

**FSUS CHARTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MINUTES**

**Meeting**

**Tuesday, August 19, 2025, 3:30 PM**

**FSUS STEAM Exhibition Room**

Members Present: Darryl Marshall, Chair; Dr. Rosezetta Bobo, Vice Chair; Dr. Brandon Bowden; Jimmy Cole; Doug Cook; Jenn Garye; Amanda Grace; Dr. Toby Park-Gaghan; Katie Perkins

Members Absent: Dr. Jimmie Davis

Ex Officio Members Present: Dr. Christopher Small, Executive Director; Camille Neff, Student Representative; Lauren Mixon, Teacher Representative

Staff and Guests Present: Megan Brink, Principal; Monica Broome, ESE Director; Dr. Megan Crombie, Director of Research, Data and Learning; Kevin Helms, High School Dean of Discipline and School Safety Specialist; Opal McKinney-Williams, Board Counsel; Anthony Robinson, Athletics Director; Brad Rohrer, Chief Financial Officer; Pock'o Vause, Assistant Director, Campus Operations; Kate Wasson, Board Clerk

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Marshall called the meeting to order at 3:31 PM and led the board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

Dr. Bobo moved the approval of the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Bowden and passed without objection.

Visitors and Public Discussion

Chair Marshall entered a letter of thanks from past Chair Carlos Villa into the record.

Student Report

Ms. Neff offered the following updates:

- Students gathered on the first day of school to participate in the Senior Sunrise tradition.
- The homecoming game is scheduled for Friday, 9/19/25; the dance will be held the following evening.
- Fundraising for the Be Bold Go Gold program supporting the Ripley Project will kickoff in September. The project benefits pediatric cancer research.

### Teacher Report

Ms. Mixon reported FAST progress monitoring for reading and math had begun. She also reported there were numerous K-12 research projects scheduled for the school year, many partnering with FSU.

### Approval of Minutes

Dr. Bobo moved the approval of the 6/24/25 Retreat minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Perkins and passed without objection. Dr. Bobo moved approval of the 6/25/25 Meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Grace and passed without objection. Dr. Bowden moved approval of the 6/28/25 Special Call Meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Dr. Bobo and passed without objection.

### Action on Consent Agenda

Dr. Bowden moved approval of the following Consent Agenda items:

- HR Personnel Action Appointments
- 2025-26 Testing Calendars

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

### Action Items

Ms. Garye moved the tentative approval of Policy 3.40, Safe and Secure Schools. The motion was seconded by Ms. Grace and passed without objection.

Ms. Grace moved the tentative approval of Policy 5.32, Zero Tolerance for School Related Crimes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Perkins and passed without objection.

Dr. Bobo moved the tentative approval of Policy 6.21, District Certification. The motion was seconded by Dr. Bowden and passed without objection.

Dr. Bowden moved the tentative approval of Policy 3.53, Branding. The motion was seconded by Dr. Bobo and passed without objection.

Dr. Bowden moved approval of the revised 2025-26 Code of Student Conduct. The motion was seconded by Dr. Bobo and passed without objection.

Dr. Bowden moved approval of the 2025-26 Student Progression Plan. The motion was seconded by Dr. Bobo and passed without objection.

Dr. Bobo moved approval of the School Security Risk Assessment. The motion was seconded by Dr. Bowden and passed without objection.

### Informational Items

Dr. Small reported summer safety tests had concluded satisfactorily. One test will be reconducted in December. Safety plans and procedures, to include after-hours and athletic events will be distributed to parents.

Dr. Small reported the ELL plan had been approved and the school was up to code. The LEA designation was also approved. CCEIS had been completed with no findings of non-compliance. All board members have met their annual training requirement.

#### Financial Update

Mr. Rohrer reported there was no budget update this month due to the start of the school year. Reports will be presented in September.

#### Data and Research Update

Dr. Crombie reported K-12 teachers are working on individual and collaborative research projects. The school is partnering with FSU on ways teachers can use AI in the classroom. Strategies involving AI will be developed in the Fall and implemented in Spring. Additional research included a math resiliency project and several ongoing projects with FCRR.

#### Athletics Update

Coach Robinson reported he had met with every Fall team to review an emergency action plan for sporting events. They also discussed protocols for away events, active assailants, active commotion, and weather. The safety plan will be placed in every concession stand and PA station.

Additional updates included:

- All students, including home-schooled athletes, are now required to be medically cleared to perform prior to tryouts.
- Hall of Fame planning has begun, with the ceremony tentatively planned for January. The event will recognize both the third Hall of Fame class, as well as the second, whose ceremony was delayed due to COVID.
- The FSU Film school has asked to cast 10 football players in a student project.
- FSUS will have one Flag Football athlete recognized in October by the TMH Foundation for Type 1 Diabetes achievement.

#### Attorney's Business

Ms. McKinney-Williams informed the board they will need to complete their annual conflict of interest acknowledgement. Ms. Wasson will distribute the form via DocuSign.

#### Director's Business

Dr. Small offered the following updates:

- Faculty was excited to receive the refreshments provided by the board at the end of the first week of school.

- Enrollment is at 1826, under the projected amount of 1840. Administration is working to fill those slots, most of which are at the high school level.
- The attendance rate for the first week of school was 98%. Efforts are being made to ensure students are on campus for the first FTE survey conducted the week of 10/6/25.
- Elementary's open house is scheduled for 8/26/25; Secondary's will be held 8/28/25.
- Picture day will be held 9/2/25 and 9/3/25. Board members are welcome to come to update their headshots if needed.
- Take Your Child to School Day is scheduled for 9/25/25. The PTSA will be hosting a breakfast.
- The Department of Juvenile Justice is allotting \$500 to start a chapter of All-pro Dads on campus.
- The PTSA meeting is scheduled for 8/28/26.
- An updated calendar for school year 2026-2027 is being created to comply with the newly legislated school start times. Requirements may be bypassed by K-12 schools if needed.
- FSUS met with the FSU Foundation this summer to discuss additional revenue generation. Members are needed to serve on an FSUS Foundation committee.
- CAP Grant funding of \$450,000 over three years had been received.
- Multiple lightning strikes on campus have impacted infrastructure. At least \$10,000 in damage must be documented prior to filing an insurance claim.
- Work on the new playground is underway and should be completed within a week.

### Announcements

Chair Marshall welcomed new members Mr. Cook and Ms. Garye to their first in-person meeting.

Mr. Cole reported FSU is hosting Discovery Days the week of 8/20/25 to highlight research at FSU. He also reported the Ms. Seminole winner is an FSU student. Part of her duties will involve speaking engagements to bring awareness to the Tribe. He indicated he would work to bring her to the school.

### Other Business

Dr. Bobo moved Dr. Bowden serve as the board's PTSA representative. The motion was seconded by Ms. Grace and passed without objection.

Chair Marshall recommended the following appointments to the Policy Committee: Dr. Bobo (Chair), Mr. Cole, Ms. Grace, and Ms. Brink. Dr. Bowden moved the approval of the appointments. The motion was seconded by Ms. Perkins and passed without objection.

Chair Marshall recommended the following appointments to the Finance Committee: Ms. Perkins (Chair), Mr. Rohrer, Mr. Cook, and Dr. Park-Gaghan. Ms. Garye moved approval of the appointments. The motion was seconded by Dr. Bowden and passed without objection.

Chair Marshall recommended the following appointments to the Nominating Committee: Dr. Bobo (Chair), Dr. Bowden, Dr. Davis, Ms. Corbett, and Ms. Wilkinson. Mr. Cooke moved approval of the appointments. The motion was seconded by Ms. Grace and passed without objection.

Chair Marshall recommended Ms. Garye serve as the Research Representative. Dr. Bobo moved the approval of the appointment. The motion was seconded by Dr. Bowden and passed without objection.

Mr. Cole moved the dissolution of the prior year's research committee. The motion was seconded by Ms. Perkins and passed without objection.

#### Adjournment

With no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:54 PM.

August 18, 2025

Dear Members of the FSUS School Board,

I hope this message finds you well. As a former board member—and having had the honor of serving as chairman from 2021 to 2024—I want to extend my sincere gratitude for your continued dedication to Florida State University School.

Serving on the FSUS board for six years was a deeply meaningful experience, and I remain proud of the work we accomplished together. Now, as a parent of two FSUS students in 6th and 9th grade, I am looking forward to witnessing the continued positive impact of your leadership on our school community. The Board's commitment to excellence and tireless advocacy for our students and educators are truly appreciated. FSUS thrives because of your efforts, and I'm confident the school's future remains bright under your guidance.

To the school faculty, the deans, the teachers, and the administration, thank you so much for accepting me into your community. Working alongside you all was an honor. Every time I am on campus I can see the dedication and commitment to making FSUS the best school in America. Special thanks to Principals Brink and Wilkinson, and Dr. Small for their leadership. Thank you for all your hard work.

To the board, I want to send good vibes to the parent representatives, Dr. Bowden and Ms. Grace, as they continue to be the voice of the parents. I want to thank Chair Marshall for being the best vice chair I could have asked for, and for his leadership as the chairman that will lead the school into the future. Special thanks to treasurer Perkins (MCATDT!) for all the number work that I could never understand. To Dr. Park-Gaghan, I will miss your smiling face (and rainbow glasses) at each meeting. I want to remind Dr. Davis and Dr. Bobo to continue to ask all the questions, especially when it comes to the tough conversations that need to be had (even if it adds another 10-20 minutes to each meeting). Finally, I want to send well wishes to Mr. Cooke and Ms. Garye in their first year on the FSUS board, you will never find a more caring group of individuals than this board. Enjoy your work with them.

Thank you again for all that you do. Serving on this board was the honor of a lifetime. I wish you continued success in the year ahead and beyond.

Warm regards,



Former FSUS School Board Member (2019-2025) and Chairman (2021–2024)  
Parent of FSUS Students