

MINUTES
District Board of Trustees – Presidential Evaluation Committee
Tallahassee Community College
444 Appleyard Drive
Tallahassee, FL 32304
May 19, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM.

Members Present: Chair Lamb and Trustees Callaway, Messersmith and Moore

Others Present: President Jim Murdaugh, Renae Tolson and Lenda Kling

Chair Lamb recognized Director Tolson, asking her how we should proceed.

Director Tolson said she had compiled all the results, indicating President Murdaugh had received the highest rating of five (5) in every category. She stated the committee could read through all the results, if they wanted, and indicated there were additional glowing remarks for which she created another page.

The Trustees agreed the documents President Murdaugh provided prior to the evaluation were very helpful. President Murdaugh thanked the committee, indicating he appreciated the review and their comments. He indicated he was harder on himself for improving and growing, thanking the Trustees for their leadership and support. He said he doesn't do anything alone, all the real work is done by many others.

Trustee Callaway said that President Murdaugh's evaluation was an affirmation of them. Trustee Messersmith indicated he had been on the Board with three different Presidents, stating TCC and this Board seems to like the current style.

Trustee Callaway shared that when President Murdaugh was being considered for the presidency, the most questions and greatest concern was about his law enforcement background – which has been one of his strongest points in the position. She said many presidents do not have this same level of day-to-day consistency.

Chair Lamb thanked his colleagues for being in attendance and completing the evaluation. He shared the Board is incredible and he has never before worked with a group like this, indicating they are the best in the state.

Trustee Moore said we have had the right President at the right time to move the college forward. She stated President Murdaugh has made this college open to the public as a treasure and resource to the community.

President Murdaugh shared he had the privilege of working for Presidents Wetherell and Law, indicating he had benefited from the opportunity to see two different styles. Trustee Moore asked if the Trustees could do something different to support or enhance his presidency, with President Murdaugh stating they are so giving already and he didn't know of anything else right now.

He said we want the college to be great and grow so we should continue to listen. He indicated the Trustees support the President in amazing ways and the faculty/staff really like to see them at functions.

Trustee Callaway stated she was impressed by the new Trustee enthusiasm. President Murdaugh stated all the Trustees being at the orientation was wonderful. Trustee Moore said it was fantastic to have all the Vice Presidents at the orientation. President Murdaugh said the Vice Presidents are race horses with strong personalities. Trustee Callaway said although the Vice Presidents work together well, they must believe their area is the most important.

The Trustees thanked Director Tolson for her summary, with Trustee Messersmith thanking her for the online facilitation of the process.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:30 pm.