



FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MEETING MINUTES

(Approved 9.8.23)

June 15, 2023

3:30 PM

General Meeting Held via Zoom

Attended via Zoom: *Kathryn Ballard, Bridgett Birmingham, Peter Collins, Vivian de las Cuevas-Diaz, Jack Hitchcock, Jorge Gonzalez, Jim Henderson, Justin Roth, Deborah Sargeant, Bob Sasser, and Drew Weatherford.*

Absent: *Max Alvarez, John Thiel.*

I. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Mr. Peter Collins, Chair

Chair Collins welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 3:24 PM.

Heather Mayo called the roll and confirmed a quorum.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

February 24, 2023, Meeting Minutes

March 23, 2023, Meeting Minutes

April 25, 2023, Meeting Minutes

There was a motion to approve the February 24, 2023, March 23, 2023, and April 25, 2023, board meeting minutes. Trustee de las Cuevas-Diaz seconded the motion, and all sets of minutes were approved unanimously by all present on the call.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

Chair Collins read the Ethics Conduct Policy.

IV. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Richard McCullough, President

President McCullough began his report by welcoming the two new trustees to the Board – Faculty Senate President Bridgett Birmingham and Student Body President Jack Hitchcock. He also congratulated Jack for being elected chair of the Florida Student Association. Additionally, he congratulated Trustee Kathryn Ballard on her reappointment to the FSU Board of Trustees.

President McCullough shared highlights from the spring semester and recent news related to FSU's goals for the future. He discussed spring commencement, the Princeton Review Rankings, the incoming summer freshmen class, the Florida Legislative Session, and FSU's 2023-2024 operating budget up for approval at the meeting.

President McCullough continued his report by sharing the university's future goals in rankings, research expenditures, new initiatives, and innovation. He highlighted that the U.S. News recently announced a change in their ranking methodology, and it will surely impact where universities stack up in the rankings. Most importantly, he assured the Board that regardless of the changing U.S. News metrics, FSU will continue to strategically invest in areas that will contribute to student success and help advance our goals as we strive for even greater academic and research excellence.

President McCullough concluded his report by congratulating Coach Lonni Alameda and the FSU Softball team for their great season and amazing performance in the Women's College World Series.

He thanked the Board for their continued support and commented that he looks forward to their continued work together.

V. CHAIR'S REPORT

Mr. Peter Collins, Chair

Chair Collins welcomed Trustee Jack Hitchcock and Trustee Bridgett Birmingham to the Board. Additionally, he congratulated Trustee Jack Hitchcock on his election to chair the Florida Student Association. He congratulated Trustee Ballard on her reappointment to the FSU Board of Trustees and thanked her for her continued service.

VI. CONSENT ITEMS

- A. Request for Approval:** 2024-2025 Academic Calendar (Academic Affairs)
- B. Request for Approval:** FSU-5.100 Confidentiality and Management of Examination and Assessment Materials (Academic Affairs)
- C. Request for Approval:** FSU Foundation, Inc. Board of Trustees Bylaw Revisions (Advancement)
- D. Request for Approval:** Nominations to the Board of Trustees of the FSU Foundation, Inc. (Advancement)
- E. Request for Approval:** Alumni Association Board of Directors Bylaw Revisions (Advancement)
- F. Request for Approval:** Nominations to the Board of Directors of the FSU Alumni Association, Inc. (Advancement)
- G. Request for Approval:** Nominations to the Board of Directors of the Seminole Boosters, Inc. (Advancement)
- H. Request for Approval:** Nominations to the Board of Directors of the John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art Foundation, Inc. (Advancement)
- I. Request for Approval:** Nominations to the Board of Trustees of the FSU International Programs Association, Inc. (Governance)

- J. Request for Approval:** Nominations to the Board of Directors of the FSU College of Business Student Investment Fund (Governance)
- K. Request for Approval:** Nominations to Board of Directors of the FSU Research Foundation, Inc. (Governance)
- L. Request for Approval:** Nominations to the Board of Directors of the FSU Magnet Research and Development, Inc. (Governance)
- M. Request for Approval:** FSU Magnet Research and Development, Inc. (MRD) 5-year Contract with James Moore & Company (Audit & Compliance)
- N. Request for Approval:** FY 2023-2024 OIGS Audit Plan (Audit & Compliance)
- O. Request for Approval:** FY 2024-2025 Capital Improvement Plan (Finance & Business)
- P. Request for Approval:** FSU Educational Plant Survey Report (Finance & Business)
- Q. Request for Approval:** Campus Master Plan Minor Amendment (Finance & Business)
- R. Request for Approval:** Emergency Regulation Amendment FSU-ER23-1, Waivers and Exemptions of Tuition and Fees (Finance & Business)
- S. Request for Approval:** Amendment to Regulation FSU-2.010, Bicycle Parking and Traffic Code (Finance & Business)
- T. Request for Approval:** Issue Tax-exempt Debt in the Amount not to Exceed \$125M to Fund a Portion of the Football Operations Facility Construction (Finance & Business)

Chair Collins stated that today's committee meeting format allowed the Trustees to hear reports from the committees and discuss items. However, he noted that if any Trustee wished to discuss any item on the consent agenda further, they may move the item to the regular agenda to do so.

No items were moved, and Chair Collins asked for a motion to approve Consent Items A-T.

Trustee de las Cuevas-Diaz moved to approve consent items A-T. Trustee Henderson seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously by all present on the call.

VII. NEW BUSINESS AND UPDATES

A. Faculty Senate Steering Committee

Dr. Roxanne Hughes, Vice-Chair, Faculty Senate Steering Committee

Chair Collins welcomed Dr. Roxanne Hughes to her first FSU Board of Trustees meeting in her new role.

Dr. Roxanne Hughes, Vice-Chair of the Faculty Senate Steering Committee, reported that the Faculty Senate has met twice since the last FSU Board of Trustees meeting in February, and the Faculty Senate Steering Committee has been meeting weekly. Dr. Hughes discussed the Faculty Senate elections in April, faculty concerns regarding top faculty recruitment and retention, and faculty highlights. She thanked the Board for their continued support for FSU and its faculty.

B. Student Government Association

Ms. Nina Chong, Vice President, Student Government Association

Chair Collins welcomed Ms. Nina Chong to her first FSU Board of Trustees meeting.

Ms. Nina Chong, Vice President of the Student Government Association, reported on behalf of the student body. Ms. Chong highlighted student achievements from the past academic year, including noting student internships and student scholarships. She congratulated Trustee Hitchcock on his election to serve as the chair of the Florida Student Association.

Trustee Hitchcock commented on his leadership team and the excitement for the upcoming year.

C. Legislative Affairs

Mr. Clay Ingram, Chief Legislative Affairs Officer

Chair Collins introduced Mr. Clay Ingram to give a legislative affairs report.

Mr. Clay Ingram, Chief Legislative Affairs Officer, gave a report on legislative affairs, recapped the legislative session in Florida, and commented on the provided legislative information packet distributed to the Trustees before the meeting. He noted the Governor's action on the budget and discussed the state's approach to education during the legislative session. Mr. Ingram reported that Florida remains the number one state university system in the United States. He thanked everyone for all they did to make this session a success. Mr. Ingram also commented on the President's visit to Washington D.C. in March and the excitement for FSU in the D.C. area.

Chairman Collins thanked Clay and his team for their efforts during the legislative session.

D. Academic Affairs Committee

Trustee de las Cuevas-Diaz, Chair

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

Action Item I: Request for Approval: FSU-4.073 Post-Tenure Faculty Review Regulation

Trustee de las Cuevas-Diaz introduced their action item and noted that it was discussed during their committee meeting. Chairman Collins asked for a motion to approve Action Item I: FSU-4.073 Post-Tenure Faculty Review Regulation.

Vice-Chair Sasser moved to approve FSU-4.073 Post-Tenure Faculty Review Regulation. Trustee de las Cuevas-Diaz seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously by all present on the call.

E. Finance & Business Committee

Trustee Jim Henderson, Chair

Mr. Kyle Clark, Senior Vice President for Finance & Administration

Action Item I: Request for Approval: Regulation Amendment FSU-2.024, Tuition and Fees (Continuation of Existing Tuition and Fees for fiscal year 2023-2024)

Trustee Henderson and Vice President Clark introduced Action Item I: Regulation Amendment FSU-2.024, Tuition and Fees (Continuation of Existing Tuition and Fees for fiscal year 2023-2024) and noted that a report was made during their committee meeting and asked for a motion to approve.

Trustee Gonzalez moved to approve Regulation Amendment FSU-2.024, Tuition and Fees (Continuation of Existing Tuition and Fees for fiscal year 2023-2024). Trustee de las Cuevas-Diaz seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously by all present on the call.

Action Item II: Request for Approval: FY 2023-2024 Operating Budget

Trustee Henderson and Vice President Clark introduced Action Item II. Trustee Henderson noted that there were individual meetings with Trustees with Vice President Clark to answer questions on the budget and discussion in the committee on the budget.

Chairman Collins read through each item and asked for a motion to approve Action Item II: FY 2023-2024 Operating Budget items 1-4.

1. Approve the university's fiscal year 2023-2024 operating budget of \$2,461,578,616 which includes \$347,411,462 for the Annual Capital Outlay Budget.
2. Approve the university's fiscal year 2023-2024 Florida Medical Practice Plan operating budget of \$14,247,734.
3. Approve the university's fiscal year 2023-2024 Direct Support Organizations operating budgets totaling \$150,553,291.
4. Grant approval for the President to make subsequent changes to the budgets outlined in motions 1, 2, and 3, as needed during the fiscal year, within available resources and fund balances, and consistent with applicable laws and regulations.

Trustee Henderson moved to approve the FY 2023-2024 Operating Budget items 1-4. Trustee Gonzalez seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously by all present on the call.

F. Governance Committee

Trustee Bob Sasser, Chair

Ms. Carolyn Egan, Vice President for Legal Affairs

Action Item I: Board of Trustees Election of Chair & Vice-Chair

Vice-Chair Sasser nominated Chair Collins to chair the FSU Board of Trustees for a subsequent two-year term. Trustee Gonzalez moved to approve the nomination of Chair Collins. Trustee Weatherford seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously by all who were present on the call.

Trustee Hitchcock nominated Vice-Chair Sasser to continue to serve as vice-chair of the FSU Board of Trustees for a subsequent two-year term. Trustee Henderson seconded the motion.

Trustee Weatherford noted that Chair Collins and Vice-Chair Sasser are a great team. Trustee de las Cuevas-Diaz commented that the election needs to be done in person next time. Chair Collins asked the Governance Committee to update the election policies at the next meeting to reflect that the election of officers needs to be done in person.

Vice-Chair Sasser's nomination to continue serving as vice-chair of the FSU Board of Trustees for a subsequent two-year term was approved unanimously by all present on the call.

VIII. OPEN FORUM FOR BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Chair Collins opened the floor for comments from the Board.

Trustee Deborah Sargeant asked the Board to consider saying the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer before the Board meetings. Chairman Collins noted that the Board needs to consider the idea individually and as a Board and that he wants the Board to discuss it. Trustee Sargeant asked if FSU could research if other board of trustees at fellow state universities say the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer before the meetings. Vice President Egan advised that she would gather information that would help the Board in the decision-making process.

Trustee de las Cuevas-Diaz, noted that there are two different items under consideration, and if anyone feels uncomfortable in either, they should bring their concerns to Vice President Egan so the Board can

consider it. Trustee de las Cuevas-Diaz and Trustee Sargeant both commented that if that the decision is to have a prayer before meetings that it needs to be inclusive. Trustee Weatherford said that he appreciated Trustee Sargeant's courage in bringing these ideas to the Board and is open to the discussion. He also noted that the Board should be cognizant of the fact that they are not only representing themselves individually but that they are representing the whole student body which is a diverse group of people. Chair Collins noted that the Board should feel free to talk about ideas. He asked for Vice President Egan to do some inquiries and come back to the Board with her findings at the next meeting. He also noted that if anyone has any concerns, to bring them to Vice President Egan.

Chair Collins noted upcoming important dates and meeting dates. He thanked the Board for their time.

President McCullough thanked the Board and thanked Chair Collins and Vice-Chair Sasser for agreeing to serve for two more years in their leadership positions.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Collins asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:41 PM. Trustee Henderson moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee de las Cuevas-Diaz seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously by all who were present on the call.