

MINUTES: February 21, 2023

MEETING: NORTH FLORIDA COLLEGE  
MADISON, FLORIDA

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Mr. Ricky Lyons, Chair  
Mr. John Grosskopf  
Mrs. Sandra Haas  
Mr. David Howell  
Mr. Mike Williams  
Mr. Al Williams

TRUSTEES ABSENT: Mr. Travis Coker  
Mr. Billy Washington  
Mr. Gary Wright

STAFF PRESENT: Larry Akers  
Ashley Bell  
Tyler Coody  
David Dunkle  
Dr. Jamie Holland  
Traci McClung  
Jennifer Page  
Micah Rodgers  
Kristin Summers  
Michelle Wheeler, Recording Secretary  
Lynn Wyche

Mr. Rob Sniffen, Board Attorney

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Chair Lyons who invited Mr. Mike Williams to open the meeting with prayer and lead the pledge of allegiance.

**MOTION:** (M. Williams/Haas) That the District Board of Trustees adopts the agenda as presented. The motion carried by general consent.

**MOTION:** (Haas/A. Williams) That the District Board of Trustees adopts the minutes for the January 15, 2023, regular meeting as presented. The motion carried by general consent.

### PUBLIC INPUT

A letter from FIRE was presented as an informational item. This has also been shared with NFC Faculty who was invited to comment if they desired.

### **ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

Associate Dean Summers presented the following for approval:

**MOTION:** (Haas/M. Williams) That the District Board of Trustees approves the attached agreement with Lumen Learning Services. This recommendation is requested to continue using the Lumen product in the Strategies for Academic Success (SLS 1103) course. This is the same agreement as previously signed by the NFC Chairperson; the only change is the active agreement dates. The motion carried unanimously.

Vice President Page presented an update on the upcoming ACEN Continuing Accreditation Site Visit.

### **EMPLOYEE SERVICES**

Director Coody presented the following items for approval:

**MOTION:** (A. Williams/Haas) That the District Board of Trustees approves the following addendum to the grounds contract with C&R Lawn Service of Taylor County LLC. This recommendation fills the need for additional mowing and landscaping services for the new location in Perry, FL. This addendum has been approved by the Board Attorney. The motion carried unanimously.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUSINESS SERVICES**

Dean Micah Rodgers presented the following items:

**MOTION:** (Howell/Haas) That the District Board of Trustees approves the Warrant List for January 31, 2023. The motion carried unanimously.

The Statement of Account was presented as an informational item as was the Current Funds Unrestricted Revenue and Expenditure Report. The Florida Prime account is earning 4.55% interest.

### **DEVELOPMENT & EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

Director McClung presented a report for February that highlighted the following:

- Donations Received to Existing Funds
- Last Mile Scholarship
- CDL Scholarship
- IV Therapy Course Scholarship
- New Scholarship Donations
- Spring 2023 Scholarship Total

### **PRESIDENT'S HIGHLIGHTS**

President Grosskopf provided updates on the following:

- Letter from Speaker Renner's Office
  - Report submitted was presented at last month's meeting
  - This letter arrived after requesting additional detail
  - Attached is our response from February 10, 2023
  - NFC is in full compliance with HB7
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- Activities
  - Jan 27 – FCSRMC Board Meeting – Difficulties with PNC renewals due to catastrophic storms within the last decade. Substantial increases are inevitable.
  - Feb 1 – Madison County Legislative Delegation Meeting – Focused squarely on our issue of funding fairness across the state.
  - Feb 7 – Follow up meeting with Senator Simon – spoke about funding inequity issue and he committed his willingness to help.
  - Feb 2 – Dual Enrollment Summit – Looking for way to gather additional legislative support to make it sustainable.
  - Feb 16 – Mayo FL, Florida Farm Bureau Legislative Update Meeting. Heard from State/Federal Representatives, and the Commissioner of Agriculture.
  - COP Zoom meetings to discuss funding issues.
  - LBR Steps
    - FCS Initial LBR was for \$100 million. Governor's budget only \$50 million for FCS. Additionally, this was distributed using an atypical mechanism – not according to any funding model. NFC will actually lose about \$100k in base recurring funding.
    - A second LBR has been issued asking for \$150 million in new money to advance state initiatives.
    - Another \$155 million to support FCS inclusion into the State health insurance plans
    - FCS LBR contains no mention of the funding fairness issues that we worked with Senator Broxon to include proviso language on last year.
    - The goal is to develop a funding model that take into account economies of scale and historical inequities but nothing in the LBR or spending plans references this proviso language.
  - Gun Bills – SB150 is moving very aggressively through Senate hearings and will be voted on next week. This bill permits concealed carry with no permit and is very likely to pass this session. Schools are carved out but not colleges or

universities. HB160 filed by Clemens exempts school and colleges from open carry. NFC is prepared to execute an armed security contract once this bill passes.

**ATTORNEY TIME**

Mr. Rob Sniffen presented the following:

- MCMH parking situation is concluded. The terms have been negotiated and the lease has been signed. They have received a copy of their certificate of insurance naming NFC as an additional insured. He feels that the College is in a good position to allow the parking to resume.

**MOTION:** (M. Williams/Haas) That the District Board of Trustees approves the lease agreement with Madison County Memorial Hospital. This agreement will allow the college to cover the cost of the repairs to the property and for the MCMH employees to resume parking on the NFC property. The motion carried unanimously.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

The Chair then announced that the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 21, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. and asked Mr. Howell to pray before dinner and declared the meeting adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
John Grosskopf  
President

  
Ricky Lyons  
Chair

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