

# **FSUS CHARTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES**

**Retreat**

**Monday, June 23, 2025, 9:30 AM**

**FSUS Media Center**

Members Present: Darryl Marshall, Chair; Jimmy Cole; Dr. Rosezetta Bobo; Dr. Jimmie Davis; Amanda Grace; Dr. Toby Park-Gaghan; Katie Perkins

Members Absent: Dr. Brandon Bowden; Doug Cook; Jenn Garye

Ex Officio Members Present: Dr. Christopher Small, Executive Director

Staff and Guests Present: Undra Baldwin, Chief Audit Officer, FSU; Monica Broome, ESE Director; Dr. Megan Crombie, Director of Research, Data and Learning; Opal McKinney-Williams, Board Counsel; Sean Pittman, Pittman Law Group; Robert Prater, IT Director; Pock'o Vause, Assistant Director, Campus Operations; Kate Wasson, Board Clerk; Suzanne Wilkenson, Principal

## Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Marshall called the retreat to order at 9:30 AM and led the board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## Attorney Presentation

Ms. McKinney-Williams provided a presentation on the roles of the board, including statutory obligations, policy and charter obligations, and meeting requirements. She also discussed the differences between the board and director's responsibilities, and provided an overview of the Sunshine Law.

## FSU Office of Audit and Advisory Services Presentation

Undra Baldwin, FSU's Chief Audit Officer, provided an update on the current FSUS audit for the period 1/1/21 – 9/30/23. Phase 1, which includes external bank accounts, p-card transactions, contracts, Charter compliance, and compliance with statutes and FLDOE Redbook, is nearing completion. One finding remains open, two are partially remediated, and all others have been remediated. Phase 2 will include HR, payroll, grants, and land acquisitions.

## Legislative Updates

Dr. Small provided updates on the following bills:

- SB 296, School Start Times: districts may file for exemptions.
- SB356, Holocaust Remembrance Day: to be recognized on January 27<sup>th</sup> of each year.
- HB443, Education: allows use of discretionary capital improvement funds by lab schools for purchases, lease-purchases, leases of property, facilitates, insurance, vehicles, computer/hardware equipment, and systems related to state reporting operating systems.
- HB 549, Gulf of America: all references to the Gulf of Mexico must be changed to Gulf of America in geographic materials.
- SB 1070, Electrocardiograms for student athletes: requires EKG screening for new athletes.
- SB 1105, Education: authorizes warrantless arrests for trespassing on school grounds or school buses; adjusts PE requirements to allow for 2 years of marching band to count; eliminates certificate of completion; adds AP Capstone designation; adds Gold Seal Vocational and CAPE scholars; and outlines student cell phone use restrictions.
- HB 1255, Education: expands notification and academic support for students with math deficiencies, and expands bright futures eligibility.

#### District Performance Update and Draft Goals

Dr. Crombie, Ms. Broome, and Ms. Wilkinson provided the following updates:

- 24-25 Achievement Data Highlights
  - Reading and math scores for grades 3-10 are trending positively since 2023.
  - Middle School math scores for grades 6-8 were 90% or higher.
  - All 89 Middle School students who took the High School biology EOC passed the exam.
  - AP exam participation increased from 507 – 608.
  - Pass-rates increased for students with disabilities by 6%. A quarter of those achieved levels 4 or 5.
  - 2 students earned their CNAs with a 100% pass-rate.
  - 59 students passed Culinary 1; 25 passed Culinary 2.
  - 18 students earned their Adobe Visual Design certifications.
  - 18 students participated in the pilot Introduction to Teaching course.
  - Improvements were made in positive behaviors/incentives. Students in grades 6-12 earned 12,383 positive badges from teachers and staff.
  - Research partnerships, teacher-led research and collaboration across laboratory schools increased.

- FSUS' Elementary math acceleration program research earned the Little Red Schoolhouse award at the FASA conference.
- 25-26 Goals
  - Increase reading scores by 3%.
  - Increase math scores by 3%.
  - Close the gap for students with disabilities.
  - Increase STEM opportunities and pathways for students.
  - Expand career and tech-ed opportunities.
  - Increase advanced placement enrollment and scores by 3%.
  - Increase research opportunities.
  - Support engaging and positive school climate.

### Capital Improvement and Facilities Updates

Mr. Vause provided an update on scheduled capital improvement and facilities updates. The fencing around the PE practice field and the replacement of the cafeteria tables have been completed. The STEAM stage curtain, the Fall Safe playground installation, safety work on the track, replacement of shingles on Building 9, gutter replacement, and the gym lobby should be completed by the end of the summer. The LED lighting updates are projected to be completed by June, 2026. The baseball and softball renovations, including concessions and restrooms, are projected to begin in May, 2026.

### Bylaws

Ms. Perkins reported the Bylaws Committee met weekly for a month with board counsel to review the current bylaws. Proposed substantive changes included:

- Defined board composition as between 5 and 11 voting members.
- Added a reference to the policy on board travel.
- Added a reference to the requirement for a Level 2 background check for members.
- Added a prohibition of employees or spouses of employees from applying for the parent or community representative positions.
- Specifies no more than 6 members of the board may be full-time employees of FSU.
- Changed the Annual Meeting date to June or July.
- Authorized the Chair to appoint members to serve on each standing committee.
- Specifies the board Treasurer should be a university representative employed by F&A.
- Added the Policy Committee to the list of standing committees.
- Requires board liability insurance of at least \$1,000,000.

School Board Vision Plan

Discussion on the School Board Vision Plan was deferred.

Adjournment

With no additional business, the retreat was adjourned at 3:08 PM.