

FSUS CHARTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES

Meeting

Tuesday, March 18, 2025, 3:30 PM

FSUS STEAM Innovation Room

Members Present

Darryl Marshall, Chair; J Dr. Rosezetta Bobo; Jimmy Cole; Dr. Jimmie Davis; Amanda Grace; Gillian Gregory; Dr. Toby Park-Gaghan; Katie Perkins

Members Absent

Dr. Brandon Bowden; Carlos Villa, Vice Chair

Ex Officio Members Present

Dr. Christopher Small, Interim Executive Director; Samantha Nelson, Faculty Representative; Camille Neff, Student Representative

Staff and Guests Present

Dr. Damon Andrew, Dean, FSU CEHHS; Megan Brink, Principal; Monica Broome, ESE Director; Opal McKinney-Williams, Board Counsel; Robert Prater, IT Director; Brad Rohrer, Chief Financial Officer, FSUS; Pock'o Vause, Assistant Director, Campus Operations; Kate Wasson, Board Clerk; Suzanne Wilkenson, Principal

Call to Order and Approval of Agenda

Chair Marshall called the meeting to order at 3:34 PM. Item XIII.a. was amended to replace Article 4 with Article 5. Dr. Bobo moved the approval of the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Ms. Perkins and passed without objection.

Student Report

Ms. Neff reported the annual carnival had been very successful and included the addition of several new booths. She also reported SGA applications were due at the week's end, and in-class elections would be held Friday.

Athletic Spotlight

The board recognized State qualifiers, the Player of the Year, Specialist of the Year, Coach of the Year, and signees from the Class of 2025. A second signing day will be held in April.

Teacher Report

Ms. Nelson offered the following updates:

- Middle School Academic Dean Lisa Kelly has developed a middle school transition plan for all 5th graders.

- Faculty participated in the International Association of Lab Schools conference over Spring Break.
- Performing arts students traveled to Chicago over Spring Break. Additional trips to Disney and Busch Gardens were planned for Chorus.
- Faculty had worked with LSI at FSU to develop a Star practice platform for standardized tests.
- The Key Club will host a school clean-up day as an opportunity for club members to earn service hours.

Approval of Minutes

Dr. Bobo moved approval of the minutes from the 2/18/25 workshop. The motion was seconded by Ms. Gregory and passed without objection. Dr. Bobo moved approval of the minutes from the 2/18/25 meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Perkins and passed without objection.

Consent Agenda

Ms. Gregory moved approval of the following consent agenda items:

- District ELL Plan
- Aramark Renewal for Food Services
- Florida Inventory of School Houses (FISH) Certification
- Administrative Discretionary Increases
- Cafeteria Roof Replacement Final Budget Approval

The motion was seconded by Dr. Bobo and passed without objection.

Action Items

Dr. Bobo moved the tentative approval of Policy 7.70, Procurement and Purchasing. The motion was seconded by Ms. Gregory and passed without objection.

Ms. Perkins moved the final adoption of Policy 2.11, Evaluation of Director. The motion was seconded by Dr. Bobo and passed without objection.

Ms. Gregory moved the final adoption of Policy 4.71, Participation of Home Education, Private School, and Virtual School Students in Extracurricular Activities. The motion was seconded by Dr. Bobo and passed without objection.

Dr. Bobo moved the final adoption of Policy 5.91, Controlled Open Enrollment Relating to Non-traditional Students. The motion was seconded by Dr. Davis and passed without objection.

Ms. Gregory moved the final adoption of Policy 6.21, District Certificates. The motion was seconded by Dr. Bobo and passed without objection.

Dr. Davis moved the final adoption of Policy 6.22, Teaching Out-of-field. The motion was seconded by Dr. Bobo and passed without objection.

Dr. Bobo moved approval of the Director's evaluation tool. The motion was seconded by Ms. Gregory and passed without objection.

Informational Items

Dr. Small offered the following updates:

- The school's bond assurances had been filed.
- DOE had completed the Best Practices for Inclusive Education review for FSUS.
- The board's attorney had completed and filed the SunBiz Registered Agent annual report.
- The insurance claim on the damaged column had been denied, as the inspector had determined the damage was not due to the hurricanes. FSU facilities is confirming the findings.
- The football stadium improvement project's punch list had been completed. A vendor had been selected to add sod around the track.
- DOE plan approvals for the Athletic Coaching, Gifted, and ESOL endorsements had been submitted.

Finance Update

Mr. Rohrer presented a tentative budget for FY 25-26. A final budget will be presented to the board after FEFP calculations are received from the state. Ms. Perkins asked if the student activity fee would remain flat for the next school year. Dr. Small explained the reserve from Covid had been depleted, and options for changes to the fee would be presented to the board in April.

Capital Improvement Update

Mr. Vause reported he had met with FSU facilities to begin the baseball stadium project. The damaged backstop net had been replaced. The reroof of Building Nine will begin the first week of June. Improvements to the playground to install a safe fall zone and replace the wood mulch with rubber mulch should be completed by the summer. The stage curtain has been ordered from Mainstage and will arrive in six weeks. Concrete work will be done over Spring Break.

Attorney's Business

Ms. McKinney-Williams reported she had reviewed the St. Joe land use agreement with FSU General Counsel and the Dean. FSU is not a listed party on the agreement, and the board is unable to satisfy many of the agreement's conditions without FSU. The agreement will likely terminate if FSU is unable to renegotiate the agreement with St. Joe. There are no explicit penalties for termination.

Director's Business

Dr. Small reported April's board workshop would focus on enrollment numbers as specified in the Charter.

Dr. Small reported the school had received Live Healthy initiative funding. Funding will be used to partner with FSU, TSC, and Lively for seating in their programs and to provide field experience for students.

Dr. Small reported he had been tracking legislative actions this session. Dean Andrew indicated the CEHHS also tracked issues relative to K-12 and offered to share their weekly report with the board. Mr. Cole suggested Dr. Small invite FSU's legislative affairs team to a future meeting.

Dr. Small reported the collective bargaining agreement had been finalized. Faculty will receive their retroactive pay increases in their next paychecks.

Dr. Small indicated there was not a requirement to stream or record the board meetings and noted the recordings were rarely accessed. Dr. Bobo moved the board workshops and meetings no longer be streamed or recorded. The motion was seconded by Ms. Grace and passed without objection.

Nominating Committee Appointment

Chair Marshall reported Dr. Park-Gaghan had agreed to chair the Board Nominating Committee. He asked Ms. Grace, Ms. Perkins, Ms. Wilkinson and Ms. Cobert to serve with Dr. Park-Gaghan. Ms. Gregory moved the establishment of the Board Nominating Committee as proposed. The motion was seconded by Dr. Davis and passed without objection.

Other Business

Dr. Davis reported the Health and Wellness Committee had met on 1/16/25. They will be discussing a potential partnership with the Crisis Helpline.

Dean Andrew reported the CEHHS' strategic plan was nearing completion.

Adjournment

With no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:06PM.