

**DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
PALM BEACH STATE COLLEGE**

**Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes of August 31, 2015 – 3:30 p.m.  
Multi-Media Board Room (CE 129), Lake Worth, Florida**

<b>Attendees</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b><i>District Board of Trustees Legislative Committee Members</i></b>		
Wendy S. Link, Esq.	Board Chairperson / Committee Chair	Present via phone
Charles K. Cross, Jr.	Board Vice Chairperson / Committee Alternate	Present via phone
John W. Dowd, III	Board Trustee / Committee Alternate	Present via phone (4:20pm departure)
<b><i>Cabinet Members</i></b>		
Ava L. Parker, J.D.	President	Present
Kevin Fernander, Esq.	General Counsel	Present (4:20pm departure)
Erin McColskey	Ex. Assist., College Adv. & Communications	Present

**Opening Remarks**

President Parker called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m.

**Discussion Items**

**2016 PECO Request for the Dennis P. Gallon Campus**

Discussion occurred to come to a consensus on the amount of the College's 2016 PECO request, as well as justification and partnering options. Committee directed staff to submit a recommendation for the Board's approval of a \$9M PECO request for the Dennis P. Gallon Campus.

**West Tech**

Discussion occurred to determine if a funding request should be submitted to the Legislature for use of West Tech by the College to better serve the Glades area. Committee suggested that staff continue discussions with community leaders to garner more information about West Tech and then present a recommendation to the Board.

**Performance Funding**

Erin McColskey provided a brief update on performance funding. She explained that the Chancellor and Assistant Chancellor will be on campus in September to explain the performance funding calculation process in an effort to reveal what impacts the total points.

**Veterans**

The College has become aware that funding might be available for programs that support veterans. Ms. McColskey explained that the College is reviewing a proposal and will update the Board if a legislative request is developed.

**PECO (additional funds)**

Discussion occurred on the need to advocate for additional PECO funding.

**Potential Issues**

Ms. McColskey explained two issues that will likely arise during the upcoming legislative session, bachelor degrees and tax-free textbooks.

**Outside Lobbyist**

President Parker provided an update on the College's consideration to hire an external lobbyist. (Discussion ended at 4:20 p.m.)


**Legislative Meetings**

Discussion occurred regarding when it would be necessary for Trustees to travel to Tallahassee to meet with legislators.

**Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 4:38 p.m.

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Wendy S. Link, Esq., Chairperson

  
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