



# FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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### MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, April 22, 2025  
1:00 PM

Meeting held via Zoom

**Attended:** Maximo Alvarez, Kathryn Ballard, Bridgett Birmingham, Peter Collins (Chair), Vivian de las Cuevas-Diaz (Vice Chair), Carson Dale, Jorge Gonzalez, Jim Henderson, Peter Jones, Justin Roth, Deborah Sargeant, John Thiel, and Drew Weatherford.

**Absent:** None.

**Also in attendance:** President Richard McCullough, university vice presidents, and other university staff.

#### **I. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME**

*Mr. Peter Collins, Chair*

Chair Collins called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

Chair Collins welcomed FSU Student Body President, Carson Dale to his first Board of Trustees meeting.

Heather Mayo called the roll 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 introduced the first action item—Florida State University's Mission Statement. He noted that each board of trustees is responsible for administering the university in a manner dedicated to and consistent with its mission and that the university mission statement is a core university principle.

*Chair Collins asked for a motion to approve Florida State University's Mission Statement. Trustee Alvarez motioned to approve Florida State University's Mission Statement, Trustee Thiel seconded the motion, and it was approved by all present at the meeting.*

Chair Collins invited Dr. James Clark, provost and executive vice president for academic affairs, to give an overview of Florida State University's 2025 Accountability Plan.

##### **Action Item II:**

**Request for Approval:** Florida State University's 2025 Accountability Plan

Provost Clark began his overview by thanking his team for their work on the accountability plan. The first component he discussed was performance-based funding, noting the university's record graduation rates, which are among the top 10 rates in the United States. Provost Clark also provided an overview of the preeminent university research funding metrics, followed by key performance indicators and enrollment planning.

*Chair Collins asked for a motion to approve Florida State University's 2025 Accountability Plan. Vice Chair de las Cuevas-Diaz motioned to approve Florida State University's 2025 Accountability Plan. Trustee Thiel seconded the motion, and it was approved by all present on the call.*

#### V. OPEN FORUM FOR BOARD OF TRUSTEES

*Mr. Peter Collins, Chair*

Chair Collins invited President McCullough to give an update on the recent tragic event that occurred on the university's campus on Thursday, April 17, 2025. President McCullough gave an update, and he thanked the Board for their support. He then asked FSU Police Chief Trumbower to provide an incident response timeline summary.

Chief Trumbower provided the incident response timeline summary to the Board, noting that the investigation is active and ongoing led by the Tallahassee Police Department. Following Chief Trumbower's report, Chair Collins also asked Assistant Vice President for Public Safety Barbara O'Connor to comment. Numerous leadership team members and Trustees also provided remarks.

Chair Collins noted that the FSU Women's Golf Team recently won their first ACC championship. He invited Head Coach Amy Bond to comment on this great accomplishment.

President McCullough and the Board thanked Trustee Birmingham for her service on the Board and as Faculty Senate President as this was her last meeting.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

*Mr. Peter Collins, Chair*

*Chair Collins asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Thiel motioned to adjourn, Vice Chair de las Cuevas-Diaz seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 1:58 p.m.*