



**Valencia College Foundation
Executive Committee Meeting
Zoom - 10 a.m.
September 14, 2026**

Executive Committee Members Present:

Ms. Sheri Torres, Chair
Mr. Jeff Mock
Ms. Pat Engfer
Ms. Stephanie Howell
Mr. Shawn Hindle
Ms. Janice Abrew-Coriano
Ms. Sharon Arroyo

Valencia Staff Present:

Dr. Kathleen Plinske
Dr. Carla McKnight
Mr. Oscar Cristancho
Mr. Joseph Mera
Ms. Lashon Brown
Ms. Amanda Little

I. Call to Order

Chair Torres called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. Ms. Little confirmed that a quorum was present.

II. Approval of Minutes

Director Engfer moved to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2026, Executive Committee Meeting as presented. Director Mock seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

III. New Business

Dr. Plinske presented the Linking Industry to Nursing Education (LINE) Fund and the opportunity for Valencia College to seek matching support from the State of Florida the creation of a Nursing Simulation Center on West Campus. Dr. Plinske reviewed changes to legislation that amended LINE funding to expand flexibility in the use of the funds that now include renovation and remodeling to existing spaces for nursing simulation. The amendment to LINE funding also removed organization types which allow nonhealthcare partners to provide contributions.

Dr. Plinske requested approval for the Valencia College Foundation to contribute \$2.5 million from unrestricted funds to the LINE Fund to support the Nursing Simulation Center. She noted that the proposed Foundation commitment, combined with anticipated contributions from healthcare partners, AdventHealth and Orlando Health, and the state matching funds, could generate approximately \$15 million toward the estimated \$20 million project.

Committee members discussed project funding, additional healthcare partnerships, and construction cost contingencies. College leadership indicated that additional funding sources and appropriate contingencies have been identified to address costs not covered through LINE funding.

Director Arroyo moved to authorize the commitment of \$2.5 million in unrestricted Valencia College Foundation funds to support the Nursing Simulation Center project. Director Engfer both seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Adjourn

Chair Torres adjourned the meeting at 10:21 a.m.