

**HILLSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE
DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
BOARD WORKSHOP
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28, 2021 – 3:00 P.M.
DR. GWENDOLYN W. STEPHENSON DISTRICT
ADMINISTRATION CENTER – BOARD ROOM
MINUTES**

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

The following Trustees were in attendance:

Mr. Randall Reid
Mrs. Nancy Watkins
Brig.Gen. Chip Diehl
Mr. Greg Celestan
Mr. Brian Lametto
Mr. Bruce Wills *[arrived at 3:32 PM]*

Dr. Atwater advised that the purpose of the workshop was to provide an overview of the Preliminary Proposed Budget for FY 2021-2022. He added that the June Board Workshop will provide more detailed information. Mrs. Kim McMillon, Controller, presented and reviewed the budget presentation with the Board of Trustees.

Mr. Eric Johnson, Director of Community and Government Relations, provided a brief legislative update on the status of the state budget.

Trustee Diehl asked if the state took back College money in 2020. Dr. Atwater advised yes. He added that the College had a 28% Fund Balance but the state took back \$1.5M. Dr. Atwater explained that this was part of the reason the College transferred \$20M from Fund Balance to Plant Fund. Trustee Diehl thanked Dr. Atwater and Mr. Johnson for getting the state hold-back money down from \$5M.

Dr. Atwater reminded the Board that they do not fund reoccurring expenses with one-time money and added that no raises have been given this year but they may be brought to the Board when reoccurring funds are available. Trustee Diehl asked if that was consistent with other community colleges and Mr. Johnson advised yes.

Trustee Watkins asked since Public Education Capital Outlay (PECO) is funded by the state's communications tax, if the state has identified an alternative tax source due to the fact that there are fewer telephone landlines in use today. Mr. Johnson advised no. Trustee Watkins asked how much PECO money the College gets per square foot. Mr. Johnson said that the remodeling and renovation money has dried up and this will be the third year with no funds. Trustee Watkins asked what HCC's maintenance runs per square foot. Dr. Atwater advised

that he did not know but would find out. *[This information was sent to the Board on May 13, 2021.]*

Trustee Watkins asked if the College would be receiving more money in coming years that is one-time money. Mr. Johnson said he could not answer that question at this time but he can refer the question to D.C. to see how the federal regulations would work for the College. Mr. Johnson added that the state is expecting \$10M which was disbursed in the General Appropriations Act.

Trustee Lametto asked what ability we have to track students post-graduation that stay in the state versus students who leave the state. Dr. Atwater stated that the economic impact study reflects that 94% of our graduates remain in-state.

Trustee Diehl asked if Dr. Atwater would provide the Board with the stimulus framework. Dr. Atwater advised yes. He stated that he would provide a summary sheet that outlines all of the money received from the relief packages to date, what the College plans to use the funds for and what the College has already spent. *[A discussion on CARES/HEERF funding will take place during the June 23, 2021 Board Meeting.]*

Trustee Watkins stated that after the next budget workshop, the Board needs to immediately start reaching out to the state legislators regarding our legislative wish list for the 2022 budget including PECO funding. Trustee Diehl reiterated the need to start even earlier.

The Board of Trustees will hold another Board workshop on June 23, 2021, at 2:30 p.m. to discuss the finalized 2021-22 budget.

The meeting adjourned at 4:02 p.m.