

North Florida College District Board of Trustees Minutes

February 18, 2026

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MINUTES: February 17, 2026

MEETING: NORTH FLORIDA COLLEGE-BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING-MADISON, FLORIDA

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Mr. Ricky Lyons
Mr. Travis Coker
Mrs. Sandra Haas
Mr. Malcolm Hines
Mr. Michael McWaters
Mrs. Adrienne Taylor
Dr. Jennifer Page

STAFF PRESENT: Larry Akers
Lauren Churchwell
Juanita Clay
Tyler Coody
Johnathan Cooks
David Dunkle
Allison Finley
Dani Mays
Traci McClung
Ellie Morgan
Melanie Morgan
Micah Rodgers
Phillip Wilkerson
Caroline Wynn
Lynn Wyche
Rachel Collazo, Recording Secretary

Mr. Rob Sniffen, Board Attorney

STUDENTS PRESENT: Lillian Clay
Benjamin Collazo

The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm by Chair Lyons who asked Mr. McWaters to open the meeting with prayer and led the pledge of allegiance.

MOTION: (Hines/Coker) That the District Board of Trustees adopts the agenda as presented. Hearing no objections, the motion carried by general consent.

MOTION: (Haas/Taylor) That the District Board of Trustees adopts the minutes for the January 20, 2026 regular meeting. Hearing no objections, the motion carried by general consent.

PUBLIC INPUT

No requests for public input were made.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Dean David Dunkle presented the following:

MOTION: (Haas/Hines) That the District Board of Trustees approve transmitting the Substantive Change Prospectus to The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) for “New Program Approval” for the Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education. The motion carried unanimously.

CAREER AND WORKFORCE EDUCATION

MOTION: (Coker/Hines) That the District Board of Trustees approve the training agreement with Brown and Root Industrial Services., LLC. changes to BOT policy 2.34. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: (Taylor/Haas) That the District Board of Trustees approve the agreements between the following agencies and North Florida College: Advent Christian Village, Aunt Bobbi’s Preschool of the Arts, Senion Citizens Council of Madison, Inc., South Georgia Medical Center, Inc., Addendum to SGMC Agreement for BSN program. The motion carried unanimously.

STUDENT SERVICES

Director Philip Wilkerson presented the following:

MOTION: (Haas/Hines) That the District Board of Trustees approves the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University and North Florida College. The motion carried unanimously.

Melanie Morgan shared exciting updates about upcoming events happening here at North Florida College and encouraged everyone to attend and show their support.

Dean Lynn Wyche introduced members of our Debate Club, Lillian Clay and Benjamin Collazo, who recently represented NFC at the Florida College System Inaugural Sunshine State Debate. We are thrilled to share that our very own Lillian Clay earned 1st place at the competition. We are proud of her outstanding achievement.

ADMINISTRATIVE & BUSINESS SERVICES

Dean Micah Rodgers presented the following items:

MOTION: (Coker/Hines) That the District Board of Trustees approve the Warrant List for January 2026. The motion carried unanimously.

The Statement of Account for January 2026 and the Current Funds Unrestricted Revenue and Expenditure Reports were presented as informational items.

MOTION: (Coker/Haas) That the District Board of Trustees approve the 2024-25 Financial Audit Report. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: (Hines/Coker) That the District Board of Trustees allows the advertisement of changes to policy 3.19. The motion carried unanimously.

DEVELOPMENT AND EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

Director Traci McClung presented the following:

Foundation report as an informational item.

MOTION: (Haas/Coker) That the District Board of Trustees approves the 2024-2025 NFC Foundation Audit Report for fiscal year 2024-2025 and completes the attached DSO checklist to be returned to the Director of Resource Development for submission to FLDOE. The motion carried unanimously.

INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH AND ASSESSMENT

Executive Director Dani Mays presented the following items:

USDOE letter-informational item.

MOTION: (Haas/Hines) That the District Board of Trustees approve the contract with WebAim. The motion carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S HIGHLIGHTS

President Page gave an overview of the following:

Legislative:

- Round 1 of House and Senate budgets released last week
 - 1.6 million differential between chambers in their funding of the colleges
 - House has us flat
 - Senate has us up
- Welding expansion project – Senate has us fully funded
- Bills to watch
 - SB 1694 and HB 1503 – Technology Education/AI - **Operational impact;** Florida College System institutions may need to review and potentially revise general education curricula, course inventories, and learning outcomes to determine whether existing technology-related courses meet the revised statutory standards, or whether new general education technology courses must be developed, approved through faculty governance, and aligned with statewide course numbering and articulation requirements
 - SB 896 and HB 757 – Campus Safety - **Operational and policy impact;** requires colleges to decide whether to participate in the Guardian Program, update campus carry and safety policies, establish or formalize threat management teams, implement annual active assailant training and security risk assessments, manage new records transfer and privacy obligations related to student threat assessments, coordinate closely with local law enforcement and sheriffs, and absorb potential unfunded compliance and training costs associated with expanded statutory safety mandates

- HB 1325 – Linking Industry to Nursing Education Fund (LINE) - Expand to allow matching of both monetary and non-monetary contributions from health care partners and other entities to strengthen nursing education programs

Economic Impact – Press Release:

- NFC generated \$64.3 million in added income across our 6-county service area, while supporting 998 local jobs
- NFC alumni currently working in the region contribute an additional \$51.5 million in income (and economic impact comparable to hosting the World Series eight times)
- Please share/spread the word

President’s activities to note:

- Met with Taylor County Superintendent: Working to get more information about dual enrollment eligibility out to parents, preferably at the middle school level
- Attended both Madison and Suwannee Teacher of the Year Banquets
- Participating in Jefferson County’s Parent Night on March 4
- Participating in Hamilton County Educational Taskforce Meeting Feb. 26
- Continuing to foster opportunities for dialogue among our communities
- Attending FCS Council of Presidents’ Meeting next week in Tallahassee
- Meeting with the Governor’s Office of Policy and Budget to explain our welding expansion project next week

ATTORNEY TIME

Mr. Rob Sniffen presented the Resolution previously approved to Dr. John Grosskopf.

Dr. Grosskopf extended his appreciation for the plaque and recognition of his service, stating that the most important part of his legacy is the opportunity he’s provided to the current team and President of North Florida College.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Chair Lyons then announced that the next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 17, 2026, at 5: 30p.m.in Madison, FL. He asked Mr. Coker was asked to pray before dinner and the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Jennifer Page
President

Ricky Lyons
Chair