

Board of Trustees

Each of the 28 community colleges in Florida's statewide system is under the local control of a lay District Board of Trustees composed of citizens who serve without pay and are legally vested with decision making power in all matters of college policy, programs, building, budget and personnel.

Each trustee is appointed by the governor. Eight Orange and Osceola County citizens form the Valencia College District Board of Trustees. Meeting in regular sessions once each month, these civic-minded individuals contribute their time and talent to guiding the development of Valencia College so that it remains responsive to the educational needs of its local community.

Chair, Lew Oliver is the owner of Oliver Title Law Firm, LLC, and resides in Orlando. He has been a Florida resident since 1970, and received his Bachelor's degree from Stetson University, and his Juris Doctorate from Georgetown University Law School. He previously served as Senior Vice President of AMT Inc., a transportation technology firm, and as Vice President for Neotonus, Inc.

Vice Chair, Bruce Carlson is the owner of Imagination Realty, Inc. and was previously the vice president of operations for E. I. DuPont De Nemours Performance Coating. He is a former treasurer of the American Chemical Society and serves as a member of Sigma Xi, The Scientific Research Society. He received his bachelor's degree from Cornell University and his doctorate from Purdue University.

Trustee, Maria Grulich serves as director of global business for the Florida Association of Realtors, overseeing and developing global initiatives and programs for Florida, as well as serving as the team liaison to the National Association of Realtors. Grulich is a resident of Osceola County and a graduate of the University of South Florida.

Trustee, Raymer Maguire, III is an owner of Maguire Lassman, P.A., an eminent domain law firm. He currently serves on the boards of the Central Care Mission and the Youth Ministry Institute. He graduated from the University of Florida with honors and earned his law degree from Florida State University College of Law. His father, Raymer Maguire Jr., helped found Valencia Community College and served as a trustee for 17 years.

Trustee, Guillermo Hansen, of Kissimmee, is the publisher and editor of the newspaper, El Osceola Star. He serves on the board of the Kissimmee/Osceola County Chamber of Commerce for which he founded the Minority Business and the Hispanic Business councils. He has also been an active member of the Osceola Tourist Development Council since 2000. Born and raised in Mexico, Hansen attended Croydon Technical College and London Tourism College.

Trustee, Daisy Lopez-Cid is the owner of Remax Premier Properties. She is the past president of the National Association of Hispanic Real Estate Professionals and is the president-elect of the Osceola Association of Realtors.

Trustee, John Crossman is president of Crossman & Company, a retail leasing, management, development and marketing firm. Crossman earned a bachelor's degree in real estate from Florida State University and has been an Orlando resident for 23 years. In 2013, he was inducted into the FSU College of Business Hall of Fame. He is active in a number of charitable activities, including the Christian Service Center, Grace Medical Home and Front Line Outreach.