

FSUS CHARTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES

Meeting

Tuesday, May 12, 2026, 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; Dr. Toby Park-Gaghan; Jenn Garye; Amanda Grace; Katie Perkins

Members Absent: Dr. Jimmie Davis

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

Staff and Guests Present: Megan Brink, Principal; Kevin Helms, 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; 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. Bobo moved the approval of the agenda with the removal of item IX (e), 2026-27 Tentative Budget Proposal. The motion was seconded by Dr. Bowden and passed without objection.

Student Spotlight

Career and Technical Education coordinator Ruth Bickel shared the following program highlights:

- 92% of CNA students passed their exam on the first try. 31 students have been accepted into the program for next year.
- 90% of Gaming and Simulation Level 2 students passed the Unity Programmer certification.
- 104 students enrolled in the Emergency Planning and Response course. 78% passed the FEMA ICS 100 certification.
- 109 students enrolled in the Commercial Art Technology course; final certification attempts begin next week.
- 6 Exercise Science students will complete the NASM exam. 15 students have enrolled for the following year.

- 70% of the Culinary Arts students passed Serv Safe certification. 91% passed the national restaurant certification. Students catered a total of 34 events this year.

Student Report

Ms. Mayernick, incoming student body president, provided the following updates:

- SGA held 3 staff focused events: Teacher Appreciation Week, Principals' Day, and Nurses Day.
- All 150 Seniors will walk at graduation. Seniors and Kindergartners will have their walkthrough Friday morning.
- AP testing is ongoing, with students reporting they were well prepared for the exams.

Teacher Update

Ms. Mixon provided the following updates:

- A reading night event is scheduled for 5/19 to allow students to take home books on their reading level for the summer.
- Grades K-8 have completed all state testing.
- Final library statistics included a total 1,770,000 minutes read by grades 1-5, and 109 students completing 3 or more Sunshine State Books.

Approval of Minutes

Dr. Bobo moved the approval of the 4/14/26 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Dr. Bowden and passed without objection.

Action Items

Ms. Brink presented a change to the Code of Student Conduct that would require all students to wear ID badges while on campus to enhance school safety. Following a discussion over concerns about K-5 students wearing public identifiers, as well as the logistics of younger students losing or breaking badges, the board determined a separate policy was needed for Elementary. Dr. Bobo moved the approval of the policy for grades 6-12. The motion was seconded by Ms. Grace and passed without objection.

Dr. Bobo moved the approval of the Code of Student Conduct E-Glasses Restriction policy. The motion was seconded by Ms. Perkins and passed without objection.

Ms. Garye moved the approval of the selection of James Moore & Company as the FY 2026 audit firm. The motion was seconded by Mr. Drew and passed without objection.

Ms. Perkins moved the approval of the facility rental fee waiver for the upcoming Ronnie Harrison camp. The motion was seconded by Dr. Park-Gaghan and passed without objection.

Dr. Bobo reported the Nominating Committee had recommended Ms. Grace and Chair Marshall continue in their seats for another term. Dr. Bowden moved the appointments of Chair Marshall as Community Representative and Ms. Grace as Parent Representative. The motion was seconded by Ms. Garye and passed without objection.

Chair Marshall asked the board to complete their evaluations of the Director by 5/15/26.

Mr. Cole moved the approval of the Florida High School Athletic Association membership renewal. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cooke and passed without objection.

Informational Items

Dr. Small briefly reviewed the quarterly facility use report. He indicated rentals for student-based programs had been prioritized.

Dr. Small reported the ESOL Add-on Endorsement had been approved by DOE and renewed for 2026-2031.

Data and Research Updates

Dr. Small provided the following updates:

- Testing season is nearing conclusion, with positive preliminary results.
- A student research showcase will be scheduled in the Fall in conjunction with the science fair.
- The faculty research showcase is scheduled for 5/27/26, and will feature 45 presentations.
- One AP Research student qualified for an 8-week NASA internship over the summer in Austin, TX.

Attorney's Business

Ms. McKinney-Williams reported work continues to progress in negotiations with the union on the full book. She indicated a tentative agreement should be reached by July.

Director's Business

Dr. Small reported the board's annual retreat had been scheduled for the mornings of 7/14/26 and 7/15/26. Topics of discussion recommended by the board included: advocacy and community engagement, legislative affairs, connecting university partners, and board vision and planning.

Adjournment

With no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:51 PM.