

**MINUTES**  
**FLORIDA GATEWAY COLLEGE**  
**DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**April 9, 2026**  
**5:00 pm, Regular Meeting**  
**FGC Administration Building, Board Room**

**I.**

**Call to Order**

The regular meeting of the District Board of Trustees was called to order on April 9, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. by Chairman Mr. Lindsey Lander.

Ms. Sherrie Raulerson was unable to attend her first scheduled meeting due to a prior engagement.

All votes were unanimous unless stated otherwise.

**II.**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Mr. Lindsey Lander led the board in the Pledge of Allegiance. Followed by the introduction of a new board member, Mr. Chip Parker.

**III.**

**Audience of Any Citizen**

Stew Lilker inquired about the number of students expected to attend FGC for remediation classes and requested additional information regarding the plans for the proposed charter school.

**IV.**

**Approval of Minutes**

**Mr. John Medina made a motion to approve the March 12, 2026 Board meeting minutes. Ms. Suzanne Norris seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.**

**V.**

**Student Government Report**

After Spring Break, the campus hosted several events to boost student engagement, including a campus-wide Egg Hunt, Flag Football Fan Day (resulting in a win over Daytona State College), and an SGA "Talk About It" session with feedback currently under review. Additional activities like Dessert Nachos and Trivia also saw strong participation, with more events planned to keep students connected throughout the semester.

**VI.**

**Presentation of Consent Agenda**

- A. \*Personnel Matters
- B. \*Routine Contracts and Agreements
- C. \*Approval of Course Changes
- D. \*Approval of Program Changes
- E. \*Approval of Foundation Donations

**Dr. James Surrency made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of items "A" through "E". Ms. Renae Allen seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.**

**VII. Academic Affairs**

Vice President of Academic Affairs, Dr. Kris Brady, reported a productive month with several updates and achievements. The leadership team developed an in-house solution to meet new legislative requirements for publicly posted and searchable syllabi, all summer syllabi are posted. Appreciation was extended to Dr. Brandon McIntyre, Elizabeth Rogers, and the IT team for their work.

In Liberal Arts, the debate team earned second place in regional ranking and will compete in the state tournament later this month. Additionally, a new Associate in Science degree in Sports Management and a certificate in Athletic Coaching were developed and approved by the EAC, with plans to present them to the Board next month.

On March 18, FGC hosted a Literacy Night for Teacher Preparation, which was attended by nearly 20 community members. Student Jacob Sheldon read from his published book, and the cash raised will go toward distributing books to local schools. The first-quarter NCLEX results for Health Sciences are expected at the end of April and will be discussed at the next meeting.

In Workforce programs, 9 of 17 regional finalists from the Suwannee Valley Regional Science Fair earned awards or scholarships at the state level. The new welding facility is nearing completion, with a move planned later this month. Additionally, Bradford County Fire Rescue has offered to donate three sets of extraction equipment, each valued at approximately \$30,000, to support hands-on training.

**VIII. Enrollment and Marketing**

Ms. Kacey Mimbs, Vice President of Enrollment and Marketing, started by sharing the Summer registration statistics. Summer registration opened this past week and is currently down 22% in headcount and credit hours compared to this time last year. There is currently 869 students registered compared to 1,121 students and 6,185 credit hours compared to 8,082 at this point last year.

Senior Night is being held in the Wilson S. Rivers Library & Media Center, to assist prospective students and their families with admissions applications, FAFSA completion, and advising. Financial Aid is completing Board of Trustees scholarship announcements, with remaining visits scheduled for next week. Photos from these visits will be shared on social media.

Efforts to enhance Student Life for residential students continue, including a recent off-campus trip in March and planned April activities such as a Movie Night and Luau. The Audiovisual team continues development of program marketing materials, including a recently released Physical Therapist Assistant video and an upcoming podcast focused on library services.

Upcoming events include Spring Fling and the Career and Transfer Fair on April 15,

featuring student activities and approximately 40 employers and university representatives; One-Stop Enrollment Day on April 16 to assist prospective and continuing students with enrollment; and graduation on May 8, with two ceremonies scheduled and approximately 95 students expected to participate in each.

**IX. Business Services**

Ms. Michelle Holloway, Vice-President of Business Services requested Board consideration of the following items:

A. General Information

B. \* Budget Amendment Number Eight (8) Restricted Current Fund (Fund 2) Fiscal Year 2025-2026

**Ms. Suzanne Norris made a motion to approve Budget Amendment Number Eight (8) Restricted Current Fund (2) Fiscal Year 2025-2026. Mr. John Medina seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.**

C. \* Budget Amendment Number Eight (8) Capital Outlay Plan for Unexpended Plant Fund (7) Budget Fiscal Year 2025-2026

**Mr. Chuck Brannan made a motion to approve Budget Amendment Number Eight (8) Capital Outlay Plan for Unexpended Plant Fund (7) Budget Fiscal Year 2025-2026. Dr. James Surrency seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.**

**X. President's Report**

Ms. Sherrie Raulerson, newly appointed Trustee, was unable to attend the meeting and is expected to be present at the next scheduled meeting. An orientation was conducted for Mr. Parker, and he will continue his onboarding with additional training, including Sunshine Law training with Ms. Logan and Foundation-related training with Mr. Pinchouck.

A request was presented to cancel the May 14, 2026 Board Workshop & Meeting due Board Chairman Mr. Lindsey Lander and Dr. Barrett attending a Commissioner Summit in Miami.

**\*Mr. John Medina made a motion to cancel the May 14, 2026 Board Workshop & Meeting. Renae Allen seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.**

Judy Tatum, Director of Public Safety and Security, was introduced and welcomed. Board members were also invited to attend the upcoming Soul of Motown event at the Performing Arts Center scheduled for Friday 4/17 at 7:30 p.m.

Facilities updates were provided, including the Welding Building is expected to be completed by April 20, the LSHA donated building has undergone exterior improvements and is progressing with initial security planning underway, and the STEM II building remains on track for completion with an anticipated date of May 8.

Staff continue working toward WAG 2.2 accessibility compliance, with approximately 90% of requirements completed ahead of the April 26 deadline. This effort remains a priority due to potential liability. It was also reported that Belmont Academy has submitted a request to the Columbia County School Board for a charter revision to allow for expansion beginning in 2027.

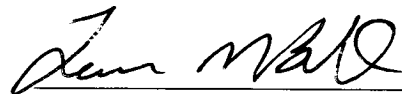
- XI. Topics for Future Meetings**
- XII. Inspect Warrant Register**
- XIII. Set Time for the Next Meeting**
  - June 11, 2026
  - Time: 4:00 pm / Board Workshop
  - Regular Meeting to Follow
  - Location Regular meeting:  
Florida Gateway College  
149 SE College Place  
Lake City, FL 32025

**The meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm**



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Mr. Lindsey Lander, Chair



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Dr. Lawrence Barrett, Secretary