

**SOUTH FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE FOUNDATION, INC.
SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 10, 2026
ZOOM**

Members Present:

Mrs. Julie Barber	Dr. Amy Bennett	Mr. Fred Hawkins
Mr. Parker Hall	Mr. Devon Donaldson	

Excused:

Dr. George Mousa	Mrs. Cheryl Brown	
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Others Present:

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

At 12:02 p.m., Mr. Hall, President, called to order the meeting of the South Florida State College Foundation. Mr. Donaldson made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Barber, to adopt the agenda of the regular meeting of February 10, 2026. The motion passed unanimously.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No corrections to the minutes were proposed; Mr. Hall, as President of the Foundation, deems the minutes approved.

III. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Mrs. Hutzelman reviewed the Investment Report through December 31, 2025. Mrs. Dabolt reviewed the Gift Summary report from October 1, 2025, through January 31, 2026. There were no questions or concerns. Dr. Bennett made a motion, seconded by Mr. Donaldson, to approve the Financial Reports as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Mr. Hawkins asked the Executive Committee for direction on the Jacaranda Restaurant. He recommended seeking bids from a private business to take over the restaurant space. After further discussion, Mr. Elliott shared a few options for consideration, such as the Foundation could stop subleasing the restaurant to the College, the Foundation could take the restaurant over and search for a tenant, or the College could continue subleasing the restaurant and search for a tenant. Ms. Barber requested a three-year review of the Hotel and Jacaranda Restaurant's profit and loss.

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Mr. Hall moved to have Mr. Elliott and Mr. Hawkins explore options for the Jacaranda Restaurant now, rather than waiting for the March meeting. Dr. Bennett made a motion, seconded by Ms. Barber, to accept the motion as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

At the District Board of Trustees meeting on January 28, the professional services agreement between the Foundation and The Griffin Group, our lobbyist, was approved. The contract remains the same as last year. Mr. Hawkins asked for a motion to accept this contract for the upcoming year through December 31, 2026. Mr. Donaldson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bennett, to approve the contract as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

V. FOUNDATION UPDATES

a. Mrs. Dabolt reviewed the master calendar and invited the Board to attend the Learning and Legacy Gala on Friday, April 17.

b. Mrs. Dabolt shared that the HVAC project is still scheduled to begin after the student residents move out of the dorms in May. She shared a few maintenance updates on the Hotel Jacaranda, replacing a fence on the property, a security camera, and a fire system control panel. There was recently a leak in the old Sweet Water Coffee Shop from an upstairs radiator, but maintenance has already taken care of it. Mrs. Dabolt is working with a new tenant for the space now that it is vacant.

c. Mrs. Dabolt shared that there are no new updates at this time. Mr. Elliott is working on scheduling meetings to begin master planning for the College.

VI. ALUMNI RELATIONS AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH

a. Mrs. Fuchser shared that the Foundation is working on the spring newsletter, which will be finalized at the end of the month and mailed out in March.

b. Mrs. Fuchser gave a recap of the 9th Annual Million Dollar Hole-in-One Golf Shootout that was held on January 15-17. She announced that we had the highest sponsorship sales that we have had in years, with a total of \$9,774. The daily sales combined for all three days were \$5,190, and expenses were \$4,552.11, so the overall profit for the event was \$10,461.

The Foundation has begun planning for the Boots and Bling, the 2nd Annual Learning and Legacy Gala on April 17. Mrs. Fuchser announced that Bernie Little Distributors is donating the beer for the event; however, we are looking for someone to sponsor

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the wine. Invitations will be going out soon, and sponsorships and ticket sales are ready to go live on our website on February 19.

c. Mrs. Fuchser is working on the student scholarship campaign. She will be reaching out to students who received a scholarship this spring and taking their photo to share on social media and at Foundation events.

As for Young Alumni, Mrs. Fuchser has scheduled monthly meetups with students on the Highlands campus on February 17 and April 7. She will meet with students on the DeSoto and Hardee campuses on March 3 and April 15.

Mrs. Fuchser has scheduled three Alumni Speaker presentations for this spring: Dental Assistant will be held on March 5, Dental Hygiene on April 10, and Elementary Education on May 11. She has also scheduled an Alumni Spring Reunion on April 11 during the baseball and softball games. She will have more details at the next Board meeting in March.

Mrs. Fuchser announced that the Foundation has added a new annual sponsor for 2026, Citrus Dental. We have 13 sponsors this year for a total of \$82,500, which is \$22,500 more than last year. Since Mrs. Fuchser began focusing on increasing annual sponsors, the Foundation is up by 6 sponsors for a total of \$60,000.

VII. TIME FOR DIRECTORS

Mr. Hall shared that he would like to revisit the decision on changing the Million Dollar Hole-in-One Golf Shootout to a Golf Tournament next year.

Mr. Hall asked if there were any questions, comments, or concerns. There were none.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Bennett made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Barber, to adjourn the meeting at 1:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mr. Parker Hall

Board President