

APPROVED

Agenda Item 1



MINUTES
Florida SouthWestern State College
District Board of Trustees
Lee Campus
September 12, 2023

Call to Order

The District Board of Trustees of Florida SouthWestern State College met in regular session in Ft. Myers, FL on 9/12/23 at 10:53 am with the meeting called to order by Chris Cunningham, Chair.

Present: Julia du Plooy, Chair
David Ciccarello
Bill Banfield
Danny Nix, Jr.
Eviana Martin
Kristina Heuser
Denise Murphy
Lisa Swinto
Dr. Tyler Patak

Others: Dr. Jeffery Allbritten, President
Danessa Stevens, Recorder

President's Report

- Welcome new members
- Appreciates Senator Martin being at the meeting
- Welcome new Chair du Plooy
- Provided an overview of the process and rationale for changing accreditors from the Southern Association of College and Schools Commission (SACSCOC) to the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) the largest postsecondary accreditor in the United States
- Following a visit to the HLC's annual convening in March 2023, by FSW administrators it was determined that the College's mission was well aligned with that commission's values and the change would provide the College with new perspectives for self-assessment and continued growth
- The College has received approval from the U.S. Department of Education (USDOE) granting FSW permission to move forward seeking this change in primary accreditor and the Florida Department of Education has congratulated the College for being the first state/college/university in Florida to receive this approval as sanctioned by both state and federal law
- Dr. Bilsky has scheduled a meeting for FSW's Executive Team with HLC Vice-President Lootens-White to discuss initiating the application process
- College received large gifts for program support; 1million for the Nursing Program and 2 million for the Rist Cyber Institute

- Informed the Trustees he has been elected Vice Chair for the Council of President's
- The #1 system wide priority of all 28 state colleges is health care

Vote to Take Action On

Agenda Item 1. Election of Chair and Vice Chair – Julia du Plooy and Vice Chair David Ciccarello

MOTION by Nix, seconded by Heuser. Approved unanimously

Agenda Item 2. Approval of Minutes June 27, 2023 (a) Regular Meeting (b) Workshop and (c) August 14, 2023 New Member Orientation

MOTION by Nix, seconded by Banfield. Approved unanimously

Academic Affairs & Student Services

Vote to Take Action On

Agenda Item 3. Approval of the semester dates for the 2024-2025 Academic Year

MOTION by Ciccarello, seconded by Patak. Approved unanimously

Business Affairs & Facilities

Vote to Take Action On

Agenda Item 4. Approval of the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Fund Balance Carryforward Spending Plan

MOTION by Nix, seconded by Banfield. Approved unanimously

Agenda Item 5. Approval of the Direct-Support Organizations Audit Review Checklist

MOTION by Banfield, seconded by Ciccarello. Approved unanimously

Agenda Item 6. Approval of the FSW Financing Corporation, Inc. Audited Financial Report FYE March 31, 2023

MOTION by Nix, seconded by Patak. Approved unanimously

Agenda Item 7. Approval of the 2023 Florida College System Affordability Report

MOTION by Ciccarello, seconded by Nix. Approved unanimously

Agenda Item 8. Approval for signature authority for the President for the Deferred Maintenance Building Program

- Amended Language: any changes above the initial scope of the listed funding amount of the 8 projects to be brought before the Board of Trustees

MOTION by Patak, seconded by Martin. .

Consent Agenda – All Items Voted Together

9. Financial Services Budget Amendments
10. Personnel Actions
11. Certificate of Compliance of FSW Financing Corporation, Inc.

MOTION by Nix, seconded by Murphy to approve as presented. Approved unanimously.

Information Only

12. Florida SouthWestern State College Monthly Financial Report
13. FSW Financing Corporation, Inc. Financial Statements as of June 30, 2023
14. FSW Financing Corporation, Inc. Tax Exemption Forms

Institutional Advancement & Policy

Vote to Take Action On

Agenda Item 15. Approval of the Audited Financial Report of the FSW Foundation, Inc. for FYE March 31, 2023

MOTION by Ciccarello, seconded by Banfield. Approved unanimously

Information Only

16. FSW Foundation, Inc. 1st Quarter Financial Report

Old Business – None

New Business – None

President's Comments

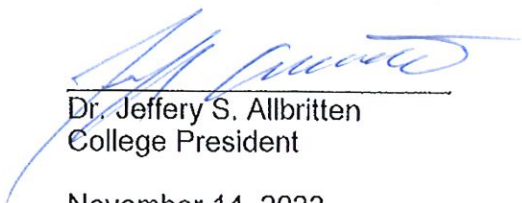
- Great meeting
- Thanked the Trustees for their commitment to the Institution

Board Members' Comments

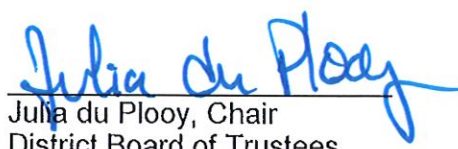
- Ciccarello is noticing the new marketing plan around town and is happy with the additional exposure
- Ciccarello is pleased with the new gifts to the Foundation for project support and welcomed new members
- Nix commented that marketing is doing an amazing job and thanked the entire FSW team for all of their hard work on the front end for the meetings

- Nix congratulated the new Chair and Vice Chair
- Nix thanked Senator Martin for all he has done
- du Plooy welcomed new members and thanked everyone for asking questions during the meeting
- du Plooy thanked administration for organizing a meet and greet with the athletic coaches

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 am



Dr. Jeffery S. Allbritten
College President



Julia du Plooy, Chair
District Board of Trustees

November 14, 2023