

SFSC District Board of Trustees Regular Meeting May 21, 2025

Highlands Campus 1:00 p.m.

Terry Atchley, Chair
John Eason, Vice Chair
Derren Bryan
Devon Donaldson
Denise Grimsley
Alison Hancock
Fred Hawkins, President/Secretary





Item 1.1

PRESENT TO BOARD: MAY 21, 2025

TO: SOUTH FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE

DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

FROM: FRED HAWKINS All Vaulio

SUBJECT: ADOPTION OF AGENDA

It is recommended that the agenda of the regular meeting of May 21, 2025 be adopted.

SUGGESTED MOTION:

Move to adopt the agenda of the regular meeting of May 21, 2025 as presented.

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA SOUTH FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES HIGHLANDS CAMPUS MAY 21, 2025 1:00 P.M.

	1.0	Call to Order and Preliminary	Matters
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- 1.1 Adoption of Agenda
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 - 1.2.1 Regular Minutes April 23, 2025
- 1.3 Review of Master Calendar

2.0 Communications, Introductions, and Recognition

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 - 8.1 SFSC Mission Statement Affirmation
- 9.0 Reports
 - 9.1 Financial Report
 - 9.2 Resource Development Report
 - 9.3 President's Report
 - 9.4 Board Attorney Report
 - 9.5 Board Member Reports
 - 9.6 Board Chair Report
- 10.0 Adjournment



Item 1.2.1

PRESENT TO BOARD: MAY 21, 2025

TO: SOUTH FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE

DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

FROM: FRED HAWKINS A Vaulis

SUBJECT: MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING - APRIL 23, 2025

It is recommended that the minutes of the regular meeting held April 23, 2025 be

approved as presented.

SUGGESTED MOTION:

Move to approve the minutes of the April 23, 2025 regular meeting as presented.

MEETING MINUTES SOUTH FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES APRIL 23, 2025

Members Present: Mr. Terry Atchley, Chair

Mr. John Eason, Vice Chair

Mr. Derren Bryan Mr. Devon Donaldson

Mr. Fred Hawkins, President/Secretary

Mr. Scott Cole, College Attorney

Excused: Ms. Denise Grimsley Ms. Alison Hancock

Staff Present: Mrs. Ashley Bennett Dr. Mark Bukowski Dr. Kathleen Cappo

Mr. Peter Elliott Ms. Cindy Garren Dr. James Hawker
Dr. Michele Heston Mr. Don Kesterson Mrs. Melissa Kuehnle
Mrs. Michelle Leidel Mrs. Teresa Vorous Mrs. Asena Mott
Mrs. Amie Kelly Mrs. June Weyrauch Ms. Brenda Daniels
Mr. Sheryl McGrath Mrs. Kim Cloud Mrs. Sureka Personette

Mrs. Emily Dabolt Mr. Joshua Saenz Dr. Keith Cavedo Mrs. Cindy Kinser Mr. Keith Loweke Ms. Lena Phelps

Mr. Rick Hitt Mr. Andy Polk Mrs. Lisa Johnson-Decarie

The regular meeting of the District Board of Trustees was called to order at 1:01 p.m. on the Highlands Campus of South Florida State College by Board Chair, Mr. Terry Atchley.

1.0 PRELIMINARY MATTERS

1.1 Adoption of Agenda

Mr. Donaldson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Eason, to adopt the agenda of the regular meeting as presented. Those voting in favor of the motion were Mr. Atchley, Mr. Bryan, Mr. Donaldson, and Mr. Eason. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

1.2 Approval of Minutes

1.2.1 Regular Meeting Minutes

Mr. Eason made a motion, seconded by Mr. Donaldson, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held March 26, 2025 as presented. Those voting in favor of the motion were Mr. Atchley, Mr. Bryan, Mr. Donaldson, and Mr. Eason. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

1.3 Review of Master Calendar

The Master Calendar was reviewed. No recommendations were made.

2.0 COMMUNICATIONS, INTRODUCTIONS, AND RECOGNITIONS

2.1 New Employee Introduction

The following new employees were introduced:

Employee Position		Supervisor	Hired
Sheryl McGrath	Instructor, Dental	Kathleen Cappo	1/6/25
Joshua Saenz	TLC Specialist Math	Keith Cavedo	1/8/25

2.2 Employee Retirement Acknowledgement

Employee	Position	Dates of Service		
Cynthia Kinser	Professor, Medical Admin Specialist	01/11/2010 - 05/08/2025		

Mr. Eason made a motion, seconded by Mr. Donaldson, to recognize the retirement of Cynthia Kinser for her many years of service to South Florida State College. Those voting in favor of the motion were Mr. Atchley, Mr. Bryan, Mr. Donaldson, and Mr. Eason. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Several SFSC employees recognized and shared memories of their time working with Mrs. Kinser and wished her well.

3.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

None

4.0 PRESENTATION

4.1 Student Life, Activities, Services, and Athletics

President Hawkins introduced Mr. Andy Polk and Mr. Rick Hitt to the Board, who in turn, introduced the athletic coaches and they brought forward members of the Panther baseball, softball, volleyball, and cross-country teams. Mr. Andy Polk, student activities director, introduced members of the Student Government Association along with advisors and members of clubs and organizations.

(EXHIBIT "A")

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA ACTION ITEMS

5.0 Personnel Actions

Approved a list full-time administrative staff; full-time professional staff; full-time career staff; full-time faculty; resignations; adjunct faculty for the 2025-26, academic year as needed; reappointments, vice presidents 2025-26, reappointments, full-time administrators 2025-26; reappointments, full-time faculty 2025-26; annual faculty contracts; reappointments, full-time professional staff 2025-26; and reappointments, full-time career staff 2025-26 as presented.

(EXHIBIT "B")

5.2 Agreements and Contracts

5.2.1 Affiliation Agreement – Advanced Gastroenterology and Hepatology of Highlands

Approved the agreement between Advanced Gastroenterology and Hepatology of Highlands and South Florida State College as presented.

(EXHIBIT "C")

5.3 Operational Actions

5.3.1 Monthly Accounts Payable/Payroll Check Register

Approved the monthly accounts payable/monthly payroll check registers and summary for all funds through March 2025.

(EXHIBIT "D")

Mr. Eason made a motion, seconded by Mr. Donaldson, to approve the Consent Agenda, Items 5.1 through 5.3.1 as presented. Those voting in favor of the motion were Mr. Atchley, Mr. Bryan, Mr. Donaldson, and Mr. Eason. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

6.0 PLANNING AND POLICY ISSUES

None

7.0 ACADEMIC AND STUDENT MATTERS

7.1 Curriculum Proposals

Dr. Heston presented the curriculum deletions and revisions to the Board.

(EXHIBIT"E")

Mr. Donaldson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bryan, to approve the curriculum proposals as presented. Those voting in favor of the motion were Mr. Atchley, Mr. Bryan, Mr. Donaldson, and Mr. Eason. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

8.0 PURCHASING AND OTHER ACTION ITEMS

None

9.0 REPORTS

9.1 Financial Report

Mr. Elliott reported on updated summary views and reports of revenue and expenditure summary compared to budgeted funds within the Operating Budget through March 2025.

(EXHIBIT"F")

Mr. Donaldson asked for clarification on the state health plan as it doesn't affect the college this year but will next year's budget. Mr. Elliott addressed his question and gave brief overview of the budget.

9.2 Resource Development Report

Mrs. Emily Dabolt reported that the South Florida State College Foundation, Inc. received donations and pledges in the amount of **\$94,574.00** from March 1 through March 31, 2025.

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President Hawkins introduced Mrs. Dabolt as the Interim Executive Director, Institutional Advancement. Mrs. Dabolt reported on the following items:

- 1. Dedication of the Dr. Charles McLochlin Mechatronics Lab on May, 2.
- 2. Highlighted: SFSC Gives Back year report. Mrs. Dabolt gave a brief background on the events and how SFSC has served the communities. President Hawkins commended and thanked Mrs. Anastasia Fuchser for heading up the program and all the wonderful work she has done this year.

Mrs. Dabolt thanked President Hawkins for the opportunity and she looks forward working in the Foundation.

9.3 President's Report

President Hawkins reported on the following items:

- 1. Undergraduate Research (UGR) Update: Dr. Jim Hawker gave brief overview of the UGR event being held on April 28 on the Highlands campus. President Hawkins commended Dr. Hawker on his work with the students and the UGR program.
- 2. Thanked the board members that were able to attend the CIT ribbon cutting earlier today.
- 3. Shared he was a guest speaker at the Lake Placid Rotary Club and Rotary Club of Highlands County.
- 4. Highlighted his campus visit to New College and announced an articulation agreement was signed with them.
- 5. Reminded the Board that the May board meeting was moved to May 21 and it is the planning/budget meeting. He shared that the college is making a 15% budge cut in preparation for the fiscal year. President Hawkins stated that more information will come at the May meeting.
- 6. Congratulated Ms. Garren on a successful Reveal dinner event held on April 22.

9.5 **Board Attorney's Report**

Mr. Cole stated no report.

9.6 Board Members' Reports

Mr. Donaldson asked about active shooter drills at the college. Mr. Elliott addressed his concern and gave an overview of the processes the college has in place.

Mr. Bryan questioned if the Florida College System Consortium has been dissolved since switching to the state health plan. Mr. Elliott stated no the consortium is still place but for property insurance. He gave an overview of the health insurance.

Mr. Eason stated no report.

9.7 Board Chair Report

Mr. Atchley recapped the trip to Chicago for the HLC conference for reaccreditation. He thanked everyone who was able to attend and learn more about the up-coming reaccreditation process. Mr. Atchley discussed the possibility for training education opportunities for trustees. He stated he will share more at a later time. Mr. Atchley thanked everyone who attended the board meeting.

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 2:28 p.m.



Item 1.3

PRESENT TO BOARD: MAY 21, 2025

TO: SOUTH FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE

DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

FROM: FRED HAWKINS

SUBJECT: REVIEW OF MASTER CALENDAR

Information:

The Board of Trustees Calendar identifies the activities, meetings, and issues directly affecting the Board throughout the year. Please review the attached calendar and identify any additional items that should be listed, or any changes that might be necessary.

District Board of Trustees Master Calendar

MAY 2025	JUNE 2025	JULY 2025
8 Spring Commencement 21 Board Meeting, 1 PM Highlands Campus	6 Sunshine Law Training, 9 AM South State Bank, Sebring 25 Board Meeting, 1 PM Highlands Campus	No Board Meeting
AUGUST 2025	SEPTEMBER 2025	OCTOBER 2025
27 Board Meeting, 1 PM Highlands Campus	TBD Board Meeting, 1 PM Highlands Campus	TBD Board Meeting, 1 PM Highlands Campus
NOVEMBER 2025	DECEMBER 2025	JANUARY 2026
No Board Meeting	 Jacaranda Jubilee, 6:30 PM Hotel Jacaranda Foundation Christmas Luncheon 11:30 AM, Hotel Jacaranda TBD Board Meeting, 1 PM Highlands Campus 	TBD Board Meeting, 1 PM Highlands Campus
FEBRUARY 2026	MARCH 2026	APRIL 2026
TBD Board Meeting, 1 PM Highlands Campus	TBD Board Meeting, 1 PM Highlands Campus	TBD Board Meeting, 1 PM Highlands Campus

New Addition
Tentative *

2.0 Communications, Introductions, and Recognitions



Item 2.1

PRESENT TO BOARD: MAY 21, 2025

TO: SOUTH FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE

DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

FROM: FRED HAWKINS Allar

SUBJECT: NEW EMPLOYEE INTRODUCTIONS

Employee	Position	Supervisor	Hired
Paul Sortiropoulos	General Maintenance, Hotel Jacaranda	Brenda Daniels	02/03/25
Taylor Truitt	Records Specialist, Criminal Justice	Michelle Leidel	02/10/25
Mallory McCarthy	Coordinator, Clinical Experience/Nursing Lab	Kathleen Cappo	02/07/25
Heather Bass	Instructor, Radiology	Kathleen Cappo	02/10/25

3.0 Public Comment

4.0 Presentations

5.0 Consent Agenda Action Items



Item 5.0

PRESENT TO BOARD: MAY 21, 2025

TO: SOUTH FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE

DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

FROM: FRED HAWKINS / Lowkins

SUBJECT: CONSENT AGENDA ACTION ITEMS

The following Consent Agenda is provided for your review. Any Consent Agenda item may be discussed or removed from the Consent Agenda at the request of any Board member. The actual agenda items with background information are provided in the related section of the Board Agenda. The following sections of the agenda are included in the Consent Agenda: Personnel Actions, Contracts/Agreements, Grant Awards, and Operating Actions. Your consideration of the recommended action is appreciated.

SUGGESTED MOTION:

Move to approve the agenda items listed in the Consent Agenda.

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Item 5.1

PRESENT TO BOARD: MAY 21, 2025

TO: SOUTH FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE

DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

FROM: FRED HAWKINS Justin

SUBJECT: PERSONNEL ACTIONS

It is recommended that the personnel items, as specified below, be approved:

I. APPOINTMENTS, FULL-TI	IME FACULTY:	
<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	Effective Date
Ralene Graham	Instructor, Nursing	05/01/25
II. RESIGNATIONS:		
<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	Effective Date
Betsy Cruz	Financial Aid, Program Assistant	05/02/25
III. ADJUNCT FACULTY, 2025	5-26, ACADEMIC YEAR AS NEEDED:	
<u>Name</u>	Teaching Area	<u>Rank</u>
Sean Bueford	Criminal Justice	IV
Linda Dobson-Hacker	Art	IIIB
Aristides Salgueiro	Music Appreciation	II
IV. ANNUAL FACULTY CONTI Margaret Brewer	RACTS (9, 10, 11, 12 month contract depending upor	n responsibilities):
Terry Conrad		
Juan Hernandez		
Benjamin Landon		
Mallory McCarthy		
Sheryl McGrath		
Tanna Markel		
Micah Montague		
Laura O'Riorden		
Carole Pierre Francois		
MaryEllen Powrie		
John Rosenberger		
Arthur Tomerlin		
Michael Vernon		

	Edith Andrade	L-TIME PROFESSIONAL STAFF, 2025-26: Cristian Luevano	
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	Dina Capuano	Julio Nieves	
	Irene Cerna	Gabriel Nieves Hernandez	
	Kimberly Cloud	Carleigh Okwali	
	Marcia Conliffe	Elisavet Rios	
	Alexandra Corso	Carmen Robinson-Cooper	
	Decquon Cowell	Frankie Rodriguez Martinez	
	Amy Ferrante	Jenna Schaller	
	Micaela Ford	Leonardo Soto-Toro	
	Jillian Gorzycki	Jonathan Spence	
	Melinda Haygood	Peggy Sueppel	
	Angela Hjort		
VI.			
	REAPPOINTMENTS, FUL	L-TIME CAREER STAFF 2025-26	
	David Sostre		
	Paul Sotiropoulos		

SUGGESTED MOTION:

Move to approve the personnel recommendations as presented.



Item 5.2.1

PRESENT TO BOARD: MAY 21, 2025

TO: SOUTH FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE

DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

FROM: FRED HAWKINS A Vaukin

SUBJECT: DUAL ENROLLMELNT – ARCADIA CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Approval is requested to <u>renew</u> the dual enrollment agreement between Arcadia Christian Academy and South Florida State College for the purpose of providing dual enrollment opportunities to DeSoto County. This agreement renews annually.

SUGGESTED MOTION:

Move to approve the agreement between Arcadia Christian Academy and South Florida State College as presented.



Item 5.2.2

PRESENT TO BOARD: MAY 21, 2025

TO: SOUTH FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE

DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

FROM: FRED HAWKINS Awkins

SUBJECT: DUAL ENROLLMELNT – FAITH COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN

Approval is requested to <u>renew</u> the dual enrollment agreement between Faith Community Christian and South Florida State College for the purpose of providing dual enrollment opportunities to DeSoto County. This agreement renews annually.

SUGGESTED MOTION:

Move to approve the agreement between Faith Community Christian and South Florida State College as presented.



Item 5.2.3

PRESENT TO BOARD: MAY 21, 2025

TO: SOUTH FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE

DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

FROM: FRED HAWKINS AND COMMINIS

SUBJECT: DUAL ENROLLMELNT - GRACE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Approval is requested to <u>renew</u> the dual enrollment agreement between Grace Christian School and South Florida State College for the purpose of providing dual enrollment opportunities to DeSoto County. This

agreement renews annually.

SUGGESTED MOTION:

Move to approve the agreement between Grace Christian School and South Florida State College as presented.



Item 5.2.4

PRESENT TO BOARD: MAY 21, 2025

TO: SOUTH FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE

DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

FROM: FRED HAWKINS AND CONTROL OF THE PROPERTY OF THE PROPERTY

SUBJECT: DUAL ENROLLMELNT - HEARTLAND CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Approval is requested to <u>renew</u> the dual enrollment agreement between Heartland Christian School and South Florida State College for the purpose of providing dual enrollment opportunities to Highlands County. This agreement renews annually.

SUGGESTED MOTION:

Move to approve the agreement between Heartland Christian School and South Florida State College as presented.



Item 5.2.5

PRESENT TO BOARD: MAY 21, 2025

TO: SOUTH FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE

DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

FROM: FRED HAWKINS Awkins

SUBJECT: DUAL ENROLLMEINT - HOME EDUCATION STUDENTS AND PARENTS

Approval is requested to <u>renew</u> the dual enrollment agreement between the home education students and parents and South Florida State College for the purpose of providing dual enrollment opportunities to home education students. This agreement renews annually.

SUGGESTED MOTION:

Move to approve the agreement between Home Education Students and Parents and South Florida State College as presented.



Item 5.2.6

PRESENT TO BOARD: MAY 21, 2025

TO: SOUTH FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE

DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

FROM: FRED HAWKINS Washing

SUBJECT: DUAL ENROLLMELNT – PARKVIEW PREP ACADEMY

Approval is requested to <u>renew</u> the dual enrollment agreement between Parkview Prep Academy and South Florida State College for the purpose of providing dual enrollment opportunities to Highlands County. This

agreement renews annually.

SUGGESTED MOTION:

Move to approve the agreement between Parkview Prep Academy and South Florida State College as presented.



Item 5.2.7

PRESENT TO BOARD: MAY 21, 2025

TO: SOUTH FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE

DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

FROM: FRED HAWKINS All Vaukin

SUBJECT: DUAL ENROLLMELNT – SCHOOL BOARD OF DESOTO COUNTY

Approval is requested to <u>renew</u> the dual enrollment agreement between DeSoto County School Board and South Florida State College for the purpose of providing dual enrollment opportunities to DeSoto County. This agreement renews annually.

SUGGESTED MOTION:

Move to approve the agreement between School Board of DeSoto County and South Florida State College as presented.



Item 5.2.8

PRESENT TO BOARD: MAY 21, 2025

TO: SOUTH FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE

DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

FROM: FRED HAWKINS All Vaulis

SUBJECT: DUAL ENROLLMELNT – SCHOOL BOARD OF HARDEE COUNTY

Approval is requested to <u>renew</u> the dual enrollment agreement between Hardee County School Board and South Florida State College for the purpose of providing dual enrollment opportunities to Hardee County. This agreement renews annually.

SUGGESTED MOTION:

Move to approve the agreement between School Board of Hardee County and South Florida State College as presented.



Item 5.2.9

PRESENT TO BOARD: MAY 21, 2025

TO: SOUTH FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE

DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

FROM: FRED HAWKINS All Vaulis

SUBJECT: DUAL ENROLLMEINT - SCHOOL BOARD OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY

Approval is requested to <u>renew</u> the dual enrollment agreement between School Board of Highlands County and South Florida State College for the purpose of providing dual enrollment opportunities to Highlands County. This agreement renews annually.

SUGGESTED MOTION:

Move to approve the agreement between School Board of Highlands County and South Florida State College as presented.



Item 5.2.10

PRESENT TO BOARD: MAY 21, 2025

TO: SOUTH FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE

DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

FROM: FRED HAWKINS Washing

SUBJECT: DUAL ENROLLMELNT - THE SCHOOL BOARD OF POLK COUNTY

Approval is requested to <u>renew</u> the dual enrollment agreement between the School Board of Polk County and South Florida State College for the purpose of providing dual enrollment opportunities to Polk County. This agreement renews annually.

SUGGESTED MOTION:

Move to approve the agreement between the School Board of Polk County and South Florida State College as presented.



Item 5.3.1

PRESENT TO BOARD: MAY 21, 2025

TO: SOUTH FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE

DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

FROM: FRED HAWKINS AND CONTROL OF THE PROPERTY OF THE PROPERTY

SUBJECT: MONTHLY ACCOUNTS PAYABLE/PAYROLL CHECK REGISTER

Summary information for disbursements for all funds through April are enclosed. Detailed information related to expenditures to date is available during normal business hours in the College Business Office.

SUGGESTED MOTION:

Move to approve the monthly accounts payable/monthly payroll check register as presented.

Accounts Payable:

	2024/202	2024/2025 Checks 2024/2025 Electr		025 Electronic	2024/2025 P-Card		2024	4/2025 Totals
	#	Amount	#	Amount	#	Amount	#	Amount
July	536	\$767,771.63	165	\$2,118,238.53	209	\$60,098.01	910	\$2,946,108.17
August	249	\$564,231.65	222	\$1,531,179.04	300	\$73,655.95	771	\$2,169,066.64
September	1420	\$2,629,512.55	174	\$1,308,966.04	449	\$100,084.40	2043	\$4,038,562.99
October	1064	\$1,272,813.02	197	\$1,574,328.57	563	\$154,116.55	1824	\$3,001,258.14
November	556	\$554,514.29	360	\$1,833,518.91	466	\$104,646.34	1382	\$2,492,679.54
December	222	\$718,128.06	132	\$1,585,403.70	328	\$73,382.22	682	\$2,376,913.98
January	1652	\$3,126,052.02	208	\$2,153,091.19	183	\$62,653.11	2043	\$5,341,796.32
February	643	\$1,222,491.92	199	\$1,371,369.77	517	\$108,060.65	1359	\$2,701,922.34
March	193	\$473,914.70	167	\$1,552,130.68	481	\$93,426.36	841	\$2,119,471.74
April	343	\$565,062.92	220	\$1,576,553.78	530	\$153,411.39	1093	\$2,295,028.09
May		\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00	0	\$0.00
June		\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Totals	6878	\$11,894,492.76	2044	\$16,604,780.21	4026	\$983,534.98	12948	\$29,482,807.95

Payroll:

	2024/2025 Checks		2024/2025 Electronic		2024	1/2025 Totals
	#	Amount	#	Amount	#	Amount
July	4	\$14,447.35	289	\$1,240,704.47	293	\$1,255,151.82
August	4	\$10,885.52	385	\$1,139,736.70	389	\$1,150,622.22
September	2	\$6,931.97	430	\$1,194,234.68	432	\$1,201,166.65
October	7	\$13,041.45	465	\$1,240,078.48	472	\$1,253,119.93
November	6	\$10,014.20	479	\$1,301,599.67	485	\$1,311,613.87
December	7	\$23,841.13	476	\$1,240,795.18	483	\$1,264,636.31
January	6	\$13,354.90	405	\$1,120,488.72	411	\$1,133,843.62
February	9	\$14,380.89	443	\$1,206,214.35	452	\$1,220,595.24
March	11	\$11,050.44	468	\$1,242,575.82	479	\$1,253,626.26
April	7	\$12,517.46	462	\$1,258,359.36	469	\$1,270,876.82
May		\$0.00		\$0.00	0	\$0.00
June		\$0.00		\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Totals	63	\$130,465.31	4302	\$12,184,787.43	4365	\$12,315,252.74

Accounts Payable:

Account	Accounts rayable.								
		2023/24			2024/25				
	# Payments Monthly Total		Cumulative Total		# Payments	Monthly Total	Cumulative Total		
July	982	\$3,267,444.69	\$3,267,444.69		910	\$2,946,108.17	\$2,946,108.17		
August	756	\$5,368,639.68	\$8,636,084.37		771	\$2,169,066.64	\$5,115,174.81		
September	2,011	\$5,373,574.48	\$14,009,658.85		2,043	\$4,038,562.99	\$9,153,737.80		
October	1,655	\$4,736,066.16	\$18,745,725.01		1,824	\$3,001,258.14	\$12,154,995.94		
November	1,165	\$2,245,303.92	\$20,991,028.93		1,382	\$2,492,679.54	\$14,647,675.48		
December	760	\$2,705,474.33	\$23,696,503.26		682	\$2,376,913.98	\$17,024,589.46		
January	691	\$2,468,105.03	\$26,164,608.29		2,043	\$5,341,796.32	\$22,366,385.78		
February	2,362	\$4,519,068.06	\$30,683,676.35		1,359	\$2,701,922.34	\$25,068,308.12		
March	981	\$2,885,923.20	\$33,569,599.55		832	\$2,119,471.74	\$27,187,779.86		
April	1,243	\$2,531,965.11	\$36,101,564.66		1,093	\$2,295,028.09	\$29,482,807.95		
May	923	\$2,228,323.99	\$38,329,888.65		-	\$0.00	\$29,482,807.95		
June	1,571	\$3,395,809.74	\$41,725,698.39		-	\$0.00	\$29,482,807.95		
Totals	15,100	\$41,725,698.39			12,939	\$29,482,807.95			

Pavroll:

Payroll:							
				2024/25			
	# Payments	Monthly Total	Cumulative Total		# Payments	Monthly Total	Cumulative Total
July	411	\$1,174,994.01	\$1,174,994.01		293	\$1,255,151.82	\$1,255,151.82
August	382	\$1,142,154.36	\$2,317,148.37		389	\$1,150,622.22	\$2,405,774.04
September	429	\$1,229,536.59	\$3,546,684.96		432	\$1,201,166.65	\$3,606,940.69
October	469	\$1,287,534.69	\$4,834,219.65		472	\$1,253,119.93	\$4,860,060.62
November	488	\$1,289,642.18	\$6,123,861.83		485	\$1,311,613.87	\$6,171,674.49
December	479	\$1,740,895.05	\$7,864,756.88		483	\$1,264,636.31	\$7,436,310.80
January	405	\$1,144,580.56	\$9,009,337.44		411	\$1,133,843.62	\$8,570,154.42
February	467	\$1,256,683.47	\$10,266,020.91		452	\$1,220,595.24	\$9,790,749.66
March	490	\$1,286,728.14	\$11,552,749.05		479	\$1,253,626.26	\$11,044,375.92
April	489	\$1,285,975.38	\$12,838,724.43		469	\$1,270,876.82	\$12,315,252.74
May	490	\$1,397,107.27	\$14,235,831.70			\$0.00	\$12,315,252.74
June	428	\$1,267,747.79	\$15,503,579.49			\$0.00	\$12,315,252.74
Totals	5427	\$15,503,579.49		•	4365	\$12,315,252.74	

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Item 5.3.2

PRESENT TO BOARD: MAY 21, 2025

TO: SOUTH FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE

DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

FROM: FRED HAWKINS All Vaulis

SUBJECT: PROPERTY DISPOSALS - MAY 2025

Authorization is requested to delete the equipment item listed below. This item is beyond repair and/or obsolete and will be held in storage until disposal. Any equipment with possible residual value will be auctioned or traded if feasible.

	<u>Date</u>			<u>Condition</u>
Tag#	Purchased	Description	Cost	Code
8704	7/21/1993	Advance Carpet Extractor	\$1,650.00	Poor

SUGGESTED MOTION:

Move to approve the deletion of College property from inventory records as presented.



Item 5.3.3

PRESENT TO BOARD: MAY 21, 2025

TO: SOUTH FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE

DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

FROM: FRED HAWKINS A Washing

SUBJECT: BAD DEBT LISTING

Student receivables of \$26,877.55 represent debt owed related to various student payments including VA withdrawals, Title IV returns, third-party non-payment, library fines, and payment plan defaults.

Bad debt totals for student receivables for the past four years.

Year Written Off	Bad Debt Totals	Associated Student Revenue	%
2023	\$26,877.55	\$5,614,284	0.48%
2022	\$33,503.34	\$5,424,921	0.62%
2021	\$23,431.05	\$5,600,519	0.42%
2020	\$18,769.70	\$5,504,383	0.34%

SUGGESTED MOTION:

Move to approve the write off of uncollectible debt in the amount of \$26,877.55 as listed above.



Item 5.3.4

PRESENT TO BOARD: MAY 21, 2025

TO: SOUTH FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE

DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

FROM: FRED HAWKINS

SUBJECT: ANNUAL FIXED ASSETS INVENTORY

Per South Florida State College Procedure 2074, a physical inventory of all tagged property shall be taken once each fiscal year. All 1,669 property items were accounted for during the inventory for fiscal year 2024 - 2025.

SUGGESTED MOTION:

Move to approve the annual fixed assets inventory report for fiscal year 2025 as presented.

6.0 Planning and Policy Issues

7.0 Academic and Student Matters

8.0 Purchasing and Other Action Items



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Item 8.1

PRESENT TO BOARD: MAY 21, 2025

TO: SOUTH FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE

DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

FROM: FRED HAWKINS A Washing

SUBJECT: SFSC MISSION STATEMENT AFFIRMATION

According to The Principles of Accreditation set forth by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC), Section 4: Governing Board, the "governing board ensures the regular review of the institution's mission" (p.13). Section 2: Mission, requires the College to have "a clearly defined, comprehensive and published mission specific to the institution and appropriate for higher education. The mission addresses teaching and learning and, where applicable, research and public service" (p.11).

SUGGESTED MOTION:

Move to affirm the South Florida State College Mission Statement as presented.

Mission Statement

The function of our organization

South Florida State College is an open-access, higher education institution dedicated to providing a learning-centered environment through quality programs, training, and services. Working in partnership with organizations and communities, the college provides leadership and a comprehensive range of opportunities for the educational, cultural, and economic development of the service district.

The college assists the people of its service district DeSoto, Hardee, and Highlands counties regardless of economic, social, or educational background to achieve success in:

- completing an associate degree in preparation for pursuing a baccalaureate or other professional degree or credential;
- completing a baccalaureate degree, associate degree, or certificate related to career and technical preparation to enter the workforce or to improve career circumstances;
- completing college preparatory programs of study including those leading to the high school diploma;
- obtaining basic skills in literacy, numeracy, and citizenship to prosper as a contributing member of society;
- gaining personal, cultural, and global awareness, appreciation, and understanding needed in a complex contemporary society;
- pursuing advanced academic preparation and credentials available through partnerships with colleges and universities; and
- participating in the social, cultural, environmental, and economic development of the communities served by the college.

We believe in the worth of each of our students and, through all of our educational programs and services, we seek to develop human potential and to create brighter futures.

9.0 Reports



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Item 9.1

PRESENT TO BOARD: APRIL 23, 2025

TO: SOUTH FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE

DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

FROM: FRED HAWKINS Washing

SUBJECT: FINANCIAL REPORT SUMMARY & GRAPHS - INFORMATION ITEM

Enclosed for your review are the graphs and a summary of revenues and expenditures compared to budgeted funds within the Operating Budget through

April 2025.

SOUTH FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE FINANCIAL SUMMARY Fiscal year 2024-25 to Fiscal year 2023-24 4/30/2025

Student Fees
State Funding
Other Revenue
Total Revenue

Budgeted Annual		Re	corded Year	% Recorded of	Re	corded Prior	% Recorded				
Revenue			To Date	Annual	Υ	ear To Date	Prior Year				
\$	6,028,726	\$	6,298,213	104%	\$	5,385,966	104%				
	28,085,234		23,369,590	83%	\$	24,568,127	84%				
	1,987,449		1,667,632	84%		1,627,093	80%				
\$	36,101,409	\$	31,335,435	87%	\$	31,581,186	86%				

Salaries
Current Expense
Capital Outlay
Total Expenditures

Budgeted Annual		Ex	penditures	% Expended of	E	cpenditures	% Expended
Expenditures		Ye	ear To Date	Annual	Prio	r Year To Date	Prior Year
\$	25,227,407	\$	18,787,777	74%	\$	19,494,507	79%
	11,098,682		9,337,116	84%		6,894,810	75%
	363,969		178,967	49%		911,643	35%
\$	36,690,058	\$	28,303,860	77%	\$	27,300,960	75%

South Florida State College Fund Balance Summary Projection 2024-25 Fiscal year									
Fund Balance Carryforward from Fiscal Year 2023-2	4								
Unallocated Fund Balance		\$	9,187,588						
Reserve for Encumbrances			-						
Total Fund Balance	e Available for FY 2024-25	\$	9,187,588						
Plus									
Actual Revenue to Date	\$31,335,435								
Projected Additional Revenue	\$ 4,225,313								
Total Revenue		\$	35,560,748						
Total P	rojected Funds Available	\$	44,748,336						
Minus									
Actual Expenditures to Date	\$28,303,860								
Projected Additional Expenditures	\$ 7,256,888								
Total Projected Expendit	ures	\$	35,560,748						
Total Projected Fund Balance Available for FY	2025-26	\$	9,187,588						
Less: Encumbrances		\$	123,000						
Total Projected Fund Balance Unallocated for	FY 2025-26	\$	9,064,588						
Projected Unallocated Fund Balance Percenta	ge:		20.26%						

South Florida State College Budget to Actual Fiscal year 2024-25 to Fiscal year 2023-24 4/30/2025

	Budg	et FY 24-25	Recorded 4/30/2025	% Recorded		Bude	et FY 23-24	Recorded 4/30/2024	% Recorded
Revenue:			1,00,202				,000	,,00,202	
Tuition	\$	4,443,934	\$ 4,687,949	105%		\$	4,445,977	\$ 4,045,250	91%
Student Fees		1,584,792	1,610,264	102%			756,523	1,340,716	177%
State Support - FCSPF		24,365,885	20,476,763	84%			25,464,918	21,508,476	84%
State Support - Lottery		3,719,349	2,892,827	78%			3,933,834	3,059,651	78%
Other Revenue		1,987,449	1,667,632	84%			2,035,000	1,627,093	80%
Total Revenue	\$	36,101,409	\$ 31,335,435	87%	_	\$	36,636,252	\$ 31,581,186	86%

	Bud	dget FY 24-25	Expended 4/30/2025	% Expend		Budget FY 23-24		Expended 4/30/2024	% Expend
Expenses:		Ŭ				J		•	
Personnel Expenses:									
Salary Expense	\$	18,428,054	\$ 13,493,073	73%	Ş	17,848,257	\$	14,403,464	81%
Fringe Benefits		6,799,353	5,294,704	78%		6,813,850		5,091,043	75%
Sub Total	\$	25,227,407	\$ 18,787,777	74%	3	24,662,107	\$	19,494,507	79%
Other Expenses:									
Travel		367,245	\$ 183,994	50%	Ş	313,337	\$	200,072	64%
Postage & Telephone		350,469	223,062	64%		304,013		220,628	73%
Printing		32,386	12,973	40%		38,974		12,653	32%
Repairs & Maintenance		1,601,644	1,403,101	88%		1,838,999		1,809,102	98%
Rental & Insurance		837,741	1,043,059	125%		860,405		487,350	57%
Utilities		1,928,749	1,434,264	74%		1,828,515		1,487,266	81%
Services		1,940,623	1,656,781	85%		1,818,448		954,492	52%
Supplies & Subscriptions		1,817,055	1,363,337	75%		1,968,434		1,666,003	85%
Transfers		1,975,000	1,975,000	100%		0			0%
Other Expenses		247,770	41,545	17%		232,792		57,244	25%
Sub Total:	\$	11,098,682	\$ 9,337,116	84%	9	9,203,917	\$	6,894,810	75%
Capital Outlay:	\$	363,969	\$ 178,967	49%	<u> </u>	2,592,548	\$	911,643	35%
Total Expenses	\$	36,690,058	\$ 28,303,860	77%	3	36,458,572	, \$	27,300,960	75%
Revenue Over (Under) Expenses	\$	(588,649)	\$ 3,031,575		<u> </u>	177,680	\$	4,280,226	

Additional Information:

- 1. Tuition and fee revenues are generally collected in the following manner: 43% Fall (Aug. Oct.), 42% Spring (Nov. Jan.), 15% Summer (April May).
- 2. State Support (FSCPF & Lottery) is distributed evenly over 12 months.
- 3. Other Revenues vary throughout the year.
- 4. Salaries: Full-time regular employees are paid equally over 12 months. Part-time instructors are paid based on class load.
- 5. Current expenses remain constant from month-to-month.
- 6. Capital expenses vary throughout the year but do not have a significant impact on total expenses.

RESTRICTED, AUXILIARY AND PLANT FUNDS STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND OTHER CHANGES 4/30/2025

	,		rrent Fund Restricted	Au	xiliary Fund		Loan Fund	Sc	holarships	Ur	nexpended Plant		ebt vices
REVENUE													
Student Fees		\$	338,718	\$	-	\$	-	\$	329,431	\$	401,280		
Local Support			225,000						-		-		
State Support			153,197						779,815		4,246		
Federal Support			3,130,235						8,312,489		756,661		
Gifts & Contracts			145,881		76,965				, ,		-		
Sales			-,		1,798,949						-		
Insurance Proceeds					,,-						202,496		
Transfers In from Fund 1											1,975,000		
Other Revenue					87,651		2,426				107,030		
other nevenue	,				07,031		2, 120				107,030		
TOTAL REVENUE	,	\$	3,993,031	\$	1,963,565	\$	2,426	\$	9,421,735	\$	3,446,713	\$	-
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>													
Personnel Expenditures													
Salary		\$	1,437,608	\$	366,142	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-		
Fringe Benefits	,		479,531		161,584						-		
	Subtotal	\$	1,917,139	\$	527,726	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	
Other Expenses													
Travel		\$	67,943	\$	28,152	\$	-	\$	-	\$	46		
Postage & Telephone			2,031		7,458						-		
Printing			4,008		215						484		
Repairs & Maintenance			8,018		63,774						80,142		
Rental & Insurance			9,879		9,256						-		
Utilities			190		3,156						-		
Services			388,970		855,629						-		
Materials & Supplies			149,595		480,103						3,803		
Scholarships & Waivers			44,921						9,294,311		-		
Transfers to Other Funds											-		-
Other Expenses			214,628						8,935		-		
	Subtotal	\$	890,183	\$	1,447,743	\$	-	\$	9,303,246	\$	84,475	\$	-
Capital Outlay													
Furniture & Equipment		\$	1,329,587	\$	_	\$	_	\$	_	\$	127,376		
Capital Infrastructure		Ψ.	2,023,007	7		Ψ.		Ψ.		Ψ.	1,875,575		
Renovating & Remodeling											497,055		
nenovating & nemodeling	Subtotal	\$	1,329,587	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	2,500,006	\$	
TOTAL EVERNETTIES	,				4.075.460				0.202.245				
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	,	\$	4,136,909	\$	1,975,469	>	-	\$	9,303,246	Þ	2,584,481	>	
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN FUND BALANCE		\$	(143,878)	\$	(11,904)	\$	2,426	\$	118,489	\$	862,232	\$	-
	3												

SOUTH FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE BALANCE SHEET - ALL FUNDS As of April 30, 2025

	Cur	rent Fund							Uı	nexpended			ı	nvested in		
	Re	estricted	Au	xiliary Fund		Loan Fund	Sc	holarships		Plant	D	ebt Service		Plant		Totals
<u>ASSETS</u>																
Cash/Cash Equivalents	\$	(160,362)	\$	43,962	\$	1,174	\$	222,705	\$	14,603,458	\$	-	\$	-	\$	14,710,937
Accounts Receivable, Net	\$	148,685	\$	7,938					\$	4,033,920					\$	4,190,543
Investments			\$	1,024,948	\$	74,141			\$	3,471,425					\$	4,570,514
Capital Lease, Net															\$	-
Land													\$	2,477,518	\$	2,477,518
Buildings, Net													\$	39,719,030	\$	39,719,030
Perpetual Data Licenses													\$	579,029	\$	579,029
Furniture & Equipment, Net													\$	3,660,036	\$	3,660,036
Data Software - SBITA Lease Agreement													\$	1,573,675	\$	1,573,675
Artwork													\$	567,876	\$	567,876
Construction in Progress									\$	1,875,575					\$	1,875,575
Other															\$	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	(11,677)	\$	1,076,848	\$	75,315	\$	222,705	\$	23,984,378	\$	-	\$	48,577,164	\$	73,924,733
						,		<u> </u>								
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE																
Liabilities																
Accounts Payable	\$	8,446	\$	65,655	Ś	_	\$	_	\$	_			\$	_	\$	74,101
Notes Payable	7	0,440	Y	03,033	7		7		\$	12,567,144			Y		7	7-1,101
Compensated Leave Payable									Y	12,307,144					\$	_
Retainage Payable															\$	_
Unearned Revenue							\$	1,937							Ś	1,937
Salaries & Benefits Payable							7	1,557							¢	-,557
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Total Liabilities	\$	8,446	Ş	65,655	Ş	•	\$	1,937	\$	12,567,144	Ş	-	\$	-	\$	12,643,182
Fund Balance:																
Fund Balance	\$	123,755	\$	1,023,097	\$	72,889	\$	102,279	\$	10,555,002			\$	-	\$	11,877,022
Investment in Plant									\$	-			\$	48,577,164	\$	48,577,164
Change in Fund Balance (YTD)	\$	(143,878)	\$	(11,904)	\$	2,426	\$	118,489	\$	862,232	\$	-	\$	-	\$	827,365
Total Fund Balance	\$	(20,123)	\$	1,011,193	\$	75,315	\$	220,768	\$	11,417,234	\$	-	\$	48,577,164	\$	61,281,551
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND																
BALANCE	\$	(11,677)	\$	1,076,848	\$	75,315	\$	222,705	\$	23,984,378	\$	-	\$	48,577,164	\$	73,924,733



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Item 9.2

PRESENT TO BOARD: MAY 21, 2025

TO: SOUTH FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE

DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

FROM: FRED HAWKINS All Youking

SUBJECT: RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT REPORT

I. <u>Donations and Pledges to the SFSC Foundation, Inc.</u>

The chart presented is a summary listing of all donations and pledges made to the SFSC Foundation since the December 2024 meeting of the College District Board of Trustees. The included dates are April 1, 2025 through April 30, 2025. The total amount reported is **\$6,219.00**.

II. Resource Development Update

a. Grants

South Florida State College Foundation, Inc. Gift Summary Report 04/01/2025 - 04/30/2025

Fund ID	Fund Description	Gift Count	Cash	Pledges	Stocks/Other	Total
1000	Unrestricted	27	\$393.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$393.50
5011	SFSC General Scholarship	14	\$159.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$159.50
5012	Ben Hill Griffin Scholarship	1	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00
5025	General Nursing Scholarship	1	\$0.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.50
5031	SFSC Community Fund	2	\$10.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10.50
5032	SFSC Library Donations	1	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$30.00
5045	Athletic Booster Club	4	\$35.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$35.00
5046	Miriah Brenner Memorial	1	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
5098	Arcadia Center	2	\$35.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$35.00
5110	Highlands County Bar Association Scholarship	2	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
5143	Nursing Programs	2	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
5158	TSIC Scholarships	6	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
6005	Partnership Project	2	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20.00
6006	Alumni Association Fund	1	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10.00
6010	STEM Endowment	3	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
	Grand Totals:	69	\$6,219.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,219.00

69 Gift(s) listed

59 Donor(s) listed

Grant Awards

Grant Title DeSoto Panther Prep Summer Program 2025

Grantor Edward K. Roberts Community College Fund of the Community

Foundation of Sarasota County

Amount Awarded \$20,000

Description Funds will be used to provide scholarships to 12 DeSoto high

school graduates who risk barriers to higher education to attend Panther Prep, a 6-week intrusive summer bridge program. The program provides the initial skills and tools necessary to earn six college credits, develop foundational academic and soft skills, increase financial literacy, and confidently pursue post-secondary

success.