



# City of Deltona

2345 Providence Blvd.  
Deltona, FL 32725

## Minutes

### William S. Harvey Deltona Scholarship Advisory Board

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Thursday, March 14, 2024

6:00 PM

2nd Floor Conference Room

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#### 1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chair Raimundo.

#### 2. ROLL CALL

**Present:** 5 - Chair Cristina Raimundo  
Member Lori Burbank  
Member David Dawson  
Chair Angela Hudson  
Member Ruben Medina

**Excused:** 2 - Vice Chair Sandra Dillard  
Member Harry Meeks

#### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES & AGENDA:

##### A. Approval of Minutes - March 23, 2023

Motion by Member Burbank, seconded by Member Medina, to approve the minutes of the William S. Harvey Deltona Scholarship Advisory Board meeting of March 23, 2023.

#### 6. OLD BUSINESS:

#### 7. NEW BUSINESS:

##### A. Ranking of 2024 Scholarship Applicants

The Advisory Board and staff discussed how the information was presented, their ranking process, the request for more money, expectations, and complete applications.

Motion by Member Lori Burbank, seconded by Member David Dawson, to proceed moving forward with the scholarship fund only considering applications that are complete.

The Advisory Board and staff discussed the new FAFSA requirements, incomplete applications, presenting everything that students deliver, sealed transcripts, communicating with schools directly, and the number of applicants.

The Advisory Board gave their individual rankings of the students' applications which were compiled into a spreadsheet by the board secretaries.

The Advisory Board and staff discussed the previous increase in funds, the amount allotted to each student, the top dollar amounts, overall scores, simply submitting versus deserving, deciding a cutoff, not awarding to scores below 85, making things competitive, raising the bar, writing skills, proofreading, reflection on the schools, test scores, financial needs, and keeping these same standards going forward.

**Motion by Member Medina, seconded by Member Burbank, to accept giving 13 scholarships to equal \$25,000.**

**C. Timeline**

The Advisory Board and staff discussed the timeline for the application process, students' methods for applying, using social media for scholarship information, contacting school counselors, the quality of writing, and additional ranking time.

**B. Election of Officers**

**Motion by Member Burbank, seconded by Member Dawson, to appoint Cristina Raimundo as Chairperson of the scholarship board.**

**Motion by Member Burbank, seconded by Member Dawson, to appoint Ruben Medina as Vice Chair of the William S. Harvey Deltona Scholarship Advisory Board.**

**5. PUBLIC FORUM: Time permitted, public comments shall be limited to items on the agenda and shall not exceed two minutes. Please be courteous and respectful of the views of others. Personal attacks on Committee/Board members, City staff or members of the public are not allowed and will be ruled out of order by the Chair.**

**9. BOARD/COMMITTEE MEMBERS COMMENTS:**

Member Medina requested that the scholarship fund be raised back to the original \$50,000. He noted that the lower amount being given to the students' suggests that the scholarship is not meaningful.

**Motion by Member Dawson, seconded by Member Medina, to readdress the \$50,000 to the Commission.**

**10. ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

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Cristina Raimundo, CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Elizabeth Keys, BOARD SECRETARY