

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION
FLORIDA BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY
CLAY FORD SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

AUGUST 17, 2026

Minutes

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by William Benson, Chair.

II. Roll Call

The roll was called by Trencia Jenkins, Regulatory Consultant, reflecting the following:

Committee Members Present:

Mr. William Benson, Chair
Mrs. Lynda Dennis
Mr. Eduardo Duarte
Ms. Ashley Hill
Mr. Luis Marquez

Committee Members Absent:

None

Staff Members Present:

Kevin Brown, Acting Director
Alexandra Herrera
Trencia Jenkins
Karan Lee
Barbara Whitney

Others Present:

Rachelle Munson, Senior Assistant Attorney General and Board Counsel
Brayden Harrell, Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants (FICPA)

III. Ratify Minutes from August 21, 2025.

Motion was made by Mrs. Dennis, seconded by Ms. Hill, to approve the minutes of the August 21, 2025, meeting. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

IV. Consider Scholarship Applications:

1. Accede, Laurie

Motion was made by Mr. Marquez, seconded by Mr. Duarte, to approve the application for Fall 2026 and Spring 2027. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

2. Camacho, Laura

Motion was made by Mr. Duarte, seconded by Mrs. Dennis, to deny the application for being ineligible; awarded scholarship for the maximum of two semesters. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

3. Camejo Gonzalez, Lorena

Motion was made by Mrs. Dennis, seconded by Mr. Marquez, to approve the application for Fall 2026 and Spring 2027. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

4. Dpina, Jackqualin

Motion was made by Mr. Duarte, seconded by Mrs. Dennis, to approve the application for Fall 2026 and Spring 2027. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

5. Dribben, Anna

Motion was made by Mr. Benson, seconded by Mr. Duarte, to approve the application for Fall 2026 and Spring 2027, pending official verification of full-time enrollment from the Registrar's Office. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

6. Francis, Amaya

Motion was made by Mr. Marquez, seconded by Mr. Duarte, to approve the application for Fall 2026 and Spring 2027. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

7. Garcia Sepulveda, Israel

Motion was made by Mr. Duarte, seconded by Ms. Hill, to approve the application for Fall 2026 and Spring 2027. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

8. Hornack, Ashley

Motion was made by Mrs. Dennis, seconded by Mr. Duarte, to approve the application for Fall 2026 and Spring 2027, pending official verification of full-time enrollment from the Registrar's Office. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

9. Jones, Audrey

Motion was made by Mr. Duarte, seconded by Mrs. Dennis, to approve the application for Fall 2026 and Spring 2027. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

10. Jusino, Katie

Motion was made by Mr. Marquez, seconded by Mr. Duarte, to approve the application for Fall 2026 and Spring 2027. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

11. Kawula, Olivia

Motion was made by Mrs. Dennis, seconded by Mr. Duarte, to approve the application for Fall 2026 and Spring 2027. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

12. Kilpatrick, Carlos

Motion was made by Mrs. Dennis, seconded by Mr. Duarte, to approve the application for Fall 2026 and Spring 2027. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

13. McCain, Kendall

Motion was made by Mr. Benson, seconded by Mrs. Dennis, to deny the application for being incomplete. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

14. Mendonca, Sophia

Motion was made by Mr. Marquez, seconded by Mr. Duarte, to approve the application for Fall 2026 and Spring 2027. Upon vote, the motion passed with Mrs. Dennis opposing.

15. Mesa, Jorge

Motion was made by Mr. Benson, seconded by Mr. Duarte, to approve the application for Fall 2026 and Spring 2027. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

16. Noelsaint, Soukaina

Motion was made by Mr. Benson, seconded by Mr. Marquez, to approve the application for Fall 2026 and Spring 2027. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

17. Oronoz, Angela

Motion was made by Mrs. Dennis, seconded by Mr. Duarte, to approve the application for Fall 2026 and Spring 2027. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

18. Pieri, Julia

Motion was made by Mr. Duarte, seconded by Mrs. Dennis, to deny the application for being incomplete. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

19. Richardson, Lenorris III

Motion was made by Mr. Marquez, seconded by Mrs. Dennis, to approve the application for Fall 2026 and Spring 2027. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

20. Rodriguez, Daniel

Motion was made by Mr. Duarte, seconded by Mr. Benson, to approve the application for Fall 2026 and Spring 2027. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

21. Sanchez, Keily

Motion was made by Mr. Duarte, seconded by Mrs. Dennis, to approve the application for Fall 2026 and Spring 2027. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

22. Smith, Lilian

Motion was made by Mrs. Dennis, seconded by Mr. Duarte, to approve the application for Fall 2026, pending official verification of full-time enrollment from the Registrar's Office. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

23. Talbert, Kennedi

Motion was made by Mrs. Dennis, seconded by Mr. Benson, to deny the application for being incomplete. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

24. Van Deijck, Alisa

Motion was made by Mrs. Dennis, seconded by Mr. Duarte, to approve the application for Fall 2026 and Spring 2027. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

25. Walton, Hannah

Motion was made by Mrs. Dennis, seconded by Mr. Duarte, to approve the application for Fall 2026 and Spring 2027. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

26. Williams, Destini

Motion was made by Mr. Marquez, seconded by Mrs. Dennis, to approve the application for Fall 2026 and Spring 2027. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

27. Ye, Ivy

Motion was made by Mr. Benson, seconded by Mr. Duarte, to approve the application for Fall 2026 and Spring 2027. Upon vote, the motion passed with Mrs. Dennis opposing.

28. Youte, Blandine

Motion was made by Mr. Duarte, seconded by Mr. Marquez, to approve the application for Fall 2026 and Spring 2027. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

45 semesters were awarded with 43 full-time semesters in the amount of \$4,545.45 per semester and two (2) part-time semesters in the amount of \$2,272.73 per semester for a grand total of \$199,999.81.

V. Clay Ford Scholarship Advertisement Information:

1. Copy of flyer sent to Florida schools' Colleges of Business and Financial Aid Offices (informational).

VI. Administrative Matters:

1. Statutes and Rules (informational).
2. Statistical Data (informational).
3. Executive Director and/or Licensing Supervisor comments

None.

VII. Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:04 a.m.



William Benson, Chair