

SOUTH FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE FOUNDATION, INC.
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 8, 2025
ZOOM

Members Present:

Mr. Devon Donaldson	Dr. Darrell Jensen	Mr. Don Elwell
Mr. Fred Hawkins		

Excused:

Dr. George Mousa	Mrs. Cheryl Brown	
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Others Present:

Mrs. Anastasia Fuchser	Mrs. Taylor Buenerkemper	Mrs. Emily Dabolt
Mr. Bob Swaine	Mr. Peter Elliott	

I. CALL TO ORDER

At 12:04 p.m., Dr. Jensen, President, called to order the meeting of the South Florida State College Foundation. Mr. Donaldson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Elwell, to adopt the agenda of the regular meeting of April 8, 2025. The motion passed unanimously.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Jensen requested a review of the October 30, 2024, Executive Committee meeting minutes. Mr. Donaldson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Elwell, to approve the meeting minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

III. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Mrs. Vorous reviewed the Investment Returns through February 28. Mrs. Fuchser reviewed the Gift Summary Report from February 1, 2025, through March 31, 2025. There were no questions or concerns. Mr. Donaldson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Elwell, to approve the Financial Reports as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Mr. Hawkins congratulated Mrs. Fuchser and Mrs. Buenerkemper on a job well done on the Learning and Legacy Gala event held on March 28.

Mr. Hawkins announced that Mrs. Emily Dabolt has accepted the position as the Executive Director of the Foundation. Mrs. Dabolt introduced herself to the Executive Committee.

V. FOUNDATION UPDATES

- a. Mrs. Fuchser reviewed the 2025 master calendar. There were no updates.
- b. Mrs. Fuchser shared that the Hotel Jacaranda kitchen and restaurant need some equipment, such as a hot box. Mr. Hawkins and Mr. Elliott are working on those items.

The veranda doors on the second floor of the Hotel Jacaranda need repair. Mr. Elliott and our maintenance team are reviewing the best options for this.

In March, a guest was injured on the back ramp of the Hotel Jacaranda due to rotted wood. The ramp is currently closed, and maintenance is repairing it. Our maintenance director is in communication with the fire chief about the status of this progress.

Last week, there was a leak in one of our tenants' shops, The Hut at the Jac. Our maintenance crew assessed the situation and fixed it.

Today, another tenant, Sherco Surveying, Inc., asked our maintenance team to look into their window frames along Lake Avenue as they potentially rotted and have a bad smell. Our maintenance team has this request in and is assessing the situation.

Mrs. Fuchser shared that she and Mr. Elliott had a call with Marcus and Millichap Realtor Group, and they are excited and ready to get the Hotel Jacaranda on the market. Mrs. Fuchser shared Marcus and Millichap's marketing brochures with the members.

- c. The First Baptist Church of Avon Park reached out to the Foundation regarding the hole in the parking lot that the Foundation leases from the Church. Mr. Elliott and Mr. Hawkins have worked through this situation and have agreed to pay up to \$15,000 for the parking lot repair. They will be reviewing the lease with the tenant as it is currently still in effect for another 5 years. Mr. Elwell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Donaldson, to approve \$15,000 for the parking lot repair.
- d. Mrs. Fuchser shared an update on the Learning and Legacy Gala that was held on March 28. The total income for the event was \$13,535; however, expenses were \$6,453, which makes the overall profit \$4,500.

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VI. ALUMNI RELATIONS AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Mrs. Fuchser hosted a reunion for the Alumni Association on February 22. It was a great event, and planning to host another one in the fall with the former Volleyball and Cross-Country athletes.

On April 1, Mrs. Fuchser met with students on the Highlands Campus for the young alumni monthly meetup and shared LinkedIn tips and tricks with them. On April 3, Mrs. Fuchser met with students on the Hardee and DeSoto campuses.

VII. TIME FOR DIRECTORS

Dr. Jensen asked the Executive Committee if they had any questions, comments, or concerns. There were none.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, Dr. Jensen adjourned the meeting at 12:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Darrell Jensen

Board President