SOUTH FLORIDA State College

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

EXHIBIT "H"

Item 8.1

PRESENT TO BOARD: AUGUST 26, 2026

TO: SOUTH FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE
DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

FROM: FRED HAWKINS

SUBJECT: SFSC MISSION STATEMENT AFFIRMATION

According to The Principles of Accreditation set forth by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC), Section 4: Governing Board, the "governing board ensures the regular review of the institution's mission" (p.13). Section 2: Mission, requires the College to have "a clearly defined, comprehensive and published mission specific to the institution and appropriate for higher education. The mission addresses teaching and learning and, where applicable, research and public service" (p.11).

SUGGESTED MOTION:

Move to affirm the South Florida State College Mission Statement as presented.

Mission Statement

The function of our organization

South Florida State College is an open-access, higher education institution dedicated to providing a learning-centered environment through quality programs, training, and services. Working in partnership with organizations and communities, the college provides leadership and a comprehensive range of opportunities for the educational, cultural, and economic development of the service district.

The college assists the people of its service district DeSoto, Hardee, and Highlands counties regardless of economic, social, or educational background to achieve success in:

- completing an associate degree in preparation for pursuing a baccalaureate or other professional degree or credential;
- completing a baccalaureate degree, associate degree, or certificate related to career and technical preparation to enter the workforce or to improve career circumstances;
- completing college preparatory programs of study including those leading to the high school diploma;
- obtaining basic skills in literacy, numeracy, and citizenship to prosper as a contributing member of society;
- gaining personal, cultural, and global awareness, appreciation, and understanding needed in a complex contemporary society;
- pursuing advanced academic preparation and credentials available through partnerships with colleges and universities; and
- participating in the social, cultural, environmental, and economic development of the communities served by the college.

We believe in the worth of each of our students and, through all of our educational programs and services, we seek to develop human potential and to create brighter futures.