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FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MEETING MINUTES

Monday, April 13, 2026
12:30 PM

Pelican Golf Club
Alloy Conference Room
1501 Indian Rocks Rd
Belleair, FL 33756

Attended: Peter Collins (Chair), Vivian de las Cuevas-Diaz (Vice Chair), Kathryn Ballard, Carson Dale, Jorge Gonzalez, Jim Henderson, Roxanne Hughes, Peter Jones, Brian Murphy, Justin Roth and Tim Weisheyer.

Absent: Maximo Alvarez.

Also in Attendance: President Richard McCullough, Provost James Clark, and other university administrators and staff.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME
Mr. Peter Collins, Chair

Chair Collins called the meeting to order at 12:30 pm and welcomed attendees.

Heather Mayo conducted the roll call and confirmed a quorum.

II. MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

Chair Collins asked everyone to observe a moment of silent reflection.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

Chair Collins read the Ethics Conduct Policy.

IV. NEW BUSINESS AND UPDATES

A. Academic Affairs

Dr. James Clark, Provost, and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

Action Item I:
Request for Approval: Florida State University Mission Statement

Chair Collins welcomed Provost James Clark.

In introducing the first action item, Provost Clark noted that in the university's next submission to the Higher Learning Commission, FSU is required to provide evidence that the FSU BOT has adopted the university mission statement and that the mission continues to fit the purpose of Florida State University.

Provost Clark commented that the current mission statement was substantively reviewed and revised as part of the strategic planning process in 2008. Minor revisions were adopted by the Board of Trustees in April 2025. He noted that in the past, the Board has approved the mission statement as part of the university accountability plan consistent with Florida Board of Governors regulations.

Provost Clark noted that the requested board action is to approve FSU's current Mission Statement as included in the Accountability Plan, reaffirm that the Mission Statement continues to fit the purpose of the university, and require that the Mission Statement be reviewed again as part of the next strategic planning process.

Chair Collins asked for a motion to approve FSU's current Mission Statement as included in the Accountability Plan, reaffirm that the Mission Statement continues to fit the purpose of the university, and require that the Mission Statement be reviewed again as part of the next strategic planning process.

Trustee Murphy moved to approve the item. Vice Chair de las Cuevas-Diaz seconded the motion, and the item was unanimously approved by all Board members present at the meeting.

Action Item II:
Request for Approval: Florida State University's 2026 Accountability Plan

Provost Clark provided an overview of Florida State University's 2026 Accountability Plan, which includes a narrative on the University's mission and strategic goals, recent accomplishments, enrollment management planning, and the required selection of three areas of expertise for this year. He expressed appreciation for the Board of Trustees' guidance and support to ensure that FSU remains one of the top universities in the United States.

Under key achievements from the past year, Provost Clark highlighted that four FSU students received Barry Goldwater Scholarships, a first for the University. Faculty achievements were also noted, including Jawole Willa Jo Zollar receiving both a

Grammy and an Obie Theatre Award and five faculty members being named National Academy of Inventors Senior Members. Additional highlights included strong national rankings, with the College of Law named the No. 1 best value law school by *preLaw Magazine*. FSU was ranked among the Top 11 public universities by Niche, No. 2 among public universities for student satisfaction by *The Princeton Review* and remained in the *U.S. News & World Report* Top 25 Public Universities list for the seventh consecutive year, achieving its highest overall ranking to date at No. 51 among all universities, both public and private.

Provost Clark also reviewed the Performance Based Funding and Preeminent metrics. Improvements were noted across student success metrics, including a 97 percent retention rate, ranking FSU fourth nationally among public universities. Record research expenditures were also reported.

The presentation concluded with an overview of key performance indicators and enrollment planning.

Chair Collins called for a motion to approve Florida State University's 2026 Accountability Plan. Vice Chair de las Cuevas-Diaz motioned to approve, and Trustee Dale seconded the motion. Following a discussion, the item was unanimously approved by all Board members present at the meeting.

V. OPEN FORUM FOR BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Mr. Peter Collins, Chair

There was no further discussion.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Peter Collins, Chair

Chair Collins adjourned the meeting at 12:51 pm.