

**SOUTH FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE FOUNDATION, INC.**  
**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**October 14, 2025**  
**ZOOM**

**Members Present:**

Mr. Parker Hall	Ms. Julie Barber	Mr. Fred Hawkins
Mr. Devon Donaldson		

**Excused:**

Dr. George Mousa	Mrs. Cheryl Brown	Mrs. Taylor Buenerkemper
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**Others Present:**

Mrs. Emily Dabolt	Mrs. Anastasia Fuchser	
Mr. Peter Elliott	Mr. Bob Swaine	Mrs. Teresa Vorous

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

At 12:05 p.m., Mr. Hall, President, called to order the meeting of the South Florida State College Foundation. Mr. Donaldson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Barber, to adopt the agenda of the regular meeting of October 14, 2025. The motion passed unanimously.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Hall requested a review of the minutes from the August 12, 2025, Executive Committee meeting. Mr. Donaldson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Barber, to approve the meeting minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**III. FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Mrs. Vorous reviewed the Investment Returns through August 31, 2025. She shared that SouthStreet Investments is actively sharing details and working on foundation investments showing a gain. Mrs. Dabolt reviewed the Gift Summary Report from August 1, 2025, through September 30, 2025. There were no questions or concerns. Mr. Donaldson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Barber, to approve the Financial Reports as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**IV. PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS**

Mr. Hawkins shared a Tallahassee update sharing a strong emphasis for workforce job placement statistics and a guardian program on campuses. The main focus are the appropriations that SFSC is seeking, specifically the re-occurring funds for faculty and staff.

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## **V. FOUNDATION UPDATES**

- a. Mrs. Dabolt reviewed the master calendar with the Executive Committee. She invited the members to join us at the Jacaranda Jubilee on December 1 and the Annual Christmas Luncheon on December 4. Mrs. Dabolt announced that the Foundation will host their first golf tournament in the fall of 2027 and details are being worked through for the gala and the “At Home with SFSC Foundation.”
- b. The Hotel Jacaranda is continuing to experience leaks to include in a tenant’s space and in a dorm room. The maintenance is addressing both issues.

Mr. Elliott shared an update on the HVAC project for the Hotel Jacaranda. This project will be funded by the appropriations request awarded in 2025. The TRANE quote includes the AC units, duct work, electrical work, and equipment to get the units on the roof of the building. The foundation will spend the funds and be reimbursed by the State. The return on this investment should show better cooling and less condensation issues. Mr. Donaldson made a motion to accept the TRANE contract recommendation as presented and allow Mr. Elliott to work with SouthStreet Investment Advisors to liquidate funds for the project as needed; seconded by Ms. Barber.

- c. Mrs. Dabolt shared that there are no new updates on the potential remodel of the University Center as a Student Life Residence, however, her and Mr. Elliott are meeting with the architects on October 24 and she should have more to share in the November meeting.

## **VI. ALUMNI RELATIONS AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

Mrs. Fuchser reported wrapping up the fall scholarship marketing campaign with 11 students and hopes to have them ready for Spring 2026 to share. She shared how diverse our students are and shared a few of the student’s dreams and goals, as it is a great way for the Board to know a why and share with others and the community.

Mrs. Fuchser reviewed Young Alumni events for Fall 2025 and success of getting to know students. She gave an overview of the Fall 2025 Alumni Reunion with 17 registered alumni. She received good feedback and all seemed to enjoy the event, just need to work on the timeline. She announced an upcoming Alumni Experience with the Radiography program on Nov. 14; this will be the second annual event and allow alumni to come and share with current students.

Mrs. Fuchser shared that HCA Florida Highlands Hospital is attending a Panther Partner Lunch and Tour this week and Trussworks, a company from Hardee, will be coming at the end of the month for a lunch and tour. We hope to continue these relationships and partnerships for the college and the foundation.

Mrs. Fuchser gave an update on the SFSC Gives Back program covering all 3 counties with 7 volunteers days in the fall and 7-8 scheduled for the spring.

She shared the holiday events are coming up, invitations are going out the end of the month, and reservations are already coming in. Mrs. Fuchser invited all board members to join in on these events as well as encourage others to participate. Mrs. Fuchser reminded the Board about the upcoming Giving Tuesday event encouraging their support of sharing the message as well as End of Year Giving Campaign.

She shared that she has given all our Annual Sponsors for 2025 a fall Basket of Gratitude and Goodies as a small token of our big appreciation for their support. Many of the sponsors have committed and/or shown interest in being a sponsor again for 2026. Mrs. Fuchser is working on the 2026 Annual Sponsor Packets to send out. She encouraged the Board to share any business or individuals they know that might be interested in being an Annual Sponsor.

#### **VII. TIME FOR DIRECTORS**

Mr. Hall asked the Executive Committee if they had any questions, comments, or concerns.

Mr. Donaldson asked about the retail space at the Hotel Jacaranda. Mrs. Dabolt confirmed the last space was working through their lease and moving along. She also shared that the Hut will no longer be a tenant as of October 31, 2025, however, a new tenant will start on November 1, 2025.

#### **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further discussion, Mr. Hall adjourned the meeting at 12:42 p.m. Mr. Donaldson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Barber.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Julie Barber*

Board Treasurer