

SOUTH FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE FOUNDATION, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
BOARD ROOM, SFSC HIGHLANDS CAMPUS
NOVEMBER 12, 2024

Members Present:

Ms. Julie Barber	Mr. Rick Bateman	Mrs. Cheryl Brown
Mr. Devon Donaldson	Mr. Don Elwell	Mr. Parker Hall
Mrs. Lisa Jarrett	Dr. Darrell Jensen	Dr. George Mousa
Mr. Andrew Santos		

Excused:

Mr. Fred Hawkins	Dr. Catherine Cornelius	Judge Heather Beato
Dr. Vinod Thakkar	Dr. Benjamin Carter	

Others Present:

Mrs. Jamie Bateman	Mr. Peter Elliott	Mrs. Anastasia Fuchser
Miss Taylor Massey	Mr. Bob Swaine	Mrs. June Weyrauch
Mrs. Teresa Vorous	Mr. Victor Brooks	Mrs. Michelle Buchanan

I. CALL TO ORDER

At 5:30 p.m., Dr. Jensen, President called to order the meeting of the South Florida State College Foundation.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Jensen requested a review of the September 10, 2024, Foundation Board meeting minutes.

III. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Mrs. Vorous reviewed the Consolidated Balance Sheet, Investment Report, and Statement of Activities through September 30, 2024. Mrs. Bateman reviewed the Gift Summary Report from September 1, 2024, through October 31, 2024. There were no questions or concerns.

Mrs. Bateman shared a recap with the Board of the Finance Committee meeting on September 30. The Finance Committee suggested transferring the funds from Bank of America to South Street Advisors. The Finance Committee also suggested using the unrestricted funds from Bank of America toward the Capital Campaign for the dorms. Mrs. Brown made a motion, seconded by Mr. Parker to accept the motion as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

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IV. WARRANT LIST

Mr. Elwell reviewed the Warrant List from August 1, 2024, through September 30, 2024. There were no questions or concerns. Mr. Donaldson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Jensen to accept the Warrant List as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

V. PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Mr. Hawkins was not able to attend the meeting, so there were no comments.

VI. GRANT'S UPDATE

Since the last meeting, Mrs. Weyrauch shared that there are 25 active grants for 2025. There are 5 grants in development, 7 have been submitted, and 13 have been awarded. The total amount of awarded funds for 2025 is \$2,471,483.

Mrs. Weyrauch highlighted local grants including \$1,000 from the Walmart in Avon Park, \$10,000 from the Highlands County Board of County Commissioners for the college's dental program, and the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services partnership with Bok Tower Gardens on researching and saving plant species on the Lake Wales Ridge.

VII. TAKE STOCK IN CHILDREN

Dr. Carter was not able to attend the meeting, so there were no updates.

VIII. FEASIBILITY STUDY REPORT

Mrs. Buchanan with Dini Spheris shared the results of the Feasibility Study report with the Board. Mrs. Buchanan asked the Board if there were any questions. There were none.

IX. FOUNDATION UPDATES

a. Mrs. Bateman shared a review of the master calendar and the upcoming Foundation events.

b. Mrs. Bateman shared with the Board the latest update on the sale of the Hotel Jacaranda. Mrs. Bateman and Dr. Jensen received a notice that the buyer had a final offer to our final response, which we declined and shared our appreciation to the potential buyers. Our Realtor, Mr. Chavis had another interested party, however, they too passed on the offer.

X. ALUMNI RELATIONS AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Mrs. Fuchser shared the student spotlight of the month, Janet Sanchez, who is pursuing an associate degree in Dental Hygiene. She is a full-time student and a full-time mom to her son.

Mrs. Fuchser met with 24 students in Hardee and 10 students in DeSoto with Young Alumni in September. Due to Hurricane Milton, she had to reschedule her monthly meet-up with students on the Highlands Campus but was able to meet with students from all three campuses on the topic of stress relief and shared some tips post-hurricane on October 16 and November 5. The next Young Alumni meet-up is on December 10 on the Highlands campus.

Mrs. Fuchser hosted the first Alumni Experience on November 8 in the Radiology department. She had 8 Alumni who came to speak at the event and shared their experiences with the 2nd year Radiology students. She shared it was an excellent event and looks forward to hosting the next one.

Mrs. Fuchser announced that she will be hosting an SFSC Alumni networking reunion in the Spring. She mentioned she is working with the Athletics department to schedule the event during a baseball and softball doubleheader. She will share more details at the next meeting on January 14.

Mrs. Fuchser shared she has rescheduled the Panther Partner Lunch and Tour with Highlands County Economic Development for December 11. She is excited to share with them what the College has to offer our residents and future employers and businesses coming to the area.

The college is hosting the Hardee Chamber of Commerce luncheon on November 21 and Mrs. Fuchser invited the Board to attend. She mentioned that she would like to invite the five local chambers for a Panther Partner lunch and tour in the spring.

Mrs. Fuchser shared an update on SFSC Gives Back and the upcoming volunteer opportunities through April. On October 16, Mrs. Fuchser and 5 employees volunteered to assist the Highlands Habitat for Humanity Retail store to prepare for the upcoming holidays. On November 1, Mrs. Fuchser and 9 other employees had the opportunity to help paint the outside of DeSoto's Habitat for Humanity Retail store.

Mrs. Fuchser invited the Board to attend the Foundation's annual Jacaranda Jubilee on December 2, the Christmas Luncheon on December 5, and the 8th Annual Million Dollar Hole-in-One Golf Shootout on January 16-18, 2025. Mrs. Fuchser shared her Giving Tuesday goal of \$10,000 this year and encouraged the Board to share and spread the word on social media.

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The Foundation will be hosting its 1st Annual Learning and Legacy Gala on March 28. Mrs. Fuchser mentioned the theme would be diamonds to celebrate 60 years of the College.

Mrs. Fuchser thanked the 2024 Annual Sponsors for their support throughout the year and for helping our students reach their educational goals. Mrs. Fuchser announced and thanked Advent Health for continuing their platinum annual sponsorship for 2025. MidFlorida Credit Union has committed to being a gold sponsor again pending the Board approval and Mosaic has committed to a gold sponsorship this year pending application approval.

XI. TIME FOR DIRECTORS

Dr. Jensen introduced the new District Board of Trustee Liaison, Mr. Devon Donaldson.

Dr. Jensen asked the Board if there were any additional questions, comments, or concerns. There were none.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, Dr. Jensen adjourned the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. George Mousa

Board Secretary