

FSUS CHARTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES

Meeting

Tuesday, November 18, 2025, 3:30 PM

FSUS STEAM Exhibition Room

Members Present: Darryl Marshall, Chair; Dr. Rosezetta Bobo, Vice Chair; Dr. Brandon Bowden; Jimmy Cole; Doug Cooke; Kerry Drew; Jenn Gayre; Amanda Grace; Katie Perkins

Members Absent:

Dr. Jimmie Davis; Toby Park-Gaghan

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

Staff and Guests Present: Megan Brink, Principal; Monica Broome, ESE Director; Dr. Megan Crombie, Director of Research, Data & Learning; 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; Suzanne Wilkinson, Principal

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Marshall called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM and led the board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

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

Student Report

Ms. Neff offered the following updates:

- SGA will be attending the final Division 1 meeting of the year at UWF. Two members are running for district position.
- Rebound Week will be held the last week of January. Activities include a teacher/student basketball game and a pep rally.
- SGA' Goodiegram fundraiser will begin in February.

Student Spotlight

AP Research students offered brief presentations on their full-year research projects.

Teacher Report

Ms. Mixon offered the following updates:

- Two 8th grade students were recognized as MLK Dreamers and Doers honorees.
- The Parent Night series continues with a family math night scheduled for 1/22/26.
- The PTSA has scheduled the Boosterthon fundraiser for 2/13/26.

Approval of Minutes

Dr. Bobo moved the approval of the 11/18/25 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Dr. Bowden and passed without objection.

Consent Agenda

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

- Fall 2025 HR Personnel Actions
- Quarterly Safety Inspection Memo

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

Action Items

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

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

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

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

Ms. Gayre moved the tentative approval of Policy 5.70, Student Records. The motion was seconded by Dr. Bobo and passed without objection.

Ms. Perkins moved the tentative repeal of Policy 5.71, Directory Information. The motion was seconded by Dr. Bobo and passed without objection.

Ms. Grace moved the tentative approval of Policy 5.711, Parental Access to Information. The motion was seconded by Ms. Gayre and passed without objection.

Dr. Bowden moved the tentative approval of Policy 5.10, Admissions. The motion was seconded by Ms. Grace and passed without objection.

Ms. Perkins moved the approval of the Independent Annual Fiscal Audit Report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cooke and passed without objection.

Dr. Bowden moved the approval of the Administrative Discretionary Salary Increase. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cole and passed without objection.

Land Donation Update

Ms. McKinney-Williams reported FSU Legal had reviewed the agreement between St. Joe and FSUS for the 17 acres of land adjacent to the school. It was determined the agreement had not been vetted by either the President's Office or FSU Legal prior to execution. FSU Legal has indicated it will be nearly impossible to fulfil the conditions of the agreement in the timeframe allotted, and there are too many fatal flaws in the agreement to modify it. Ms. McKinney-Williams recommended the board submit correspondence to St. Joe terminating the agreement due to the inability to fulfil the commitments, with the understanding the University will be open to discussing the land acquisition at a later date. Ms. Perkins moved the board grant authority to Chair Marshall to direct Ms. McKinney-Williams, in collaboration with FSU General Counsel, to draft correspondence ending the agreement to St. Joe for his signature, with the understanding conversation regarding the land parcel and seat expansion will continue. The motion was seconded by Dr. Bowden and passed without objection.

Informational Items

Dr. Small offered the following updates:

- The Perkins CTE Audit preliminary report had been received. There were no findings and the school is on-target with the goals and objectives.
- The school was awarded the Ancient Artifacts of Living Cells grant, which will provide FSUS with access to an electron microscope.
- FSUS employees voted to distribute the A+ Allocation funds equally between all faculty and staff based on FTE and employment status.
- Enrollment is currently at 1839. Current plans are to continue with the estimated enrollment cap of 1870 students that was approved by the university and the School Board last year for school year 26/27. Admissions lottery will kickoff at the end of February/beginning of March.
- Eight FSU interns will be joining FSUS for the spring semester.

Financial Update

Mr. Rohrer provided a mid-year financial update. He noted the lunchroom budget has an 11% gap in revenue vs. expenditures; a carry-forward balance will supplement that budget for the remainder of the year. The price increase Aramark is allowed to charge for the upcoming year is based on a federal index, and is unknown at this time. Any increases in FSUS' lunch prices should be identified by March/April.

The school's last debt service payment is scheduled for August, 2026. SIS and food service contracts are ending and will need to be rebid. A preliminary budget will be available for the board in April.

Research Committee Report

Ms. Crombie reported the school has earned five Project Spark grants totalling \$170,349. The project offers an incentive for researchers to work with K-12 teachers, and will include research in AI in mathematics, the CTE program, and literary support for older students.

Facilities and Capital Improvement Update

Mr. Vause reported completed improvements related to the CTE grant included: power poles and data in the Digital Media room; power poles and data, mobile storage cabinets, portable room dividers, and new worktables in the Commercial Media Production room; new sinks for the CNA; and new tables for Culinary.

Playground improvements are ongoing, including the replacement of the merry-go-cycles. Improvements for the baseball/softball fields are meeting all deadlines. The Gym lobby has been repainted and its new floor covering and color have been selected.

Board Committee Reports

Dr. Bowden reported the PTSA Walking School Bus scheduled for 1/15/26 had been canceled due to anticipated cold weather.

Attorney's Business

Ms. McKinney-Williams reported she had met with the Union and scheduled preliminary meeting dates to negotiate the full collective bargaining agreement.

Director's Business

Dr. Small reported families would be surveyed on school start times; a recommendation will be presented to the board in March.

FSUS has made the College Board's Gold Honor Roll. Only 7% of the schools in the country have achieved this status.

Adjournment

With no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:10 PM.