

Davidson-Davie Community College Foundation, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting
February 18, 2026
Minutes

A meeting of the Davidson-Davie Community College Foundation Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, February 18, 2026, at 8:30 a.m. on the Davidson Campus, in person and via Zoom. Members attending were Brian Barnett, Chris Brown, Melanie Crowder, Kevin Firquin, George Fouts, Elizabeth Gee, Phil Griffin, Jeremy Hiatt, Teresa Kines, Larry Link, Chuck McConkey, Chris McCullough, Jeff McIntyre, Phyllis Penry, Cathi Smith, Kim Stanbery, Bill Steed, Rebecca Sullivan, Parker Tilley, Dustin VanWeerdhuizen, Jenny Varner, Sterling Wall, Cammie Webb, and Matt Welborn. Also present were Kristin Briggs, Christy Forrest, Elle King, Dori Lloyd, Kristi Louya and Teresa Yarbrough.

Board President, Rebecca Sullivan, called the meeting to order and asked members to review the September 24, 2025, meeting minutes. Melanie Crowder moved to approve the minutes; Teresa Kines seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously with no changes.

Dori Lloyd, Associate Vice President, Teaching, Learning, Innovation, and Global Engagement and Christy Forrest, Vice President, Academic Programs and Services, presented updates on the development of the Davidson-Davie Online Campus project slated to launch in January 2027. Christy and Dori discussed components of the Quality Enhancement Plan and specifically addressed gathering student feedback to improve the entire in-person and online experience. Dori and Christy addressed questions from board members regarding online enrollment, faculty training in online instruction, and improving student access to technology.

College President Jenny Varner provided several updates to the board. She announced an upcoming campus visit by Lieutenant Governor Rachel Hunt, who leads a task force addressing the childcare crisis. During the visit, Lt. Governor Hunt will tour the Davidson-Davie childcare center and meet with Early Childhood faculty.

Jenny also reported that overall enrollment has increased by 6% compared to the previous year for both the spring and fall semesters, with the college now serving more than 13,000 students. She noted that this growth is driven in part by approximately 1,500 dual-enrollment high school students and the early college programs located on both campuses. Adult student enrollment is also on the rise.

Jenny highlighted a renewed focus on short-term workforce training opportunities supported by the Workforce Pell Grant. She also informed the board of the launch of the college's new five-year strategic plan, *Pathways for Every Direction*. A discussion followed regarding the childcare center, the geographic distribution of students, specialty program offerings, and transfer agreements with four-year institutions.

Jeremy Hiatt, Foundation Treasurer, reported total assets of \$30.2 million as of December 31, 2025, including \$9 million in buildings and land. He noted a \$4 million reallocation from investments into CDs and money market accounts to support building projects. Total income was \$2.6 million, primarily from investment gains, with expenses of \$408,000, resulting in a net surplus of \$2.2 million. He added that additional expenses are expected for spring semester scholarships.

Kristin Briggs, Foundation Executive Director, acknowledged and thanked Rebecca Sullivan, Phil Griffin, Jeremy Hiatt, Jeff McIntyre, and Bill Steed for serving on the nominating committee. The committee nominated the following new directors to serve a three-year term (2026-2028): Chris Brown, Aaron Holt, Chris McCullough, and Wayne Wilkins. Each of the following current directors is nominated to serve an additional term on the Foundation Board (2026-2028): Brian Barnett, Teresa Kines, Karl Milliren, Cathi Smith, Parker Tilley, Sterling Wall, and Cammie Webb. Rebecca Sullivan (2024-2026) will serve as President, Melanie Crowder (2024-2026) will serve as Vice President, Jed Orman (2024-2026) will remain Secretary, Jeremy Hiatt will remain as Treasurer and three new members at large include Kevin Firquin (2025-2027), Teresa Kines (2026-2028), Atalia Cardenas (2025-2027), and Jenny Varner will be Ex Officio. George Fouts moved to approve the 2026 nominating committee recommendations, and Jeff McIntyre seconded. The nominated individuals were approved unanimously.

Kristin recognized and thanked Elizabeth Gee, Jeff McIntyre, Phyllis Penry, and Matt Welborn for their service to the Foundation as their terms concluded. She then presented the following former board members for consideration as Directors Emeriti: Mike Albert, Elizabeth Gee, Beth Parrott, Phyllis Penry, Terry Renegar, Walt Rouse, Paula Turlington, and Jane Whitehurst. Matt Welborn moved to approve the slate, and Melanie Crowder seconded the motion. The motion to accept the Directors Emeriti was unanimously approved.

Kristi Louya, Coordinator of Student Scholarships and Donor Relations, requested volunteers to serve on the Student Success Scholarship committee. The committee will meet on April 2 and April 16. Scholarship winners are acknowledged during the commencement ceremony in May.

Kristin announced the Foundation's 34th annual golf tournament fundraiser will be held Thursday, May 7, 2026. She thanked Larry Link for his leadership role on the golf tournament committee and requested volunteers to assist with sponsorships, invitations, gifts, and promotion.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.