



FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MEETING MINUTES

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Monday, July 22, 2024

9:00 AM

Zoom Meeting

Attended: Maximo Alvarez, Kathryn Ballard, Bridgett Birmingham, Jackson Boisvert, Peter Collins, Vivian de las Cuevas-Diaz, Jorge Gonzalez, Jim Henderson, Justin Roth, Deborah Sargeant, Bob Sasser, John Thiel, and Drew Weatherford.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Mr. Peter Collins, Chair

Chair Collins called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

Heather Mayo called the roll and confirmed a quorum.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

Chair Collins read the Ethics Conduct Policy.

III. NEW BUSINESS AND UPDATES

Action Item A: Request for Approval: 2025-2026 Legislative Budget Request

Chair Collins asked Provost Clark to present on the 2025-2026 Legislative Budget Request. Provost Clark provided a detailed presentation on each of the following proposals within the 2025-2026 Legislative Budget Request:

Translation Hub on Healthy Aging and Digital Health

- Trustee Sargeant asked about the hub's location. Provost Clark advised on the location, saying it would be in many different buildings across the university, including new ones. The space for the headquarters has yet to be secured.

- Trustee Sargeant, Trustee Henderson, and Trustee Gonzalez all provided comments supporting the proposal.

Modernization of the MagLab

- Chair Collins provided comments in support of this proposal and iterated on the importance of this request.
- President McCullough commented on the MagLab's importance and ability to bring accolades to Florida State University.
- Trustee de las Cuevas-Diaz and Trustee Gonzalez stressed the importance of the Board having more information regarding educating the legislature.
- Dr. Stacey Patterson, Vice President for Research, confirmed that the MagLab is the largest and most powerful magnet in the United States and currently in the world. She stressed the importance of educating others on the MagLab.

Growing FSU's National Prominence

- Chair Collins provided comments and more details on this request. Specifically, he emphasized the importance of recruiting top graduate students and appreciated the money dedicated to graduate student stipends and scholarships.
- Trustee Gonzalez noted the emphasis on research, the strategy for recruiting graduate students, and the resources needed.
- Trustee Birmingham asked for clarification on the research faculty members. Provost Clark answered and advised that they are noting tenure-track and tenured faculty.
- Trustee Birmingham also asked if the request included resources for post-docs and fellowships. Provost Clark advised that there are existing funds, and a part of a line item is to improve those packages and create new packages.
- Trustee Birmingham commented on the importance of providing resources to increase compensation for student support staff and the number of support staff.
- Chair Collins asked President McCullough for additional comments on the university's growth. President McCullough provided comments on the university's growth.
- Trustee Boisvert commented on college affordability and students continuing their graduate studies. He said it's great to see more resources poured into scholarships. President McCullough stated that this is one of the major goals at FSU, for our graduate students to have the lowest debt among all R1 universities.

Bolstering FSU Health and Research Operations

- Vice President Patterson provided additional comments on this request. She believes this is FSU's largest opportunity to make an impact in the future.
- Trustee Gonzalez commented that FSU Health is not a sprint but a marathon. He noted that it's not just about a building but about programming and that in every legislative session FSU should have a

component of FSU Health. Chair Collins agreed and noted the importance of educating the legislature.

Accelerating Excellence: Fueling Research and Student Success in Joint College of Engineering

- It was noted that this proposal was approved by the FAMU Board of Trustees on May 29, 2024, and by the FAMU-FSU Joint Management Council on June 7, 2024.
- Chair Collins emphasized the importance of this initiative.

Chair Collins asked for a motion to approve the 2025-2026 Legislative Budget Request. Trustee Birmingham motioned to approve the 2025-2026 Legislative Budget Request. Trustee Alvarez seconded the motion.

Trustee Alvarez commented that FSU is fortunate to have members in the legislature who are FSU alumni but also stressed the importance of educating all legislators on FSU initiatives.

Chair Collins thanked President McCullough, Vice President Patterson, and the senior leadership team for their work on FSU's ambitious request.

The motion to approve the 2025-2026 Legislative Budget Request was unanimously approved by all present at the meeting.¹

President McCullough thanked the Board for supporting FSU's vision.

IV. OPEN FORUM FOR BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Mr. Peter Collins, Chair

Trustee de las Cuevas-Diaz stressed the importance of having resources to present this request to the legislative members. Chair Collins advised that the Board will be provided with resources.

Trustee Henderson commented on the importance of the faculty telling our story to the legislature.

Chair Collins provided the Board with information on upcoming meeting dates.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Collins asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee de las Cuevas-Diaz made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Birmingham seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 10:08 a.m.

¹ Trustee Thiel had to leave the meeting early and was not present for the vote.