

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
SOUTH FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE FOUNDATION
HOTEL JACARANDA
November 9, 2021**

Members Present:

Ms. Cheryl Brown	Dr. Catherine P. Cornelius	Mr. Robert Duncan
Mr. Don Elwell	Judge Peter Estrada	Mr. Michael Kelly
Dr. Thomas Leitzel	Ms. Patricia Manderville	Mrs. Becky McIntyre
Mr. John Shoop	Mr. Tres Stephenson	Mrs. Robin Weeks
Mr. Tim Backer		

Excused:

Mr. Corey Allain	Ms. Sandee Braxton	Judge Angela Cowden
Mrs. Christy Crews	Mrs. Joan Hartt	Mr. William Jarrett
Miss Cheyenne Pohl	Dr. Vinod Thakkar	Dr. David Willey

Others Present:

Mrs. Jamie Bateman	Miss Anastasia Saunders	Ms. Jill Sconyers
Mrs. Teresa Vorous		

I. CALL TO ORDER

At 6 p.m., Mr. Tres Stephenson, president, called to order the meeting of the Board of Directors of the SFSC Foundation. Mr. Stephenson asked for a motion to adopt the agenda of the November 9, 2021 meeting. Mr. Kelly made a motion, seconded by Mr. Elwell to accept the agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Stephenson asked for a review of the Consent Agenda. Mr. Stephenson asked if there were any questions. Judge Estrada made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shoop to accept the Consent Agenda of November 9, 2021. The motion passed unanimously.

III. WARRANT LIST

Mr. Stephenson asked Mr. Elwell if he had reviewed the current Warrant List. Mr. Elwell said he asked for clarification before the meeting and had no questions or concerns. Mr. Elwell made a motion, seconded by Ms. Manderville to accept the Warrant List as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. FINANCIAL REPORT

Mrs. Vorous stated she had no concerns at this time, but that Mrs. Bateman would bring up a topic during her time. Mrs. Vorous shared she agreed with the request Jamie would be making.

V. PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Dr. Leitzel introduce Mr. Tim Backer as the new DBOT Liaison to the Foundation. He was selected when Mrs. Puckorius asked to step down from the position. Dr. Leitzel than

shared the terrific results of the SACSCOC visit – zero recommendations! He stated that Dr. Valentine spearheaded the team whose hard work gave the college such a wonderful review. He thanked all the folks who helped make this happen. Mr. Elwell then asked that Dr. Leitzel congratulate Dr. Valentine and the entire team and campus for such fine work and results. Dr. Leitzel then went on to thank the Foundation for supporting the college through the lobbying team of Silver Palm Consulting, they are doing a wonderful job for the College and the Foundation.

VI. FOUNDATION UPDATES

- a. Mrs. Bateman reviewed the calendar, pointing out the Fox 13 would present their feature on the Hotel Jacaranda during the 5 o'clock news hour on November 15. Mr. Elwell asked if the restaurant would be offering any deals in conjunction with the broadcast. Mrs. Bateman said she would follow up on that as it is a good idea. Miss Saunders will be sending Giving Tuesday information to the board asking they share our campaign.
- b. Mrs. Bateman stated that Ms. Saunders would be contacting board members asking for volunteers to work the Million Dollar Golf Shootout in January.
- c. Regarding Foundation property, Mrs. Bateman asked how the board members wanted to use the Teacherage funds now that we no longer own it. Judge Estrada made a motion to transfer the funds to the Jacaranda Restoration Fund to use as needed for the restoration and maintenance of the Hotel. Mr. Elwell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mrs. Bateman then shared that the property in Lake Placid has sold, and will close by November 19th.

Mrs. Bateman mentioned that in order for the Foundation and College to work together on the RFP to hire an architect for Foundation projects, the board would need to approve such an agreement. Mr. Shoop made the motion, seconded by Mr. Stephenson to approve a joint venture with the College to proceed with the RFQ for an Architect and Engineer on the Student Facilities project; the Foundation to have access to those services with the right to select the Foundation's own Architect and Engineer if so desired. The motion passed unanimously.

- d. Mrs. Bateman shared that Duke Energy had previously awarded a \$15,000 grant to the Lineworker Program. At a surprise meeting, Duke Energy presented a \$30,000 dollar check to the Foundation for use in the Lineworker Program – with no restrictions. Both Mrs. Bateman and Dr. Leitzel were overwhelmed by their generosity and asked board members to thank Duke Energy if they see get the opportunity to do so.

Mrs. Bateman shared that she had attended the legislative session in October and it was very productive for both the Foundation and the College. Working with Silver Palm Consulting, Mrs. Bateman was able to apply for several grants to include Nursing, CDL, Welding and Jacaranda restoration. She stated she would not have known about these appropriation request possibilities were it not for Silver Palm and her meeting with our legislators during this time. She thanked the board for their support of Silver Palm Consulting and her attending the legislative session in order to be on ground where she needed to be representing the Foundation.

Mrs. Bateman shared that the appropriation for the Jacaranda would help cover the ever-increasing cost of the renovation. She recently found out the window repair estimation went from about \$120,000 to at least \$230,000 as the company continued to look at the condition of the windows and due to the ever-increasing costs of materials and labor. Dr. Cornelius mentioned that when the Hotel was bought, the College was able to provide a carpenter to do the wood repair work on the windows, and suggested that might be an option for this window renovation. Judge Estrada asked if there were any restrictions on any of the appropriation requests. Mrs. Bateman said she did not know, but each request would be looked at very closely during the process and if approved so that all requirements could be met before the funds are accepted. A plan will be devised for appropriate use of all funds.

VII. ALUMNI AND OUTREACH

Miss Saunders shared she worked with the TSIC program on the Leaders for Life applications and our program, once again, has a top 12 finalist – Braden Beany. He and his parents will be at the Christmas Luncheon so we can share this with our donors. Miss Saunders shared that the alumni get-together in October at Turn 2 Brewery was a bit successful. Despite many confirmations of attendance, only a few attended, but she met a new alumni. She will continue to coordinate additional alumni meetings and visits to alumni in our area as well as the Young Alumni meetings on campus.

VIII. TIME FOR DIRECTORS

Mr. Stephenson opened the floor for additional comments. There were none.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, Dr. Cornelius made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shoop, to adjourn, and the meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Weeks, Vice President for
William R. Jarrett Jr.
Board Secretary