

**SOUTH FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE FOUNDATION, INC.
 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
 BOARD ROOM, SFSC HIGHLANDS CAMPUS
 MARCH 10, 2026**

Members Present:

Mr. Parker Hall	Ms. Julie Barber	Mrs. Heather Beato
Dr. George Mousa	Dr. Amy Bennett	Mrs. Lisa Jarrett
Mr. Fred Hawkins	Dr. Catherine Cornelius	

Excused:

Mrs. Cheryl Brown	Mr. Jacob Cook	Mr. Devon Donaldson
Mrs. Sarah Evers	Mr. Chris Campbell	

Others Present:

Mrs. Emily W. Dabolt	Mrs. Anastasia Fuchser	Mrs. Taylor Buenerkemper
Mr. Peter Elliott	Dr. Michele Heston	Mr. Bob Swaine
Mrs. Mary Hutzelman	Dr. Joseph Velenovsky	Dr. Cheryl John
Mrs. Patricia Sassin		

I. CALL TO ORDER

At 5:33 p.m., Mr. Hall, President, called to order the meeting of the South Florida State College Foundation. Dr. Cornelius made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Beato, to adopt the agenda of the regular meeting of March 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 Consolidated Balance Sheet, Investment Report, and the Statement of Activities through December 31, 2025. Mrs. Dabolt reviewed the Gift Summary Report from January 1, 2026, through February 28, 2026. There were no questions or concerns. Dr. Cornelius made a motion, seconded by Ms. Barber, to approve the Financial Reports as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. WARRANT LIST

Ms. Barber reviewed the Warrant List from December 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025. There were no questions or concerns. Dr. Bennett made a motion, seconded by Dr. Cornelius, to approve the Warrant List as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

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V. PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Mr. Hawkins shared the Foundation's current profit and loss statement on the Hotel Jacaranda and the College's profit and loss statement on the Jacaranda restaurant. He will be meeting with the District Board of Trustees, and he will share their decision on the Jacaranda restaurant at the next Board meeting on May 5.

VI. ENDOWED TEACHING CHAIR PRESENTATIONS

Mrs. Dabolt introduced the new 2026-28 Endowed Teaching Chair recipients as follows: Dr. Cheryl John, Carol Emery Endowed Chair in Mathematics; Patricia Sassin, Highlands County Health Facilities Authority Endowed Chair for Nursing Education; Joseph Velenovsky, Norm and Laurie Stephens Endowed Teaching Chair. The recipients presented their projects and plans for the funding to the Board.

VII. FOUNDATION UPDATES

- a. Mrs. Dabolt reviewed the master calendar. She invited the Board to attend the Boots and Bling, Learning and Legacy Gala on April 17.
- b. Mrs. Dabolt announced that we will be electing new officers on May 5. She shared the responsibilities of the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.
- c. Mrs. Hutzelman and Mr. Elliott shared financial information regarding the Jacaranda Restaurant. This conversation is in response to questions raised at our last Executive Committee meeting concerning the restaurant's closure.
- d. Mrs. Dabolt shared that there are no updates regarding the student resident facility until master planning takes place on the College side.

Dr. Bennett recommended looking into a Public-Private Partnership to build the student resident facility on campus.

- e. Mrs. Dabolt asked the Board for approval of the MOFAC Fund Criteria. This fund has been in existence for many years, but it was established without clearly defined criteria for its use. She shared with the Board on the allowable uses of the MOFAC funds going forward. Dr. Cornelius made a motion, seconded by Ms. Barber, to accept the MOFAC Fund Criteria as presented.

VIII. ALUMNI RELATIONS AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Mrs. Fuchser shared the student spotlight of the month, Jasiris, who is the recipient of the Zenon C.R. Hansen Memorial Scholarship. Jasiris wants to use her love for art to help others as a therapist.

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Mrs. Fuchser provided an update on the Boots and Bling, Learning and Legacy Gala. The Foundation has received 3 sponsorships totaling \$1,250 and in-kind sponsorships for the beer and wine. We have sold 93 tickets and have received 22 silent auction items valued at over \$8,029. We will have interactive student stations featuring the Culinary Arts, Undergraduate Research, Fire Science/EMS, and the Dental Education programs. There will also be line dancing for guests to enjoy.

Mrs. Fuchser invited the Board to attend the Spring Alumni Reunion on April 11. The event will be held during the softball and baseball doubleheader game. She thanked Publix for donating food for the event and the Sebring Chamber of Commerce for donating tasting cards to the Sebring Soda festival.

On March 5, Mrs. Fuchser hosted an alumni speaker presentation with the Dental Assistant program, and 5 alumni attended and shared their experience in the program. She has two more scheduled with the Dental Hygiene program on April 10 and the Elementary Education program on May 11.

As for Young Alumni, she is meeting with students on the Highlands campus on April 7, then she will be on the Hardee and Desoto campuses on April 15.

Mrs. Fuchser announced the Foundation has received another annual sponsorship, Citrus Dental, for a total of \$82,500 for 2026. This has increased from last year by \$22,500.

IX. TIME FOR DIRECTORS

Mr. Hall asked the Board if they had any questions, comments, or concerns. There were none.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, Ms. Barber made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bennett, to adjourn the meeting at 6:51 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dr. George Mousa
Board Secretary