

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
SOUTH FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE FOUNDATION, INC.
HOTEL JACARANDA
FEBRUARY 14, 2023**

Members Present:

Mr. Don Elwell	Mr. Darrell Jensen	Mr. Michael Kelly
Dr. Thomas Leitzel	Mr. Tres Stephenson	Mr. Joe Wright

Excused:

Ms. Cheryl Brown	Mrs. Robin Weeks	
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Others Presents:

Mrs. Jamie Bateman	Mrs. Anastasia Fuchser	Miss Taylor Massey
Mrs. Teresa Vorous	Mr. Peter Elliott	

I. CALL TO ORDER

At 12:09 p.m., Mr. Elwell, President, called to order the Executive Committee meeting of the South Florida State College Foundation. Mr. Elwell asked for a motion to adopt the agenda of the February 14, 2023 meeting. Mr. Stephenson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wright, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Elwell asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2022, Executive Committee meeting. Dr. Leitzel made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wright, to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

III. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Mrs. Vorous reviewed the Investment Returns through December 31, 2022, and shared the last quarter's earnings. There were no questions or concerns.

Mrs. Bateman reviewed the Gift Summary Report from October 1, 2022, through January 31, 2023. Mr. Stephenson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jensen, to approve the financial reports as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Dr. Leitzel shared that the Presidential Search has begun and the next committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 15. Mr. Jensen mentioned that they have received good applicants.

V. FOUNDATION UPDATES

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- a. Mrs. Bateman reviewed the events on the calendar, sharing the dates for our last two Dinner Before the Show events and our Annual Legacy Showcase and Fundraiser that has been approved for May 6, 2023. Mrs. Bateman recommended a recipient for the Annual Legacy Award for this year and the committee was all in favor. Mr. Wright made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stephenson, to approve of the recipient as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Bateman shared, the Larry Ross Johnson estate was awarded to the South Florida State College Foundation to provide a scholarship for students within the South Florida State College District, with preference to Sebring High School, and students who have played Fast Pitch Softball. Mrs. Bateman suggested the remaining portion of Mr. Johnson's estate be a naming opportunity for the Softball Field and Locker room if approved by the District Board of Trustees.

Dr. Steven Guelff donated \$100,000 to create a Dental Education Scholarship in memory of his wife, Lori. It is a merit-based scholarship for students in the Highlands and Polk Counties. Dr. Guelff shared, other dentists have pledged their support to the scholarship however, we are awaiting confirmation from them.

- b. Mrs. Bateman thanked the local businesses who have partnered with us this year, including MidFlorida Credit Union, SouthState Bank, Bill Jarrett Ford, Cowpoke's Watering Hole, Nucor Steel, Inc., Mosaic, C & C Plumbing and Repair, Inc.
- c. Mrs. Bateman shared, Mrs. Christy Crews, Judge Peter Estrada, Mrs. Rebecca McIntyre, Mr. Tres Stephenson, and Dr. David Willey will be rolling off the Foundation Board in May.
- d. Mrs. Bateman reminded the committee that the Spring Newsletter will be mailed out in the middle of March.
- e. In regards to Appropriation Requests, Mrs. Bateman shared the first request is for \$3,200,000 on a multi-use, driving course in Highlands County for recertifications and new certifications in CDL, Fire/EMS training, Law Enforcement, School Bus training, Lineworker, and more. The second request is \$1,950,000 for the South Florida State College Dental Education Clinic. The funding will provide the resources to update the 20-year-old clinic and lab spaces for a holistic healthcare setting and technology upgrades that are currently used in the fields today.
- f. Mrs. Bateman mentioned, Mr. John Chavez will be taking photos of the Hotel Jacaranda on the first weekend of March.

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On February 10, the maintenance department took a look at a used chiller in Clearwater, Florida. Mrs. Bateman reviewed the Jacaranda Chiller Estimate Breakdown sheet and recommended proceeding with the \$157,583.14 with a lead time of approximately 30 days. After further discussion, the committee agreed in favor of the used chiller and funds from the Partnership Project to purchase the chiller and its entirety. Mr. Kelly made a motion, seconded by Mr. Wright, to approve the motion as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

The Insurance adjustor assessed the damages of the Hotel Jacaranda associated with Hurricane Ian and the repairs have begun. However, we are waiting on an analysis of the material to determine the type of mold present on the east side of the hotel and awaiting the final report from the Insurance adjustor.

- g.** In January, Mrs. Bateman presented the District Board of Trustees with the Board's recommendation of establishing a Finance Foundation that will facilitate, run the expenditures of owning and operating a dorm on campus, and take out a substantial loan to cover the costs of construction. Mrs. Bateman confirmed that the Foundation will be under the District Board of Trustees, not the existing Foundation. The DBOT approved exploring the option presented.

VI. ALUMNI RELATIONS AND OUTREACH

Mrs. Fuchser gave a recap of the Million Dollar Hole-In-One Golf Shootout. She reported \$9,750 in sponsorships and \$3,832 in daily sales to equal a total of \$13,702. As of today, expenses are \$4,684 with a few still pending which makes our overall profit approximately \$9,000.

Mrs. Fuchser reported, she has sold 3 Alumni Membership Programs. She will be mailing postcards to the fall 2022 graduates in hopes to increase the number of memberships and cards sold. Also, Mrs. Fuchser is working with Ms. Michele Hall in creating an online application form for the Panther Alumni Society Hall of Fame and hopes to open the application up on March 1.

On January 19, Mrs. Fuchser hosted an Alumni networking social at the Wild Turkey in Avon Park with 2 of the 4 attendees being new faces. As for Young Alumni, Mrs. Fuchser met with 15 students on January 18 at the Dental Building on the Highlands Campus. She has scheduled two monthly meetups with students from the Hardee and DeSoto campus in March and April.

VII. TIME FOR DIRECTORS

Mr. Elwell asked the Executive Committee for additional questions, comments, or concerns. There were none.

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VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, Mr. Elwell adjourned the meeting at 12:51 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Kelly

Board Secretary