items Removed from the Consent Agenda:**

None.

**Academic & Student Services Action Items: Dr. Donald Painter, Jr.**

None.

**Academic & Student Services Informational Items: Dr. Donald Painter, Jr.**

None.

**Collegiate High School Report:**

- a. **Polk State Lakeland Collegiate High School Report – Mr. Rick Jeffries**  
Mr. Jeffries presented the Polk State Lakeland Collegiate High School Report for the month of March. He shared for the Board’s information the outcome of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) Accreditation Report. He reminded the Board that the collegiate high schools must go through the reaccreditation process every five years. The SACS team conducted a site visit at Polk State Lakeland Collegiate High School in late January and spent two days assessing and talking with a variety of stakeholders. Mr. Jeffries shared some of the highlights of the report, including three areas of strength: culture, leadership, and continuous improvement process. He noted that the final report will be available soon.
- b. **Polk State Lakeland Gateway to College Collegiate High School Charter Renewal Report – Mr. Corey Barnes**  
Mr. Barnes shared the Polk State Lakeland Gateway to College Collegiate High School Report for the Board’s information. He noted that at the Polk County School Board’s February 27 meeting in which the School Board approved the second modification to the Polk State Lakeland Collegiate High School Charter Contract, the School Board also

renewed Polk State Lakeland Gateway to College Collegiate High School's charter term for five years. However, a 10-year charter renewal is still being negotiated.

**First Reading Board Rules (No action required):**

None.

**Second Reading Board Rules (Final Approval):**


None.

**Board Discussion:**

Chair Turner thanked Dr. Falconetti for all of her efforts during the 2018 Legislative Session and expressed pleasure regarding the positive outcome for Polk State College. Ms. Martinez congratulated the charter high schools. Mr. Littleton suggested that the Board send letters to Governor Scott to thank him for his support.

**Adjournment:**

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

  
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Mr. Mark Turner Date  
DBOT Chair

  
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Dr. Angela M. Garcia Falconetti Date  
President