



Minutes  
Edison State College  
District Board of Trustees  
Lee Campus – Building I, Room 223  
March 27, 2012  
2:00 p.m.



### Call to Order

The District Board of Trustees of Edison State College met in regular session in Lee County, Florida, on March 27, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. with the meeting called to order by Ann Berlam, Chair.

Present: Ann Berlam, Chair  
Marjorie Starnes-Bilotti, Vice Chair  
Brian Chapman, Jr.  
Dr. Randall Parrish, Jr.  
Julia Perry  
Braxton Rhone  
Pamella Seay  
Christopher Vernon  
Sankey E. "Eddie" Webb, III

Others: J. Dudley Goodlette, Interim District President  
June Hollingshead, Recorder

### Pledge to Flag

### Introduction of Guests and Public Comment – None

### Reports to the District Board of Trustees

#### Interim District President's Report (Presenter: Mr. J. Dudley Goodlette, J.D.)

- President Goodlette introduced and welcomed the new Vice President for Student Services, Dr. Russell Watjen.
- He shared information concerning upcoming commencement ceremonies. The Charlotte commencement is at 6:00 p.m. on May 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Charlotte Harbor Event and Conference Center. The Lee and Hendry/Glades commencement is at 6:00 p.m. on May 4<sup>th</sup> at Germain Arena. The Collier commencement is at 7:00 p.m. on May 4<sup>th</sup> at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts.
- President Goodlette reported that the budget building process is underway. The Budget Council will meet April 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> to prioritize requests. An increase for Edison in state funding for the 2012-13 fiscal year is only \$68,000+ over 2011-12 funding. Current budget projections are being based on no increased tuition, as well as no employee salary increases. Nineteen new faculty positions have been requested in response to SACS recommendations.
- A Board of Trustees budget workshop will be scheduled for the May meeting.

- President Goodlette has been striving to find efficiencies in the organizational structure of the College.
- Gina Doeble has surplus iPods for those Board members wishing to use one.

SACS Report (Presenter: Dr. Erin Harrel)

Dr. Harrel presented an overview of fourteen SACS recommendations along with the College responses as part of Edison's reaccreditation process. The College's response is due to SACS by April 10<sup>th</sup>. Changes made have included modifying College Operating Procedures, hiring more faculty, and updates to the organizational structure. President Goodlette will provide the Board with updated organizational charts when completed.

Legal Update Report (Presenter: Mr. Mark Lupe)

- An administrative law judge has been assigned to Dr. Kenneth Walker's DOAH (Florida Department of Administration Hearings) case, The process of identifying witnesses is underway for a hearing set to begin May 14, 2012. Fowler White Boggs is representing Edison, and a contract for their services is being processed.
- With respect to the EEOC (Equal Employment Opportunity Commission) case of Dr. Steve Atkins, Edison will be represented by Constangy, Brooks & Smith attorney John Campbell of the group's Tampa office.
- There are no new developments in the EEOC case of Dr. Robert Beeson.
- Mr. Lupe is developing a new Board Policy 5.05 to address procedures for dismissal of faculty based on a 2004 amendment to the state rule which returns the procedures to the college level and will present it at the April Board meeting.

Faculty Senate Report (Presenter: Professor Don Ransford)

- ~~Making a Difference in Our Communities—RN to BSN Students at Work (Professor Marti Jenner)~~ Prof. Jenner was unable to present today.
- Prof. Ransford welcomed Braxton Rhone on behalf of the Faculty Senate.
- Prof. Ransford thanked the Board for their role in strengthening shared governance within the College with the monthly Faculty Senate reports.
- Prof. Ransford suggested that student comments to the Board might be addressed through the faculty advisors.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

Agenda Item #1. Approval of Minutes Regular Meeting February 28, 2012 (Presenter: Mrs. Berlam) (Page 1)

MOTION by Marjorie Starnes-Bilotti, seconded by Pamella Seay, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting February 28, 2012, as presented. Approved unanimously.

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Agenda Item #2. District Approval to Accept the Audited Financial Report for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2011 (Presenter: Mrs. Doeble/Board Liaison: Mr. Webb) (Page 11) (Bound backup booklet in rear)

MOTION by Eddie Webb, seconded by Marjorie Starnes-Bilotti, to accept the Audited Financial Report for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2011, as presented. Approved unanimously. Mrs. Doeble will present a budget workshop for the Board prior to the May Board of Trustees meeting.

Agenda Item #3. Approval of Revisions to Bylaws for the Edison State College Financing Corporation (Presenter: Mr. Lupe) (Page 12)

MOTION by Randall Parrish, seconded by Eddie Webb, to approve revisions to the bylaws for the Edison State College Financing Corporation, as presented, including: (1) Limiting the terms of corporate directors appointed by the District President to two years (this automatically becomes three years pursuant to item (3) below); (2) Providing a method for removal of corporate directors appointed by the District President and the Chair of the District Board of Trustees; (3) Extending the terms of all corporate directors from two to three years; (4) Creating the office of Vice-Chair; and (5) Changing the word "membership" to "directors" to be consistent with an amendment to Section 617.0808, Florida Statutes, and with one correction to the cover page of the bylaws to change the revision notation to the year "2012." Approved unanimously.

#### **Other Business:**

##### Consent Agenda

Agenda Item #4. Approval of Personnel Actions (Presenter: Mr. Dente/Board Liaison: Mrs. Starnes-Bilotti) (Page 20)

MOTION by Marjorie Starnes-Bilotti, seconded by Julia Perry, to approve the Personnel Consent Agenda actions, as presented. Approved unanimously.

##### Information Only

Agenda Item #5. Construction of Infrastructure for the Installation of Two Modular Classrooms on the Charlotte Campus (Presenter: Mr. Nice/Board Liaison: Mr. Chapman) (Page 26)

Mr. Nice presented this item for information only. The Administration is planning to engage architectural, engineering and construction services to provide the infrastructure required to install two modular classrooms on the Charlotte Campus, with funding provided by the Edison State College Financing Corporation, Inc.

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Agenda Item #6. Edison State College Monthly Financial Report (Presenter: Mrs. Doeble/ Board Liaison: Mr. Webb) (Page 28)

Mrs. Doeble presented the Edison State College Monthly Financial Report for information only.

Agenda Item #7. Edison State College Collegiate High Schools Monthly Financial Report (Presenter: Mrs. Doeble/Board Liaison: Mr. Webb) (Page 33)

Mrs. Doeble presented the Edison State College Collegiate High Schools Monthly Financial Report for information only.

Written Reports

Agenda Item #8. Monthly Report on Edison Collegiate High School – Charlotte (Page 37)

A written report was presented for information only.

Agenda Item #9. Monthly Report on Edison Collegiate High School – Lee (Page 39)

A written report was presented for information only.

Professional Development

Legislative Update Report (Presenter: Mr. Holliday) (Back-up in rear pocket)

Mr. Holliday presented a legislative update including funding levels, PECO projects, policy issues affecting the College and local control, STEM-related issues, and confirmation of Trustees.

President's Comments


Board Members' Comments

**Adjournment** – The meeting adjourned at 3:52 p.m.



J. Dudley Goodlette, J.D.  
Interim District President  
District Board of Trustees

4/24/2012  
Date



Ann Berlam, Chair  
District Board of Trustees

April 24, 2012  
Date