



EXHIBIT "D"

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Item 5.2.3

PRESENT TO BOARD: MAY 27, 2026

TO: SOUTH FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE
DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

FROM: FRED HAWKINS 

SUBJECT: LEADERSHIP COMMITMENT LETTER – RURAL HEALTH TRANSFORMATION PROGRAM

Affirm the District Board of Trustee’s (DBOT) support for the *Rural Care Connect: Creating Sustainable Healthcare Pathways in Rural Florida* initiative, submitted under the Agency for Health Care Administration’s Rural Health Transformation Program, Workforce Pathway 2. The DBOT has reviewed and formally endorsed SFSC's participation in this initiative, recognizing it as a direct expression of the College’s governance mission to advance educational access, economic mobility, and community health in rural Florida.

The DBOT will formally commit to authorizing institutional budget allocations and administrative authority for the President to deploy the personnel, facilities, and technology required to implement the proposed career model detailed in the Rural Care Connect proposal. The Board of Trustees will stand firmly behind Rural Care Connect as a flagship community investment.

SUGGESTED MOTION:
Move to affirm the District Board of Trustees letter of commitment for the Rural Care Connect: Creating Sustainable Healthcare Pathways in Rural Florida initiative as presented.



May 27, 2026

Florida Agency for Health Care Administration
Rural Health Transformation Program
2727 Mahan Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32308

Dear RHTP Review Committee:

RE: Board of Trustees Commitment to the *Rural Care Connect: Creating Sustainable Health Care Pathways in Rural Florida* Initiative

On behalf of the South Florida State College (SFSC) Board of Trustees, I am pleased to affirm the Board's support for the *Rural Care Connect: Creating Sustainable Health Care Pathways in Rural Florida* initiative, submitted under the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration's Rural Health Transformation Program, Workforce Pathway 2. During the May 27, 2026, District Board of Trustees meeting, the Board formally endorsed SFSC's participation in this initiative, recognizing it as a direct expression of our governance mission to advance educational access, economic mobility, and community health in rural Florida.

The Board formally commits to authorizing institutional budget allocations and administrative authority for the President to deploy the personnel, facilities, and technology required to implement the proposed career model detailed in the *Rural Care Connect* proposal. The Board of Trustees stands firmly behind *Rural Care Connect* as a flagship community investment and looks forward to the long-term workforce outcomes it will generate for rural Floridians.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John Eason", is written over a circular blue stamp or seal.

Mr. John Eason
Vice Chair, Board of Trustees
South Florida State College