FSUS CHARTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES
Meeting
Tuesday, April 14, 2026, 3:30 PM
FSUS STEAM Auditorium

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

Members Absent: Jimmy Cole; Dr. Jimmie Davis

Ex Officio Members Present: Dr. Christopher Small, Executive Director; Garyn Washington, Student Representative; Lauren Mixon, Faculty Representative

Staff and Guests Present: Gabby Bowden, SGA; Megan Brink, Principal; Monica Broome, ESE Director; Dr. Megan Crombie, Director of Research, Data & Learning; Opal McKinney-Williams, Board Counsel; Brad Rohrer, Chief Financial Officer; Carrie Tollison, Assistant 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 3:30 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 Spotlight

Assistant Athletics Director Carrie Tollison recognized FSUS athletes for their academics, All-Big-Bend awards, Student-Athlete of the Month awards, and college commitments. The board congratulated the students on their achievements.

Student Report

Mr. Washington and Ms. Bowden provided the following updates:

- SGA has completed its review of new member applications and videos. Candidates for the limited number of spots were rated on inclusivity, involvement, and their potential for success in the class.
- Internal student council elections haven been held for all officers.

- As part of the Chic-fil-A Leadership Academy, SGA has established a new project to impact the community.   Mental Health week will take place April 20th and will include activities for all students in grades K-12.
- Concerns were related to the board regarding parking issues in the mornings contributing to high school students' tardies.
- Ms. Bowden was elected District 1 SGA Vice President and will begin collaborating with Leon SGA on hosting the District 1 meeting at the Capitol next year.

<u>Teacher Update</u>

Ms. Mixon reported K-12 collaboration efforts concluded the week prior, with positive results. State testing will begin in May. Awards season is now underway as the school year concludes.

<u>Approval of Minutes</u>

Ms. Grace moved the approval of the 3/14/26 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Garye and passed without objection.

<u>Approval of Consent Agenda</u>

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

- 2026 Certification of Facilities

The motion was seconded by Ms. Grace and passed without objection.

<u>Action Items</u>

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

Ms. Garye moved the final approval of Policy 5.80, Athletics. The motion was seconded by Dr. Bowden and passed without objection.

Ms. Grace moved the final approval of Policy 6.141, Employment of Athletics Coaches Who Are Not Full-time Employees of the School Board. The motion was seconded by Dr. Bowden and passed without objection.

Ms. Brink reported Policy 6.211, District Athletic Coaching Certificates, had been revised to increase the certificate's length of validity from 3 years to 5 to align with state law. Ms. McKinney-Williams indicated it was a technical change that did not require additional review prior to action. Ms. Garye moved the final approval of Policy 6.211, District Athletic Coaching Certificates. The motion was seconded by Dr. Bowden and passed without objection.

Ms. Perkins moved the final approval of Policy 7.80, Contract Management. The motion was seconded by Ms. Garye and passed without objection.

Dr. Bobo moved the approval of the FHSAA Facility Use Request. The motion was seconded by Ms. Grace and passed without objection.

Ms. Perkins moved the approval of the Michai Danzy Speed Training Camp Facility Use Request. The motion was seconded by Dr. Bowden and passed without objection.

Dr. Bobo moved the approval of the School Start Time Memorandum. The motion was seconded by Ms. Grace and passed without objection.

Mr. Rohrer presented the $18M preliminary 2026-27 budget, including $1M in carryforward FEFP. He explained a revised budget will be presented when full funding information is known. Dr. Bobo moved the approval of the 2026-27 Tentative School Year Budget. The motion was seconded by Mr. Drew and passed without objection.

Informational Items

Dr. Small reported the District Gifted Add-on Endorsement was approved by DOE through 2027.

Activity Fee Budget Report Update

Dr. Small reported all school families have been notified of upcoming activity fee increases. The fee will increase by $25 each year for the next four years.

Committee and Staff Reports

Chair Marshall indicated Mr. Davis needed to step-down from the Nominating Committee. He asked for a motion to replace Mr. Davis on the committee with Dr. Park-Gaghan. Dr. Bowden moved Mr. Davis be replaced on the Nominating Committee by Dr. Park-Gaghan. The motion was seconded by Ms. Grace and passed without objection.

Attorney's Business

Ms. McKinney-Williams reported the collective bargaining process was moving forward, with two additional meetings scheduled for April and May. She indicated work should be completed by summer.

Director's Business

Dr. Small provided the following updates:

- Portfolio items for the Director's evaluation will be distributed prior to the May meeting.
- Bids have been issued for the baseball and softball field improvements.
- The Foundation Committee will meet in May to plan an annual giving calendar for 2026-27.
- Over 200 entries were received for the alumni database. Plans are ongoing for a newsletter to be distributed over the summer spotlighting alumni.

Adjournment

With no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:40 PM.