

**SEMINOLE STATE COLLEGE**  
**BOARD OF REGENTS REGULAR MEETING**  
**March 26, 2026**

**I. Call to Order**

The Seminole State College Board of Regents' regular monthly meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Enoch Kelly Haney Center.

**II. Roll Call of Members**

Roll call was conducted. Regents present were Curtis Morgan, Teresa Burnett, Barry Tims, Robyn Ready and Marci Donaho. Regent Mona Adkisson and Regent Ryan Franklin were absent.

**III. Introduction of Guests**

President Reynolds introduced administrators and staff present at the meeting. Special recognition was given to members of Health Sciences Division. Members of this division present were: Ann Benson, Division Chair; Kelly Hankal, Director of MLT; Dr. Shakira Stafford, Director of PTA; Butch Cantrell, Assistant Professor of Nursing; Christine Clay, Assistant Professor of Nursing; Malinda Figueroa, Assistant Professor of Nursing; and Julie Mathews, Health Sciences Academic Advisor. Other guests recognized at the meeting were: Tracy Jacomo, Marc Hunter, Mark Schell, Lance Wortham and Kyle Shifflet.

**IV. Minutes**

There being no additions or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting held January 15, 2026 and Special Meeting held January 20, 2026, Regent Morgan made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Regent Burnett seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Morgan, yes; Burnett, yes; Tims, yes; Ready, yes and Donaho, yes.

**V. Communications to the Board**

Financial Report – Vice President for Finance, Grants, and Enrollment Melanie Rinehart presented a review of the College's revenue and expenses through February 28, 2026. Regent Ready made a motion to approve the Financial Report as presented. Regent Tims seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Morgan, yes; Burnett, yes; Tims, yes; Ready, yes and Donaho, yes.

**VI. Hearing of Delegations**

None.

**VII. President's Report**

**Personnel Update:** President Reynolds discussed personnel changes since the last Board of Regents meeting. Ernesto Martinez was hired for the SSS STEM Advisor position. Julie Mathews was appointed the Health Sciences Academic Advisor and Miranda Stewart moved to a full-time Assistant Professor of Nursing Position. Resignations were received from Gina Pope, Coordinator of Library and Career Services and Carmen Hutchins, Nursing Program Academic Advisor.

**Campus events and recognitions:**

- A retirement reception was held for Julie Hix, Comptroller, who retired at the end of February
- The SSC Trojan First Pitch Banquet was held on January 31<sup>st</sup>
- The President's Leadership Class visited the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum
- Head Women's Basketball Coach Rita Story-Schell reached her 450<sup>th</sup> win
- The 1976 National Women's Basketball Championship team from SSC celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary on February 16<sup>th</sup>
- The Seminole Chamber of Commerce honored two SSC employees: Rejeanna Tidmore and Christine Clay
- Academic Advisor Cindy Nolen, Director of Enrollment Management Edie Cathey and Dean of Instruction Jessic Isaacs attended the Summit for Dual Credit Programs in South Padre Island, Texas
- SSC Freshman Alivia Wapskineh attended the Nigh Leadership Academy
- Assistant Professor of English Paul Juhasz has released his sixth book, Katabasis
- Exotic animals were at Seminole State College as part of the Student Activities as well as banana split day
- Several SSC employees participated in the Read Across America event collaborated by the National Education Association
- GEAR UP hosted an Oklahoma's Promise event on March 17<sup>th</sup>
- SSC received the Excellence Certification from the Certified Healthy Campus program sponsored by the Oklahoma Department of Health
- President Reynolds gave the Regents an update on sports teams
- A nursing disaster drill was held in the Haney Center Ballroom
- The SSC PTA program held a "Get Stretched" event on March 25<sup>th</sup>
- The 2026 SSC Interscholastic meet was held on March 26<sup>th</sup>
- Installation of the new SSC sign on the corner of Hwy 9 and Hwy 3 has begun
- President Reynolds, Paul Bronson, and Nate Baur gave an update on the Haney Roof and Solar project
- Jessica Isaacs presented information about the tenure program for faculty at Seminole State College
- Mark Schell and Lance Wortham, representing the SSC Educational Foundation Investment Committee, gave the Regents information about investing the MacKenzie Scott funds and the Scott Empowerment Fund

**Upcoming Events:**

- A ceremony retiring Denim Harris' jersey, a baseball player killed in a car accident, will be held on April 4<sup>th</sup>
- Higher Education Day at the Capitol will be held on March 31<sup>st</sup>
- The SSC Educational Foundation Recognition Banquet will be held on April 30<sup>th</sup>
- Commencement will be held on May 8<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. in the Raymond Harber Field House

## **VIII. Business**

### **Approval of Revision to Board Policy III-5-6**

President Reynolds presented the Board with copies a proposed revision to Board Policy III-5-6 regarding Service and Emotional Support/Assistance Animal. This revision removed the name of a specific employee and replaced it with the name of the position. Regent Morgan made a motion to approve the revision as presented and Regent Burnett seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Morgan, yes; Burnett, yes; Tims, yes; Ready, yes and Donaho, yes.

### **Approval of Revision to Board Policy II-7-15**

President Reynolds presented the Board with copies a proposed revision to Board Policy II-7-15 regarding Campus Wellness. President Reynolds informed the Regents that this revision will reflect current practices of allowing employees time away from duties for physical exercise. The policy was revised to address concerns regarding health issues related to strong fragrances on campus. Regent Burnett made a motion to approve the revisions as presented and Regent Tims seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Morgan, yes; Burnett, yes; Tims, yes; Ready, yes and Donaho, yes.

### **Approval of Proposed Board Policy Regarding Online Credit Hours**

President Reynolds presented the Board with a copy of a proposed Board Policy regarding Online Credit Hours. The addition of this policy will satisfy a recommendation from the Higher Learning Commission to ensure consistency between face-to-face and online credit hours. Regent Morgan made a motion to approve the proposed Online Credit Hour policy as presented and Regent Burnett seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Morgan, yes; Burnett, yes; Tims, yes; Ready, yes and Donaho, yes.

### **Approval of Proposal from VOSS for LED Lighting and Controls Upgrade**

President Reynolds presented information from VOSS for an LED lighting and controls upgrade for the Haney Center Utterback Ballroom. President Reynolds stated that this upgrade is greatly needed to replace aging equipment currently in the ballroom. Regent Morgan made a motion to approve the proposal from VOSS as presented and Regent Tims seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Morgan, yes; Burnett, yes; Tims, yes; Ready, yes and Donaho, yes.

### **Awarding of Emeritus Status – Tracy Jacomo**

President Reynolds recommended awarding emeritus status to retired Social Sciences Instructor Tracy Jacomo in recognition of her years of dedicated service. Regent Morgan made a motion to award emeritus status to Tracy Jacomo and Regent Burnett seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Morgan, yes; Burnett, yes; Tims, yes; Ready, yes and Donaho, yes.

### **Ratification of Emergency Repair Declaration (Consideration of any matter not known about, or which could not have been foreseen prior to the posting of the agenda)**

President Reynolds presented information about an emergency repair order to repair a leak in the fire suppression system in the Roesler Residential Learning Center due to old and rusty pipes. It was determined that the repairs needed to be done immediately for the safety of students and employees. Repairs were originally believed to be below the

\$15,000 threshold but exceeded that amount. President Reynolds asked for approval of the emergency repair order purchase. Regent Morgan made a motion to ratify and approve the emergency repair order and Regent Ready seconded the motion. Roll call was as follows: Morgan, yes; Burnett, yes; Tims, yes; Ready, yes and Donaho, yes.

#### **X. Adjournment**

Regent Tims made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Regent Morgan seconded the motion. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:30 p.m. Roll call was as follows: Morgan, yes; Burnett, yes; Tims, yes; Ready, yes and Donaho, yes.

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Marci Donaho, Chair