# FSUS CHARTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS
# MINUTES
**Meeting**
**Wednesday, July 15, 2026, 9:00 AM**
**Beth Moor Lounge, Longmire Alumni Building, FSU**

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

Ex-officio Members Present: Dr. Christopher Small, Executive Director

Staff and Guests Present: Megan Brink, Principal; Dr. Megan Crombie, Director of Data and Research; Opal McKinney-Williams, Board Counsel; Anthony Robinson, Athletics Director; Brad Rohrer, Chief Financial Officer; Pock'o Vause, Director of Campus Operations; Kate Wasson, Board Clerk; Suzanne Wilkinson, Principal

Call to Order

Chair Marshall called the meeting to order at 9:16 AM.

Capital Improvement Updates

Mr. Vause presented a three-year capital improvement and deferred maintenance update. He reported the baseball and softball renovation project remains the top capital priority. Following challenges with the initial procurement process, the project was rebid. The lowest responsive bid totaled approximately $3.1 million, exceeding original estimates. Construction is expected to begin the following week, with the goal of completing the fields before the upcoming baseball and softball season. Concession facilities will not be completed by that time. The board discussed the project's design, budget, and capacity. Dr. Small noted that the project scope expanded beyond bleacher replacement to include restroom additions and netting replacement, and that the current bid represents the lowest available cost despite concerns regarding overall design efficiency.

Mr. Vause reported on the progress of multiple capital projects, including:

- The completion of the STEAM curtain, PE fencing, gym lobby, and the roofs on Buildings 2, 4, 5, and 6 and 9.
- Elementary art room renovations are nearing completion.
- Culinary renovations are scheduled to begin in March 2027.

- The Fall Safe playground installation is expected to be completed before the start of school.
- All exterior painting is progressing on schedule.
- Gutter replacement has been rescheduled for Thanksgiving break.
- The auditorium acoustics and lighting project remains delayed pending coordination with FSU Facilities.

Mr. Vause reported future projects include grass mall improvements, sidewalk additions, the paving of the grass and gravel parking lots, and removal of an oak tree near the STEAM building. Dr. Small reported that cracking on several building columns is cosmetic rather than structural and will be repaired and repainted.

Strategic Planning and Board Vision Plan

Dr. Small presented an update on the Board Vision Plan and strategic planning process.

Highlights included:

- The development of four overarching strategic goals focused on strengthening partnerships between FSUS and Florida State University.
- The approval of 25 policy updates.
- Contract execution for a school climate survey to inform future planning.
- Expansion of family and community engagement through new parent involvement initiatives, the establishment of the All-Pro Dad chapter, alumni communications, website enhancements, and the establishment of an FSUS Foundation Committee.
- Continued focus on future facility needs, including library expansion, cafeteria improvements, and a new gymnasium with additional instructional and athletic spaces.

The board discussed aligning the school's strategic plan with the College of Education while maintaining a distinct vision for FSUS, the importance of board participation throughout the planning process, engaging families and community stakeholders through listening sessions and the potential creation of an ad hoc Strategic Planning Committee at a future meeting.

Annual Corporate Meeting

Ms. McKinney-Williams informed the board Chair Marshall had to leave the meeting, and Dr. Bobo would preside. Dr. Bobo called the annual corporate meeting to order at 10:43

AM.  Ms. Garye moved the approval of the agenda as presented.  The motion was seconded by Mr. Cole and passed without objection.

Ms. McKinney-Williams called for nominations for the office of Chair.  Dr. Bobo nominated Mr. Marshall.  Mr. Cole moved to close the nominations.  The motion was seconded by Ms. Grace and passed without objection.  Mr. Cole moved the election of Mr. Marshall to the office of Chair by acclimation.  The motion was seconded by Ms. Perkins and passed without objection.

Ms. McKinney-Williams called for nominations for the office of Vice Chair.  Ms. Garye nominated Dr. Bobo.  Dr. Bobo accepted the nomination.  Dr. Harbin moved to close nominations.  The motion was seconded by Dr. Bowden and passed with one abstention (Bobo) and no objections.  Dr. Bowden moved the election of Dr. Bobo to the office of Vice Chair by acclimation.  The motion was seconded by Ms. Grace and passed with one abstention (Bobo) and no objections.

Ms. McKinney-Williams called for nominations for the office of Treasurer.  She reminded the board the Bylaws require the Treasurer must be an FSU representative employed by F&A.  Mr. Cole nominated Ms. Perkins.  Ms. Perkins accepted the nomination.  Ms. Garye moved to close nominations.  The motion was seconded by Dr. Bobo and passed with one abstention (Perkins) and no objections.  Dr. Bobo moved the election of Ms. Perkins to the office of Treasurer by acclimation.  The motion was seconded by Dr. Harbin and passed with one abstention (Perkins) and no objections.

Ms. McKinney-Williams called for nominations for the office of Secretary.  Dr. Bobo nominated Ms. Grace.  Ms. Grace accepted the nomination.  Ms. Garye moved to close nominations.  The motion was seconded by Dr. Bowden and passed with abstention (Grace) and no objections.  Ms. Garye moved the election of Ms. Grace to the office of Secretary by acclimation.  The motion was seconded by Dr. Bowden and passed with one abstention (Grace) and no objections.

Dr. Bowden moved the committee appointments be deferred to the next meeting due to the Chair's absence.  The motion was seconded by Mr. Cole and passed without objection.

With no further business, the annual corporate meeting was adjourned at 10:51 AM.

Regular Board Meeting:  Call to Order and Approval of Agenda and Minutes

Vice Chair Bobo called the regular board meeting to order at 10:51 AM and led the board in the Pledge of Allegiance.  Dr. Harbin moved the approval of the agenda as presented.  The motion was seconded by Ms. Garye and passed without objection.

Ms. Grace moved the approval of the minutes from the 5/12/26 meeting. The motion was seconded by Dr. Bowden and passed without objection.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Dr. Bowden moved approval of the following consent agenda items:

- Florida State University Dual Enrollment Agreement with Tallahassee State College
- Florida State University Dual Enrollment Agreement with Lively Technical College
- HR Personnel Action Appointments
- Life Safety Inspection Report
- University Representatives Appointment
- 2026-27 Board Meeting Calendar

The motion was seconded by Mr. Cole and passed without objection.

Action Items

Ms. Grace moved the approval of the Director's final evaluation and reappointment. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cole and passed without objection.

Dr. Bowden moved the approval of the renewal of PAEC school board policy contracted services. The motion was seconded by Ms. Garye and passed without objection.

Ms. Grace moved the approval of the promotion recommendations to Assistant and Associate Professor. The motion was seconded by Dr. Bowden and passed without objection.

Mr. Rohrer presented the 2026-2027 School Year budget. Highlights included:

- An improved year-end cash position.
- An increase in interest earnings.
- A slight enrollment growth resulting in approximately $100,000 in additional FEFP revenue.
- Funding for the purchase of a replacement school bus due to an aging fleet.
- Reduced fringe benefit cost increases.
- A projected year-end cash balance approximately $400,000 higher than originally anticipated.
- The incorporation of the lunch program's shortfall into the budget.

Ms. Perkins moved the adoption of the 2026-2027 School Year budget. The motion was seconded by Ms. Garye and passed without objection.

Mr. Cole moved the approval of legal counsel contracted services with the Pittman Law Firm. Ms. McKinney-Williams noted there were no changes in the fee schedule or contract from the prior year. The motion was seconded by Dr. Bowden and passed without objection.

Dr. Bowden moved approval of the renewal of NEFEC professional services. The motion was seconded by Ms. Garye and passed without objection.

Dr. Bowden moved approval of the updated Capital Improvement and Deferred Maintenance Plan. The motion was seconded by Dr. Harbin and passed without objection.

Ms. Garye moved the approval of the 2026-2027 Florida School Security Risk Assessment. The motion was seconded by Ms. Grace and passed without objection.

The board discussed the 2026-2027 District Best Practice Assessment. Mr. Cole suggested Dr. Small include language expanding the board's response portion of the document. He moved the approval of the 2026-2027 District Best Practice Assessment with the additional recommendation language to be provided by Dr. Small based on board feedback. The motion was seconded by Dr. Bowden and passed without objection.

Ms. Brink presented the 2026-2027 Code of Student Conduct. Substantive changes included:

- Exam exemption updates.
- Prohibition of AI glasses.
- Student ID badge requirements.
- Clarification prohibiting student-operated golf carts on campus.
- Addition of sexting to the discipline matrix.
- Automatic administrative leave for sale or distribution of drugs.
- Updated detention and in-school suspension procedures.
- Withdrawal and appeal revisions.

The revised Code of Conduct will return to the board for action following additional edits.

Dr. Bowden moved approval of the 2026-2026 K-12 Student Progression Plan. The motion was seconded by Ms. Garye and passed without objection.

Dr. Harbin moved the tentative adoption of Policy 5.51, Section 504 and ADA. The motion was seconded by Dr. Bowden and passed without objection.

Ms. Garye moved the tentative approval of Policy 4.50, Student Clubs and School-Based Organizations. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cole and passed without objection.

The board discussed proposed new policy 9.10, Parent Organizations, Boosteer Clubs, and School Support Groups. Action on the policy was deferred pending additional review. The board will hold a special meeting to further discuss the policy prior to the start of the new school year.

Informational Items

Mr. Robinson presented the Promotional Credit Annual Report, highlighting the successful BSN Sports/Nike partnership valued at approximately $53,500 in equipment, branding, and incentives.

Dr. Small presented the following reports:

- Teacher Authority Annual Report.
- Semiannual Key Fob Report.
- ESOL Endorsement approval.
- Instructional certification compliance.
- Youth Mental Health certification, with over 90% of staff trained.

Dr. Small also provided information on an optional board member training opportunity scheduled for November 17-19 in Orlando. He indicated several board members were due to complete their mandatory two-hour board training refresher course, and asked Ms. Wasson to send the training link to those members.

Attorney's Report

Ms. McKinney-Williams reported Collective bargaining negotiations were ongoing, with agreement reached on all but three articles. Negotiations regarding TESA funding are expected to conclude within the statutory timeline, with the possibility of an Executive Session if needed. She indicated there were no new developments regarding discussions with St. Joe concerning the land acquisition.

Director's Report

Dr. Small reported all FSUS third-grade students had met state assessment requirements, avoiding mandatory retention.

Board Member Announcements/Requests for Informationx

Mr. Cole suggested moving the March 9, 2027 Board meeting to March 2, 2027 due to FSU Day at the Capitol activities.

A special Board meeting was scheduled for August 3, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on FSUS campus to discuss Policies 2.11, 2.20, and 9.10.

Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:06 p.m.