

Minutes

Florida SouthWestern State College Financing Corporation
Thomas Edison (Lee) Campus – President's Community Room I-223
October 22, 2024
4:00 pm

The Florida SouthWestern State College Financing Corporation met in Lee County, Florida. Mrs. Mann, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

Members Present:

Mary Lee Mann, Chair
Dr. Robert Jones, Vice-Chair
Dr. Jeffery Allbritten, Corporation President
Joe Coleman, Secretary
Dr. Gina Doeble, Treasurer
Eddie Webb, III
John Noland
Tristan Chapman

Absent:

Dr. Randall Parrish, Jr.

Others Present:

Linda Saunders
Dr. Ian Neuhard
Dr. April Palmer
Ileana Malavsky
Ana Cardona Gonzalez
Geraldine Gallagher

Public Comment: None

Vote to Take Action On:

Approval of the minutes from the August 13, 2024, meeting.

Approval of minutes. Approved unanimously.

Information Only:

FY25 2nd Quarter Financial Statements

Dr. Doeble presented the 2nd quarter financial statements.

Residence Life update

- Received 847 fall applications with a 98% occupancy: 386
- Fall move-in of 53 residential students with the new drive-thru check-in process
 - Students checked in within 90 seconds of arriving at the arena
- Spring applications open November 4, 2024, and the cancellation form for those students not returning to housing for the spring semester
 - Projecting around 65 vacant rooms for spring
- Students are accessing our services using multiple links on our website, which we are currently updating and adding new software, “eRezlife.”
 - All-inclusive residential housing software
 - More efficient application and assignment process
 - It is easier for students to use and access our resources
- Collaborating with Admissions to provide up-to-date materials and tour information.
- Hurricane steps:
 - There is a five-day count for the closing of the college
 - Once a decision is made, we have a three-step process (ABC model):
 - a) Announce and build capacity for residents to respond to the storm
 - b) Build a database and close the building
 - c) Complete a form that provides where students will be staying and what their evacuation plan would be should that happen
 - Hurricane Milton, the college closed.
 - We emailed students and placed signs on their rooms and building doors, letting everyone know what would happen
 - The RA’s hosted meetings on their floors with residential students (what’s happening when closing the building, and asked where they are going, do they have a plan, transportation, and how we can assist them as well as their emergency contact information form)

Board Members' Comments:

- Mrs. Mann shared how vital the Financing Corporation meetings are, not only with agenda items but also the additional information provided at each meeting.

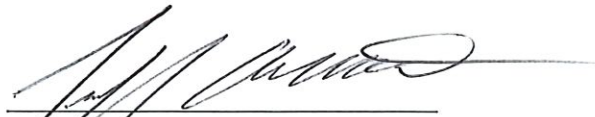
President's Comments:

- Provided a handout to board members and shared how we do not have more events at the arena because it is the only place for our basketball and volleyball teams to practice. The handout is the final rendering of what the President calls the Athletic Field House, a modest facility of approximately 17000 square feet that would house one full-size practice court for basketball and volleyball. This will allow us to move practice from the arena into this building, close to the residence hall for practice.
 - This would be convenient to allow our teams, visiting teams, officials, and umpires to shower and dress, including public restrooms and a concession stand. The building would also include a media room.
 - The price of the Athletic Field House is approximately 8 million dollars. Dr. Allbritten shared with the Board of Trustees and the Foundation the possibility of having the Foundation and Financing Corporation partner to fund this.
 - We want to say we will start this within the next two years. Dr. Allbritten is not asking us to decide today; he just shares that it is underway. Dr. Allbritten will keep the Financing Corporation Board informed as fundraising goes forward and may talk about other solutions as we move along.
 - As discussed, he will look into the fieldhouse as a hurricane shelter
- Dr. Bilsky and Dr. Allbritten begin their Town Hall College Conversation tour, starting with Lee Campus tomorrow morning and Collier Campus in the afternoon. Thursday at the Charlotte Campus in the morning and Hendry/Glades Center in the afternoon.
- Dr. Allbritten, Chair of the Council of Presidents, the Council of Presidents is meeting in Orlando on November 6, 7, and 8, corresponding to the Association of Florida Colleges Convention. We are also inviting the Trustees to attend. The collective Council of Presidents is asking the state system to invest 200 million dollars into our base funding.
- Health Insurance open enrollment at this time.
- Tomorrow night, the FSW Volleyball team, number 2 in the nation, will be playing the number 1 team. The cabinet will attend; I am putting the invite out to the Financing Corporation Board.
- Dr. Allbritten presented Tristen Chapman with two awards for service on the District Board of Trustees from 2013 to 2018 and as Chairman from 2017 to 2018.

Additional Comments:

- NONE

Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 5:05 pm



Dr. Jeffery S. Allbritten
Corporate President
Board of Directors

1/29/2025

Date



Joe Coleman, Secretary
Board of Directors

1/29/2025

Date