

MINUTES: April 16, 2026

**MEETING: Daytona State College
District Board of Trustees**

**PLACE: Daytona State College's
Daytona Beach Campus
Wetherell Center (Bldg. 100), Room 402L
1200 W. International Speedway Blvd.
Daytona Beach, Florida**

**PRESENT: Dr. Thomas LoBasso, Corporate Secretary/President
Bob Lloyd, Vice Chair
Randy Dye
Kelly Kwiatek
Garry Lubi
Nellie Lupoli**

ABSENT: Dr. Randall Howard, Chair

Distributed via email 4/15/26 @ 8:46am. Revised Agenda (page 2). Made an official part of the minutes as Supplemental A: 4/16/26. Revised Human Resources Faculty Annual Reappointment memorandum (page 28). Made an official part of the minutes as Supplemental B: 4/16/26.

Board Meeting began at 2:03 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Trustee Lloyd called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Conducted the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL

Dr. Randy Howard was absent. All other trustees were present.

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Trustee Lloyd inquired if there were any members from the public that requested time to appear before the Board. No requests received.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of 2/26/26 Board Meeting Minutes
- B. Approval of Agreement
- C. Approval of Agreements - Affiliation
- D. Approval of Budget Amendments
- E. Approval of Deletion of Inventory Items
- F. Approval of Donations – Non-Cash

- G. Approval of Grant Applications
- H. Approval of Human Resource Recommendations

MOTION: (Lubi/Lupoli) The District Board of Trustees approves the Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. INFORMATION ONLY

A. Agreements

The above item does not require Board approval because these specific agreements fall below the Category IV threshold (\$195,000). Presented as information only.

B. Surplus Donations

The above item is reported to the Board as information only.

VII. TIME RESERVED/PRESIDENT

A. President's Update

Dr. LoBasso shared they had a great Board Retreat and thanked Will Dunne for the tour of the newly remodeled L. Gale Lemerand Athletic Center that is nearing completion. He participated in the Smyrna Care Charity Gala that honored Sally Gillespie, former long-standing member of the Foundation Board of Directors. The Bright Futures/FSAG exit conference was held with Dr. Howard attending.

Dr. LoBasso was interviewed by Florida Trend which should be published soon. He felt it was a good interview, and it was an opportunity to highlight some of the things the College is doing. He attended Embry-Riddle's centennial celebration, and it was nice to see them celebrate such a milestone. The College recently held their annual student awards convocation and this year it was held in the News-Journal Center for the first time. The ceremony is traditionally held in the gymnasium but due to construction the venue was changed, and it worked quite well. He shared an open house for the Aviation Maintenance Management program was held at Embry-Riddle and had over 100 students show up so it was a great success. The College hosted the Daytona Beach Policeman's Ball which was a good event to have on campus.

Dr. LoBasso participated in Bethune-Cookman University's investiture ceremony for their new president, Dr. Albert Mosley and shared greetings on behalf of the Trustees and College.

Dr. LoBasso explained as part of the Board Retreat the Trustees approved naming the basketball court the "Will Dunne Basketball Court." This was a surprise that was unveiled at the end of the Athletic Center tour. Will has had a 38-year career at the College and naming the basketball court after him was a well-deserved honor. He thanked Will for his service and friendship.

VIII. FINANCE

A. **Executive and Financial Summary Report as of 3/31/26**

Mr. Marty Cass, Vice President of Finance, presented the financial report as of March 31, 2026. Information reviewed included Fund 1 Operating Revenue and Expenses, Carry Forward Funds, Comparison of Actual Revenue Received to Budgeted, Three-Year Analysis of Tuition and Fees, Comparison of Actual Expenses to Budgeted Costs, and Major Capital Projects Funding. He provided a recap of Major Project Funding which includes 16 major projects with an estimated cost of \$62.4 million.

B. **ACH/Wire Transfers/Checks Issued Greater Than/Equal to \$50,000**

Mr. Cass presented as information.

IX. FACILITIES

A. **Approval of Final Completion and Final Payment ATC Automotive Paint Booth and Mix Room**

Mr. Allen Masters, Associate Vice President of Facilities Planning, explained this item is for final payment to Johnson Laux, LLC for the ATC Automotive Paint Booth and Mix Room project in the amount of \$136,198.46.

MOTION: See motion under IX. B for approval.

B. **Approval of Final Completion and Final Payment DeLand Campus Tactical Training Pavilion, P.T. Course and Driving Pad**

Mr. Allen Masters, Associate Vice President of Facilities Planning, explained this item is for final payment to Charles Perry Partners, Inc for the DeLand Campus Tactical Training Pavillion, P.T. Course and Driving Pad project in the amount of \$116,234.28.

MOTION: (Lupoli/Kwiatek) The District Board of Trustees approve Items IX. A-B, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Order of agenda items changed.

D. **Approval of Guaranteed Maximum Price Manatee Fountain Project**

Mr. Masters shared the Manatee statue was previously by the old library and was removed when that building was taken down. He shared the planned location for the fountain and presented for approval.

MOTION: (Dye/Lupoli) The District Board of Trustees approve the bid from Bomar Construction, Inc. and authorize the College to enter into a contract in the amount of \$243,150, while also reserving \$45,000 for associated costs for a total project cost of \$288,150. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Approval of Revised Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) DeLand Campus Bldg. 1 & Bldg. 8 Emergency Services Training Center Remodel

Mr. Masters shared the Guaranteed Maximum Price for this project has been received by Charles Perry Partners, Inc. and was reviewed and negotiated by staff and is now being submitted for Board approval.

MOTION: (Lupoli/Lubi) The District Board of Trustees approve the revised Guaranteed Maximum Price for the construction phase, in the amount not to exceed \$5,259,543, a total project cost of \$6,680,869 and the use of \$2,900,000 CO&DS funds for the DeLand Campus Building 1 & Building 8 Emergency Services Training Center Remodel project. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda returned to order.

E. Approval of Project Priority List

Mr. Masters explained the College is required to submit the Project Priority List to the Florida Department of Education for approval prior to utilizing CO&DS funds. He presented the state approved list for the Board's approval.

Priority	Site	Project	Estimated Cost	Survey Recommendation
1	4	DeLand Campus New Construction: Adding Vocational Labs (18 SS), (6953 NSF), (9876 GSF); Law Enforcement (6953 NSF)	\$6,605,184	4.001.3.1
2	1	Daytona Beach Campus New Construction: Adding Classrooms (1425 SS), (39900 NSF), (56674 GSF); Classroom (39900 NSF)	\$25,380,026	1.007.3.1
3	2	New Smyrna Beach Campus New Construction: Adding Classrooms (84 SS), (2100 NSF), (2983 GSF); Classroom (2100 NSF) New Construction: Adding Support Services (3342 NSF) New Construction: Adding Vocational Labs (84 SS), (13020 NSF), (18494 GSF); Aeronautical Technology (13020 NSF)	\$19,459,761	2.001.3.5 2.002.3.5 2.003.3.5
4	8	ATC Campus Welding & Advanced Welding Expansion	\$14,791,587	8.001.3.4

MOTION: (Kwiatek/Lupoli) The District Board of Trustees acknowledge the State's approval of the Project Priority List and authorize the College to proceed with the expenditure of Capital Outlay and Debt Service (CO&DS) funds for the approved projects in accordance with the established priorities and applicable state requirements. Motion carried unanimously.

X. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

A. NISOD Excellence Awards Presentation

Dr. Jodi Long, Vice President of Academic Affairs, shared information about the National Institute for Staff and Organization Development (NISOD) awards and recognized this year's recipients:

- Rachael Dougherty, Director, Learning and Development
- Dr. Michael Flota, Chair, School of Social and Behavioral Sciences
- Joshua Poniatowski, Faculty, School of Student Life Skills

XI. ENROLLMENT SERVICES

A. Approval of Academic Calendars 2026-2027 and 2027-2028

Dr. Erik D'Aquino, Vice President of Enrollment Services, reviewed the academic calendars which now incorporate the recently added state holiday proclaimed by Governor DeSantis to honor the legacy of President George Washington.

MOTION: (Kwiatek/Lupoli) The District Board of Trustees approve the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 Academic Calendars, as revised and presented. Motion carried unanimously.

XII. TIME RESERVED/CONSTITUENT HEADS

Reports were presented by Antonio Valley, SGA President; Rachael Dougherty, Administrators Council President; Jon Pinney, Co-Chair for Career and Professional Employee (CAPE) Council; and Dr. Karen Braley, Faculty Senate President. Dr. LoBasso shared an update on former SGA President Natasha Powell.

XIII. TIME RESERVED/BOARD CHAIR

A. Board Chair's Update

Mr. Lloyd shared they had a great Board Retreat and enjoyed the tour of the Lemerand Athletic Center and being a part of the surprise for Will Dunne. He stated when you enter the Athletic Center there is a message above the entrance that reads "Excellence is a Habit." He felt that is very true in the classroom, in the arenas and courts, and in everything that we do. He stated nobody exemplifies that standard of excellence better than Will. He congratulated Will again and felt it was a fitting tribute to him. He complimented the SGA President and how he represented the student body well. He stated the Board was honored to serve students and staff under the leadership of Dr. LoBasso and how Dr. LoBasso and his team

make the Trustees jobs a pleasure and was very appreciative. He explained next month the College's commencement ceremonies will be held and encouraged Trustees to attend and stated how gratifying this event is and was looking forward to it.

B. Board Professional Development Opportunities

Developmental opportunities were provided in the agenda as information.

XIV. TIME RESERVED/BOARD MEMBERS

Comments were shared by each of the trustees.

XV. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 2:51 p.m.