



FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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MEETING MINUTES

March 23, 2023  
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

**Attended via Zoom:** *Max Alvarez, Kathryn Ballard, Eric Chicken, Peter Collins, Nimna Gabadage, Jorge Gonzalez, Jim Henderson, Justin Roth, Deborah Sargeant, Bob Sasser, John Thiel, and Drew Weatherford.*

**Absent:** *Vivian de las Cuevas-Diaz*

**I. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME**

*Mr. Peter Collins, Chair*

*Chair Collins welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 1:03 PM.*

*Heather Mayo called the roll and confirmed a quorum.*

**II. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

*There were no public comments.*

*Chair Collins read the Ethics Conduct Policy.*

*Chair Collins introduced Provost James Clark.*

**III. NEW BUSINESS AND UPDATES**

**a. Overview of The Collegiate School at FSU Panama City**

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

*Provost Clark began his remarks by thanking the Board and for their time in reviewing materials related to this meeting. Provost Clark said he wanted to address various components of the Collegiate School at FSU Panama City, followed by a Q&A if*

*agreeable to the Chair. Chair Collins agreed, and the following individuals made presentations on various components of the Collegiate School at FSU Panama City:*

- *Damon Andrew, Dean, College of Education, Florida State University.*
- *Randy Hanna, Dean, and Chief Executive Officer, Florida State University Panama City.*
- *Elizabeth Crowe, Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs, Florida State University Panama City; Associate Teaching Professor, College of Education, Florida State University.*
- *Kyle Clark, Senior Vice President, Finance & Administration, Florida State University.*

*Chair Collins asked Vice-Chair Sasser to give his thoughts on where they are today versus where they were at the February 2023 Board meeting. Vice-Chair Sasser noted that there was a lot of hard work put into providing more information on the Charter and Lease for The Collegiate School at FSU Panama City. He stated they were in a much better place, and the lease was much better. Vice-Chair Sasser did ask for everyone to continue to look for the best place for a permanent location and noted that, in his opinion, it would be great for the site to be close to the Panama City campus. He said that the curriculum and finances seem to be in good order.*

*Chair Collins thanked Vice-Chair Sasser for his work. Chair Collins asked for President McCullough to share comments.*

*President McCullough thanked Chair Collins and the Board. He shared his thoughts on this project and how it fits into the vision for FSU in the Panhandle. He thanked the team for gathering the materials and the Board for their consideration.*

*Chair Collins asked for any questions from the Board.*

*Trustee Thiel asked what could potentially go wrong. Dean Hanna outlined potential challenges and noted that they have prepared to meet any challenges.*

*Trustee Gonzalez stated that demand is the most significant risk factor, in his opinion. He advised that the best way to provide context is to understand how important the military is to northwest Florida and believes that the demand will be high.*

*Trustee Sargeant asked if the length of stay for military students would be a factor in the success of the students. Dr. Elizabeth Crowe advised that advisors would assist the students if transferring schools was needed.*

*Chair Collins asked who decides on the community-based Board members. Dean Hanna outlined the structure of the board and advised that there will be a set term and governance for the board members. Board members will also be required to go through Board training with the Florida Department of Education.*

**Action Items:**

- I. **Request for Approval:** Charter by FSU to The Collegiate School at FSU Panama City
- II. **Request for Approval:** Lease for The Collegiate School at FSU Panama City

*Vice-Chair Sasser moved to approve the Charter by FSU to The Collegiate School at FSU Panama City. Trustee Gonzalez seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously by all who were present on the call.*

*Vice-Chair Sasser moved to approve the Lease for The Collegiate School at FSU Panama City. Trustee Gonzalez seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously by all who were present on the call.*

**IV. OPEN FORUM FOR BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

*Mr. Peter Collins, Chair*

*Chair Collins concluded the meeting by reminding everyone that projects needing Board approval must be brought to the Board well in advance of the project's initiation.*

*Chair Collins announced upcoming Board meeting dates.*

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

*Chair Collins adjourned the meeting at 1:59 PM.*