

**SOUTH FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE FOUNDATION, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
HOTEL JACARANDA
SEPTEMBER 12, 2023**

Members Present:

Mr. Michael Kelly	Mrs. Robin Weeks	Judge Heather Beato
Dr. Catherine Cornelius	Mr. Robert Duncan	Mr. Fred Hawkins
Ms. Patricia Manderville	Mrs. Kris Rider	

Excused:

Mr. Don Elwell	Dr. Darrell Jensen	Dr. George Mousa
Dr. Vinod Thakkar	Judge Angela Cowden	Ms. Cheryl Brown
Mrs. Sandee Braxton	Mr. Corey Allain	

Others Present:

Mrs. Jamie Bateman	Mrs. Anastasia Fuchser	Miss Taylor Massey
Mr. Peter Elliott	Mrs. Teresa Vorous	Mr. Bob Swaine
Dr. Benjamin Carter	Mrs. June Weyrauch	Mr. Mark Valero

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Elwell was unable to attend the meeting. At 12:00 p.m., Mr. Kelly, Secretary, called to order the meeting of the South Florida State College Foundation. Mr. Kelly asked for a motion to accept the agenda of the September 12, 2023 meeting. Dr. Cornelius made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Weeks to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Kelly asked for a review of the minutes from the May 16, 2023 meeting. Dr. Cornelius made a motion, seconded by Ms. Manderville to accept the meeting minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

III. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Mrs. Vorous reviewed the Consolidated Balance sheet and the Investment Returns as of July 31, 2023. Mrs. Bateman reviewed the Gift Summary report from May 1, 2023 through August 31, 2023. There were no questions or concerns. Mrs. Weeks made a motion, seconded by Dr. Cornelius to accept the financial reports as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

I. WARRANT LIST

Mrs. Weeks reviewed the Warrant List from April 1, 2023 through July 31, 2023. There were no questions or concerns. Ms. Manderville made a motion, seconded by Dr. Cornelius to accept the Warrant List as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

II. PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Mr. Hawkins shared that we started off to a great school year with Convocation on August 14 with all of the staff and faculty. Due to Hurricane Idalia, we had to close down for a few days however, we received very minimal damage from Hurricane Idalia to the college campuses.

Mr. Hawkins announced that we are seeking another accreditation. The board members discussed the process, how much it will cost, and the timeline as to how long it will be to receive the accreditation.

III. FOUNDATION UPDATES

a. Mrs. Bateman introduced Mrs. Kris Rider, our District Board of Trustee Liaison and Judge Heather Beato, our new Foundation Board member. Dr. George Mousa was unable to attend the meeting. She also introduced Dr. Benjamin Carter with Take Stock in Children as well as Mrs. June Weyrauch, the new coordinator for Grants Development and Federal Relations.

Mrs. Bateman reviewed the master calendar and the upcoming events. Mrs. Bateman announced that the Foundation office has moved to the Highlands campus in Building F. Meanwhile, Mr. Bruns, General Manager and Mrs. Simmons, Front Desk Manager of the Hotel have moved into our old office at the Hotel Jacaranda while their office is under construction.

Mrs. Bateman shared the recommendation of Mr. Andrew Santos as the replacement for Mrs. McIntyre on the Foundation Board. Mr. Santos is the Chief Operating Officer and the Lake Placid Administrator for Advent Health. Mrs. Weeks made a motion, seconded by Dr. Cornelius to accept the Board member recommendation as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Mrs. Bateman shared that the mold remediation on the east side of the Hotel Jacaranda is finished by Green Construction however, the contractor is requesting \$86,680 to complete the construction and rebuild of these offices. Mrs. Bateman is currently looking to see what construction can be done internally before committing to this next stage.

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- c. In regards to the Student Residence Facility, Mrs. Bateman announced that she is pursuing another option before moving forward with establishing another DSO. The college is looking into filing a bill to have the college grandfathered in to owning the dorms.
- d. Dr. Charles McLochlin, a long-time friend and generous donor of the college passed away and left the Foundation a cash donation along with property from his estate. The total amount is to be determined on the sale of his house.

On Saturday, Mrs. Bateman met with two instructors from Sebring High School at Dr. McLochlin's estate to discuss the donation of Dr. McLochlin's planes and other items to benefit their program and students.

The Foundation received a donation in the amount of \$30,543.63 from Al and Liz Kane for Take Stock in Children. The couple passed away in 2019 in a tragic car accident and left their estate to Take Stock in Children. The Foundation has received a total of \$572,783.31 from their Trust.

IV. ALUMNI RELATIONS AND OUTREACH

Mrs. Fuchser shared the student spotlight of the month, Mr. Nigel and the benefits of his education at South Florida State College.

The Foundation is hosting the 3rd Annual Student Scholarship Reception on Thursday, September 28 at 5:30 p.m. in the University Center on the Highlands campus. It is a great opportunity for our scholarship donors to meet the student who received their scholarship and for the student to meet the donor who made their scholarship happen. The culinary art students will be catering the event.

Mrs. Fuchser gave a recap of the Foundation scholarships awarded for the 2022-2023 academic year and compared the number of scholarships awarded and scholarships amount from the previous years.

Mrs. Fuchser has scheduled 11 lunches with our scholarship donors throughout August and September to update them on how well their scholarship is doing and show appreciation for all that they do for our students at SFSC.

The Foundation started IGIVE, a giving campaign with SFSC faculty and staff at Convocation on August 14. We challenged them to give \$5 a month to support the college, students, and programs. Mrs. Fuchser announced the number of giving employees doubled from 28 to 56. We increased about \$400 of giving a month to \$760 a month which increased the yearly giving from \$4,800 to \$9,100.

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Mrs. Fuchser is reviewing applications for their 2nd Alumni Hall of Fame Award. The recipient of the award will be announced at the Student Scholarship Reception on September 28.

Mrs. Fuchser has scheduled monthly meetups with students from the Hardee and DeSoto campuses in September and October. The next Alumni Networking social will be held at the Vault, locally owned by an SFSC Alumni in Sebring on October 12 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

V. TIME FOR DIRECTORS

Mr. Kelly asked the Board for additional questions, comments, and/or concerns. There were none.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, Mr. Kelly adjourned the meeting at 12:36 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Kelly

Board Secretary