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Polk State College District Board of Trustees appoints leadership for 2018-2019

Winter Haven, August 28, 2018 – Polk State College’s District Board of Trustees elected two of its members to serve as chair and vice chair for 2018-2019 during its annual reorganization meeting Monday.

Dan Dorrell assumed the role of chair, which was filled by Mark Turner in 2017-2018. Teresa Martinez assumed the role of vice chair, which Dorrell previously held. The Board’s members also include Ashley Bell Barnett, Greg Littleton, and Cindy Hartley Ross.

Polk State President Angela Garcia Falconetti expressed special thanks to Turner for his service as chair and excitement that Dorrell and Martinez have assumed their new positions.

“I am thrilled as we move ahead into another academic year under the phenomenal leadership of our District Board of Trustees,” Falconetti said. “The Board’s unwavering support of the College allows us to provide exceptional higher education and services for Polk State’s students, faculty, and staff.”

Dorrell, a member of Polk State’s first graduating class, was appointed to the Board in 2011.

He is a retired certified public accountant and holds a bachelor’s degree in Finance from Florida State University, as well as a Polk State Associate in Arts degree. He is also a veteran of the Florida National Guard.

Dorrell’s community involvement spans many organizations, including the Sebring Chamber of Commerce, the Highlands County YMCA, and alumni associations for Florida State University and Polk State College.

Martinez, a Polk State Distinguished Alumna, was appointed to the Board in 2009.

She is president and founder of the Institute of Spanish Communication Inc. and holds a bachelor’s degree in Spanish and Education from the University of Central Florida in addition to a Polk State Associate in Arts degree.

Martinez has served on boards for organizations including the Lakeland Area Chamber of Commerce, the Central Florida Speech and Hearing Center, the Imperial Symphony

Orchestra, Club Hispano de Lakeland, Heart of Florida Regional Medical Center, and Polk Vision. She is also a graduate of Leadership Lakeland and Leadership Polk.

Members of Polk State's District Board of Trustees, like those of Florida's other state colleges, are governor-appointed and vested with oversight of College policies, facilities, budget, and personnel.

Board members serve four-year terms without compensation and meet on the fourth Monday of each month.

About Polk State College

Located in Winter Haven, Florida, and established in 1964, Polk State College is a multi-campus institution serving more than 16,000 students with Bachelor of Applied Science, Bachelor of Science, Associate in Arts and Associate in Science degrees, as well as a wide range of certificate and workforce training options. The College also operates three charter high schools.

Polk State's advantages include small class sizes; hands-on learning; dedicated faculty; day and night classes; online options; affordable tuition; excellent financial aid; and a diverse community and vibrant student life, including fine arts opportunities, clubs, and intercollegiate athletics.



