



Santa Fe College
District Board of Trustees

Minutes of Emergency Board Meeting Held January 27, 2010
Cabinet Room, Northwest Campus, Gainesville, Florida

Members present: Winston J. Bradley, Glenna F. Brashear, Bessie G. Jackson, G. Thomas Mallini,
Richard C. Solze, Jr., Evelyn T. Womack

Members absent: Robert C. Hudson, Arley W. McRae

Chair Evelyn T. Womack called the emergency board meeting of the District Board of Trustees of Santa Fe College to order at 3:35 p.m. at the Northwest Campus in Gainesville, Florida, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Action was taken on the agenda items as indicated on the attached summary sheets.

Trustee Solze was delayed in arriving, joining the meeting after the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Sasser thanked all the board members for attending on such short notice. He added that this was as important item and was grateful for those who could attend.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Evelyn T. Womack
Board Chair

Jackson N. Sasser
Secretary to the Board



**The District Board of Trustees
Santa Fe College, Florida
Agenda for Emergency Board Meeting
January 27, 2010, 3:30 p.m.
Robertson Administration Building Cabinet Room**

Adoption of Agenda

**Agenda Item: 1.1
418.482, 09-10**

1. General Functions

Pledge of Allegiance

1.1 Adoption of Agenda for Emergency Board Meeting of January 27, 2010

2. General College Information

2.1 Transfer of Title of Perry Center from SF Foundation to SF College and Termination of Lease

3. Citizen's Requests

4. Adjournment

Board Action Requested:

Approval

Discussion: Upon unanimous consent of the board, and for good cause found by the board chair, the January 27, 2010, emergency board agenda was adopted.

Action: Motion to approve: Mallini

Second: Jackson

Vote: Bradley - yes, Brashear - yes, Jackson - yes, Mallini - yes, Solze - yes, Womack - yes.

Transfer of Title of Perry Center from SF Foundation to SF College and
Termination of Lease

400.537, 09-10

The college recommends approval of the transfer of the title to the property located in Alachua at the Perry Center for Emerging Technologies from the Santa Fe College Foundation, Inc. to The District Board of Trustees of Santa Fe College, Florida. The title transfer will enable the completion of a grant application by the College to the Department of Commerce, EDA (Economic Development Administration). This grant requires that the property be held by the applicant. The purpose is to construct a 6,000 square feet laboratory and classroom addition at the Santa Fe College Perry Center for Emerging Technologies in Alachua. The amount of funds requested from the EDA is \$1,944,506, with a cash match of \$648,169 required.

Upon transfer of the title, the Lease Agreement commencing February 1, 2008, under which the College leased the property for a 40-year-term from the Santa Fe College Foundation, shall be rendered null and void.

Board Action Requested:

Approval of the transfer of title of the Perry Center property to The District Board of Trustees of Santa Fe College, Florida, and acknowledgement of termination of lease

Discussion: As background, President Sasser explained that the Santa Fe College Foundation Board of Directors, at its board meeting on September 22, 2009, voted and approved the transfer of the title to the property located in Alachua, the site of the Perry Center for Emerging Technologies to Santa Fe College. The title transfer would allow the completion of a grant application by the college to the U.S. Department of Commerce, EDA (Economic Development Administration). The grant requires the property to be held by the applicant. The amount of funds requested from the EDA is \$1,944,506, with a cash match of \$648,169 required. Last week the foundation office proceeded with a special warranty deed giving "Santa Fe College" title to the property prior to submission to and approval by the Santa Fe College District Board of Trustees. Ms. Patti Locascio, General Counsel, explained that "Santa Fe College" is not the correct entity to hold title to real property so she worked with the foundation's attorney to explore options for correcting the title upon approval by the board. The recommended procedure is for the college to quitclaim any interest in the property back to the foundation, which would then transfer the deed to The District Board of Trustees of Santa Fe College, Florida. Trustee Bradley inquired about whether the foundation board should approve the transfer again but it was determined that the foundation board had the authority for the transfer based on the action taken on September 22, 2009. Mr. Chuck Clemons, Vice President for Development, reiterated that the college had to hold title to the property in order to apply for and receive the federal grant and that time was of the essence for the grant, thus explaining the need for an emergency meeting to approve the transfer.

Action: Motion to approve: Mallini

Second: Brashear

Vote: Bradley - yes, Brashear - yes, Jackson - yes, Mallini - yes, Solze - yes, Womack - yes.

There was a brief discussion regarding different scenarios of ownership of land purchased and casualty insurance coverage on foundation-owned property. Regarding Trustee Jackson's question about the advantages of the foundation holding title to real property, Ms. Locascio replied that the foundation has more flexibility to manage, buy, and sell real property because it is a not-for-profit corporation, whereas the college is restricted in many ways by state law. It was agreed to have this topic added to the March board workshop for further discussion.