

MINUTES: February 26, 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
Dr. Randall Howard, Chair
Bob Lloyd, Vice Chair
Randy Dye
Kelly Kwiatek
Garry Lubi**

ABSENT: Nellie Lupoli

Board Workshop began at 1:00 p.m.

The workshop consisted of a tour of the Quanta-Honors and Health Technology Hall remodel project.

Distributed via email 2/26/26 @ 8:37am. Revised Agenda (page 2). Made an official part of the minutes as Supplemental A: 2/26/26. Approval of Grant Application memorandum (Attachment 3a) (pages 8a-8b). Made an official part of the minutes as Supplemental B: 2/26/26.

Board Meeting began at 2:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Howard called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Conducted the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL

Nellie Lupoli was absent. All other trustees were present.

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Dr. Howard 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 1/21/26 Board Meeting Minutes
- B. Approval of Agreements - Affiliation
- C. Approval of Budget Amendments
- D. Approval of Grant Application
- E. Approval of Human Resource Recommendations
- F. Approval of Sabbatical Application

MOTION: 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 introduced the Men's Soccer coaches and athletes and shared of their accomplishments for the past season. Coach Joe Avalon spoke about the athletes and had each in attendance introduce themselves.

Dr. LoBasso explained that the Falcon Emerging Leadership program was established to provide DSC faculty and staff tuition support towards the pursuit of a Master of Arts in Education Leadership (Higher Education/Student Personnel Track) through UCF. The current cohort began in Fall 2023 and recently graduated in Fall 2025. He introduced Alexis Ruiz, Senior Business Analyst in the Office of Academic Affairs, who spoke on behalf of the cohort. Each member then introduced themselves.

Dr. LoBasso shared the Foundation coordinated a dedication ceremony for Maggie Thompson, who was a longtime foundation board member. The Goddard Center is named after her mother, Jeanne Goddard, who was one of the first trustees at the college, as well as first foundation board chair.

Dr. LoBasso participated in the rezoning neighborhood meeting as the College is working with the city to rezone the land east of White Street. Attended the Lemerand Center for Excellence event with NASCAR where funding for the program was dedicated. He participated as a panelist as part of the UCF Transfer Student Success Partnership panel and

celebrated DirectConnect's 20th anniversary. He recently met with the staff of the Office of Policy and Budgeting as well as some representatives and senators regarding the College's legislative funding projects.

VIII. FINANCE

A. Executive and Financial Summary Report as of 1/31/26

Mr. Marty Cass, Vice President of Finance, presented the financial report as of January 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 \$62.3 million.

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

Mr. Cass presented as information.

IX. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

A. Approval of Major Program Revision – B.A.S. Supervision and Management

Dr. Jodi Long, Vice President of Academic Affairs shared this revision will add a 7th concentration in Emergency Management. The concentration creates a structured baccalaureate pathway for students and professionals in Criminal Justice, Fire Service, EMS, Emergency Management and related public safety fields.

MOTION: See motion under IX. D for approval.

B. Approval of New Program Proposal – AI Awareness, A.S. Certificate

Dr. Long shared information on the new A.S. certificate program that consists of 9-credit program of currently offered courses and will provide students with a foundational understanding of AI, its applications and ethical implications.

MOTION: See motion under IX. D for approval.

C. Approval of New Program Proposal – AI and Data Analytics, Advanced Technical Certificate

Dr. Long shared information on the new 25-credit advanced technical certificate and how the program directly responds to current and projected workforce demands for professional skills in AI, data analytics and data management.

MOTION: See motion under IX. D for approval.

D. Approval of Course Additions and Deletions

Dr. Long reviewed course deletions (3) and additions (10) in the College of Arts and Science, Business, Engineering and Technology.

MOTION: (Lloyd/Dye) The District Board of Trustees approve Items IX. A-D, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

X. 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.

XI. TIME RESERVED/BOARD CHAIR

A. Board Chair's Update

Dr. Howard appreciated the tour of the Quanta-Honors and Health Technology Hall and enjoyed meeting the faculty/staff for the different programs. He was impressed by the Quanta-Honors program and said that it was an amazing opportunity for students. He enjoyed seeing the student athletes and hearing of their academic progress. He thanked everyone for their hard work and making the Board's job easy.

B. Board Professional Development Opportunities

Developmental opportunities were provided in the agenda as information.

XII. TIME RESERVED/BOARD MEMBERS

Comments were shared by each of the trustees.

XIII. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.