

**HILLSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
BOARD WORKSHOP  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2021 – 3:00 P.M.  
DR. GWENDOLYN W. STEPHENSON DISTRICT  
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING BOARD ROOM  
39 COLUMBIA DRIVE  
MINUTES**

The Board Workshop commenced at 3:00 p.m.

The following Trustees were in attendance:

Mr. Randall Reid  
Brig.Gen. Chip Diehl  
Ms. Nancy Watkins  
Mr. Greg Celestan  
Mr. Brian Lametto  
Mr. Bruce Wills

Dr. Atwater advised that the purpose of the workshop was to discuss the 2021 Legislative Agenda. He then introduced Eric Johnson, Director of Community and Government Relations.

Mr. Johnson briefly discussed the impact of the pandemic on the state budget and the Governor's recommended budget. He went on to discuss HCC's Legislative Agenda which included:

- Maintaining FY 2021 Florida College System (FCS) Program Fund Appropriations;
- Maintaining the \$2.5 million Transportation Training Center Appropriation;
- Securing \$12 Million for HCC's Deferred Maintenance; and
- Securing \$6 Million Investment in SouthShore Workforce Education Center.

Trustee Celestan asked how often HCC coordinates with other colleges. Dr. Atwater advised that through the Association of Florida Colleges' Council of Presidents, the colleges meet monthly to discuss a set legislative agenda.

Trustee Watkins asked how much private and public funding was received to build the Trinkle Center at the Plant City Campus. Dr. Atwater stated that he would provide her with that information. *[This information was sent to the Board on March 9, 2021].* Trustee Watkins asked for an update on where HCC stands with federal funds and added that earmarks are coming back. Dr. Atwater advised that HCC has two priorities that The Southern Group is

working on which includes the Supply Chain and Logistics Training Center and expanding the Transportation Center to include intelligent car training.

Mr. Johnson also discussed the Council of President's agenda which included conserving the FCS program fund, continued investment in the FCS infrastructure and maintaining funding for Florida Post-secondary Academic Library Network. He went on to stress the importance of discussing with representatives, dual enrollment expansion, workforce education and the nursing program.

Trustee Diehl asked if the Trustees can meet with the Chancellor. Dr. Atwater stated he would be glad to make a request for a virtual meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 3:51 p.m.