

**FINAL  
MINUTES**

**SPECIAL MEETING  
GULF COAST STATE COLLEGE  
January 20, 2023**

10:00 a.m.  
Administration Building, Room 202  
New Trustee Orientation Meeting

**Members Present:** Ms. Tricia Berry, Mr. Bill Cramer, Dr. Abel De La Rosa, Ms. Caroline Windham, and Mr. Derrick Bennett

**Others Attending:** Dr. Cheryl Flax-Hyman

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President Flax-Hyman. The President outlined the purpose of the meeting to provide general overview and outline of Gulf Coast State College and the Florida College System overall.

**New Trustee Orientation:** The President began a review of the legal responsibilities of each trustee and called upon Attorney Derrick Bennett to provide an overview of the laws. Attorney Bennett explained the laws relating to the college system – including sunshine laws, public record laws and ethics.

The President continued the meeting explaining the trustees role as members of the Gulf Coast State College Board of Trustees with topics ranging from local and statewide duties and responsibilities. Each member present asked several questions and after questions and answers were completed the meeting was adjourned.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Secretary

Attorney, District Board of Trustees