



**Valencia College Foundation  
Special Meeting of the Board of Directors  
Thursday, June 12, 2025  
Zoom  
1:00 p.m.**

**Board Members Present:**

Ms. Sheri Torres, Chair  
Ms. Janice Abrew-Coriano  
Mr. Robert Agrusa  
Ms. Sharon Arroyo  
Mr. David Berelsman  
Mr. Steve Burriss  
Mr. Alan Byrd  
Mr. Bruce Carlson  
Ms. Pat Engfer  
Ms. Jennifer Englert  
Ms. Sue Foreman  
Ms. Stephanie Howell  
Ms. Lisa Macon  
Ms. Maritza Martinez-Guerrero  
Bishop Derrick McRae  
Mr. Jeff Mock  
Mr. Joshua Murdock

Mr. Brock Nicholas  
Ms. Lee Rambeau  
Ms. Nora Rodriguez-Patterson  
Mr. Toufic Simaan

**Staff Present:**

Dr. Kathleen Plinske  
Ms. Carlee Thomas  
Mr. Oscar Cristancho  
Mr. Bill Mallowney  
Ms. Leslie Golden  
Ms. Pamela Dorn  
Ms. Angela Mendolaro  
Ms. Cynthia Santiago-Guzman

**Call to Order**

Chair Torres called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.  
A quorum was present.

**Red, Black and Boundless Gala**

Director Nora Rodriguez-Patterson provided an update on the upcoming Red, Black and Boundless gala. She shared that we are making progress towards the event and encouraged board members to participate through either a sponsorship and/or a silent auction item.

**Slate of Officers**

Director Martinez-Guerrero moved to approve the nomination of Director Engfer to serve as the Treasurer of the Board and Chair of the Finance Committee. Vice-Chair Mock seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

**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 and Fundraising Committees 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.

Director Martinez-Guerrero 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.

**2025 – 2026 Meeting Schedule**

Chair Torres noted changes to the meeting schedule. Board meetings will now extend until 2 p.m. 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.

**Adjournment**

Chair Torres adjourned the special meeting at 1:39 p.m.