



**Valencia College Foundation  
Special Executive Committee Meeting  
Zoom – 1 p.m.  
June 3, 2025**

**Committee Members Present:**

Ms. Sheri Torres, Chair  
Mr. Waymon Armstrong  
Mr. David Berelsman  
Mr. Alan Byrd  
Ms. Pat Engfer  
Ms. Stephanie Howell  
Mr. John Martinez  
Mr. Jeff Mock  
Ms. Nora Rodriguez-Patterson

**Staff Present:**

Dr. Kathleen Plinske  
Mr. Bill Mallowney  
Mr. Oscar Cristancho  
Ms. Carlee Thomas  
Ms. Angela Mendolaro  
Ms. Pamela Dorn

**I. Call to Order**

Chair Torres called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. A quorum was present.

**II. Red, Black and Boundless Gala**

Director Rodriguez-Patterson and Director Armstrong provided an update on the upcoming Red, Black and Boundless Gala, scheduled for Saturday, September 13, 2025, at Walt Disney World's

Epcot World ShowPlace Pavilion. The group discussed the possibility of including a silent auction at this year's event. It was agreed to present the idea to the full Board of Directors at next week's special board meeting and request their participation in securing auction items.

### **III. Slate of Officers**

Immediate Past Chair Byrd moved to approve Director Engfer as the Valencia College Foundation Treasurer and Chair of the Finance Committee. Vice Chair Mock seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

### **IV. Committee Structure and Bylaws Review**

Chair Torres reviewed the current bylaws and proposed updates to the Standing Committees. The three Standing Committees will now include the Executive Committee, the Governance Committee (absorbing the former Board Development/Nominating Committee), and the Finance and Audit Committee. As a result, the Audit Committee and Fundraising Committee will be removed as Standing Committees. The Fundraising Committee will be reclassified as a Special Committee, renamed the Philanthropy Committee, and a new Corporate Partnerships Committee will be established.

Immediate Past Chair Byrd moved to approve the proposed bylaw changes with the inclusion of language stating that each committee is "approved by the Board of Directors" under the Standing Committees section, and revising item #2 by striking "discrete issues or tasks as needed" and replacing it with "needs of the College and/or Foundation." Director Engfer seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

### **V. 2025 – 2026 Meeting Schedule**

Chair Torres noted changes to the meeting schedule. Board meetings will now extend until 2 p.m. Executive Committee and Finance and Audit Committee meetings will shift to Tuesdays. She also shared that a Committee Chairs Leadership session will be scheduled in early August. Moving forward, a quarterly roadmap will be reviewed at Board meetings, and the board member nominating process will be managed through the Governance Committee.

Dr. Plinske shared that the College received a DOGE request and responded to the questions. She also noted that some of the questions specifically pertain to the Valencia College Foundation.

### **VI. Adjournment**

Chair Torres adjourned the meeting at 1:48 p.m.