

**SOUTH FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE FOUNDATION, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
HOTEL JACARANDA
MAY 14, 2024**

Members Present:

Mr. Don Elwell	Mr. Michael Kelly	Mr. Robert Duncan
Dr. Darrell Jensen	Mr. Fred Hawkins	Dr. Catherine Cornelius
Judge Heather Beato	Dr. George Mousa	Mr. Andrew Santos

Excused:

Ms. Cheryl Brown	Mrs. Robin Weeks	Ms. Patricia Manderville
Mr. Corey Allain	Dr. Vinod Thakkar	Mrs. Kris Rider
Dr. Benjamin Carter	Dr. Mintoo Patel	

Others Present:

Mrs. Jamie Bateman	Mrs. Anastasia Fuchser	Miss Taylor Massey
Mr. Peter Elliott	Mrs. Teresa Vorous	Mrs. April Ricker
Mr. Mark Cox	Mr. Bob Swaine	Mrs. Therese Tippie
Dr. Kate Calvin	Mrs. Candra Polk	Dr. Daniel Sanches
Mrs. June Weyrauch	Dr. Kathleen Cappel	Mr. Marc Valero

I. CALL TO ORDER

At 5:30 p.m., Mr. Elwell, President, called to order the meeting of the South

IV. WARRANT LIST

Mrs. Weeks was unable to attend the meeting. Dr. Jensen reviewed the Warrant List from January 1, 2024, through March 31, 2024. There were no questions. Dr. Cornelius made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kelly to accept the Warrant List as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

V. 2023 FINANCIAL AUDIT

Mr. Mark Cox
2023 Financial Audit to the Board. Mr. Cox reported no issues or findings. Mr. Cox asked if there were any questions or concerns. There were none. Dr. Jensen made a motion, seconded by Mr. Santos to accept the 2023 Financial Audit as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. FOUNDATION RECERTIFICATION

Mrs. Bateman requested a motion to present the Foundation Recertification to the District Board of Trustees in June. Mr. Santos made a motion, seconded by Dr. Jensen to accept the motion as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. ENDOWED CHAIR PRESENTATIONS

a. Dr. Daniel Sanches, the receipt for the 2022-24 Norm and Laurie Stephens Endowed Teaching Chair, and Dr. Kathleen Cappel, the receipt of the Highlands County Health Facilities Authority Endowed Chair for Nursing Education presented to the Board an overview of their Endowed Chair project and final report.

b. Mrs. Bateman introduced the new 2024-26 Endowed Chair Recipients as follows: Dr. Mintoo Patel, Bill and Lisa Endowed Teaching Chair in Business; Dr. Kate Calvin, Norm and Laurie Stephens Endowed Teaching Chair; Mrs. Candra Polk, Highlands County Health Facilities Authority Endowed Chair for Nursing Education; and Mrs. Therese Tippie, Highlands County Health Facilities Authority Endowed Chair for Dental Education.

Mrs. Tippie, Dr. Calvin, and Mrs. Polk presented their project to the Board and their plans for the funding. Dr. Patel could not attend the meeting however, she plans to present her project and plan to the Board in September.

VIII.

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Mr. Hawkins shared that there were 298 students out of the 492 who participated in the Spring Commencement Ceremony last week with two outstanding student speakers. He thanked the college staff and faculty for attending the two ceremonies.

Mr. Hawkins announced that the college was awarded the Military Friendly School award this year and thanked Mr. Rob Hampton for his efforts.

Mr. Hawkins congratulated the Lady Panther Softball team on placing runners-up at their championship last week. With the softball team leaving on the morning of Commencement to travel to Alabama, the _____ and Mr. Carlos Falla, the softball head coach surprised the graduating softball players with a virtual commencement ceremony and their diplomas.

Mr. Hawkins shared _____ presented to the District Board of Trustees on May 15 during their annual budget workshop.

IX. GRANTS UPDATE

Mrs. Weyrauch shared with the Board that the college has been awarded \$200,000 from the Florida Department of Education for Nursing Education, \$37,040 from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement for the Criminal Justice program, and \$299,999 from the National Science Foundation for the science department. Since the last Foundation Board meeting on March 6, Mrs. Weyrauch has submitted 7 grants with an overall award total of \$959,079.

Mrs. Weyrauch attended the Florida Council for Resource Development Conference (FCRD) at Miami-Dade College with Mrs. Bateman and Miss Massey on April 10-11, 2024. She shared that it was a great networking opportunity and had many takeaways from each session. Mrs. Weyrauch joined the FCRD Communications Committee and was put in charge of the newsletter.

Mrs. Weyrauch announced a new Grants and Resource Development page on the _____ Fiscal Year 2023-24.

X. TAKE STOCK IN CHILDREN

Dr. Carter was unable to attend the meeting. Mrs. Bateman shared that Take Stock in Children has 23 seniors graduating high school this year and recruited 45 new students from the local middle schools for 2024-25. In addition, there were 3 students approved for the FPL STEM scholarships and 2 for Workforce scholarships.

Mrs. Bateman invited the Board to attend the contract signing events held at each of the three SFSC college campuses on May 20-23, 2024.

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