

**FSUS CHARTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES**

Meeting

Tuesday, November 18, 2025, 3:30 PM

FSUS Auditorium

Members Present: Darryl Marshall, Chair; Dr. Brandon Bowden; Doug Cook; Dr. Jimmie Davis; Dr. Toby Park-Gaghan; Jenn Gayre; Amanda Grace

Members Absent:

Dr. Rosezetta Bobo, Vice Chair; Jimmy Cole; Katie Perkins

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

Staff and Guests Present: Megan Brink, Principal; Monica Broome, ESE Director; Opal McKinney-Williams, Board Counsel; Anthony Robinson, Athletics Director; Pock'o Vause, Assistant Director, Campus Operations; Kate Wasson, Board Clerk; Suzanne Wilkinson, Principal

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Marshall called the meeting to order at 3:35 PM and led the board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

Ms. Grace moved the approval of the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Gayre and passed without objection.

Student Recognition

Ms. Wilkinson recognized FSUS students who earned perfect scores on their 2025 FSA/EOC state assessments.

Teacher Report

Ms. Mixon offered the following updates:

- Progress monitoring is scheduled for 12/2/25 and 12/3/25.
- The Library reported elementary students have read nearly 800,000 minutes and checked out over 25,000 books this school year to-date.
- Grades 4 – 6 are preparing for the 4H public speaking competitions. Classroom competitions will be held the week after Thanksgiving, with the school-wide competition following on 12/12/25.

Special Programs Spotlight

Ms. Broome highlighted the work of the ESE team, which serves students with learning disabilities, behavior or emotional needs, sensory or emotional differences, ELL and gifted students.

Approval of Minutes

Dr. Bowden moved the approval of the 10/14/25 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Grace and passed without objection.

Consent Agenda

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

- 2024 Principal Evaluations
- Administrative Salary Increase Request
- October 2025 Survey 2 FTE Update
- FSUS-DOH Special Needs Shelter Agreement
- FSUS-FSU Student Internship Agreement
- FSUS CAN Program Affiliation Agreement
- Quarterly Procurement Report

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

Action Items

Dr. Bowden moved the approval of Policy 2.11, Orientation and Training of Board Members. The motion was seconded by Dr. Davis and passed without objection.

Ms. Grace moved the approval of Policy 2.50, School Board Participation in Activities. The motion was seconded by Dr. Bowden and passed without objection.

Dr. Bowden moved the approval of Policy 3.14, Suicide Prevention. The motion was seconded by Dr. Davis and passed without objection.

Dr. Bowden moved the approval of Policy 5.14, Homeless Education. The motion was seconded by Dr. Davis and passed without objection.

Ms. Grace moved the approval of Policy 5.62, Administration of Medication. The motion was seconded by Dr. Bowden and passed without objection.

Dr. Davis moved the approval of Policy 8.64, Bring Your Own Device. The motion was seconded by Dr. Bowden and passed without objection.

Ms. Gayre moved the tentative approval of Policy 2.18, Respect and Civility in School or District Offices. The motion was seconded by Dr. Davis and passed without objection.

Dr. Bowden moved the tentative approval of Policy 5.321, Bullying and Harassment. The motion was seconded by Ms. Grace and passed without objection.

Dr. Bowden moved the tentative approval of Policy 3.50, Public Information and Inspection of Records. The motion was seconded by Ms. Gayre and passed without objection.

Ms. Gayre moved the tentative approval of Policy 3.51, Copying of Public Records. The motion was seconded by Dr. Davis and passed without objection.

Informational Items

Dr. Small reported information had been distributed to families regarding food supply services in light of potential SNAP funding freezes. A survey conducted on needs for additional support resulted in responses from several individuals and organizations offering services.

Dr. Small reported DOE will no longer allow a Teacher of the Year and Employee of the Year to be submitted for each of FSU's lab schools. As a result, FSUS' winners will compete against the winners of the other lab schools. COE will select the final candidate to move forward for Statewide competition.

Dr. Small reported a series of informational sessions have been scheduled in an effort to engage parents throughout the year.

Dr. Small reported the school had engaged with Sogolytics/K-12 Insight to conduct a climate survey in an effort to gather data for future strategic planning efforts. The survey is scheduled to be distributed in March.

Financial Update

Dr. Small reported additional financial reports including internal accounts, as well as the most recent audit report, will be presented to the board in January.

Athletic Director's Update

Mr. Robinson provided the following updates:

- The football team has reached the regional semi-finals.
- Junior Peyton Johnson has committed to Mercer for golf, and finished one stroke behind in the State golf title game.
- The boys cross-country team have qualified for state finals.
- The swim and dive team has qualified for regionals.
- Volleyball concluded their season at the regional semifinals.
- The athletics department has completed its winter sports emergency action plans.

Attorney's Business

Ms. McKinney-Williams indicated she had no updates to report.

Director's Business

Dr. Small offered the following updates:

- DOE conducted an unannounced school safety audit on 11/5/25. There were no findings.
- State-allocated school recognition funds totaled \$200 Million in 24-25 and \$135 Million for 25-26. For FSUS, this amounted to a 45% decrease from \$255,000 to \$153,000 for our school-based allocation. Faculty is currently voting on the final distribution of funds for teacher bonuses.
- The Southwood HOA has selected and nominated a member to fill the Southwood seat on the school board. Kerry Drew will be joining the board in January.
- HB127 has been introduced to require mandatory cursive instruction for grades 2-5. HB173 has been introduced to expand parental rights, allowing them to review any questionnaires or surveys distributed to students in advance.
- 200 tickets have been sold for the upcoming Thanksgiving Feast.

Other Business

Chair Marshall reported the December school board meeting will be cancelled.

Adjournment

With no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:52 PM.