

**MINUTES**

Florida SouthWestern State College Financing Corporation  
Thomas Edison (Lee) Campus – President's Community Room I-223  
January 28, 2025  
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 (Zoom)  
John Noland  
Tristan Chapman  
Dr. Randall Parrish, Jr.

**Others Present:**

Linda Saunders (Recorder)  
Kathleen Porter  
Dr. Ian Neuhard  
Dr. April Palmer  
Ileana Malavsky

**PUBLIC COMMENTS: None**

## **VOTE TO TAKE ACTION ON:**

### **Approval of the minutes from the October 22, 2024, meeting.**

Approval of minutes. Approved unanimously.

### **MOU between the District Board of Trustees of Florida SouthWestern State College and the Florida SouthWestern State College Financing Corporation, Inc.**

The last paragraph in number (6) on the MOU states that the College and Financing Corporation Officers and Board representatives shall hold periodic meetings to foster and maintain relationships. Mr. Coleman will invite Mr. Banfield, one of our FSW District Board of Trustees members, to join the next Financing Corporation Board meeting.

MOTION by Mr. Noland and seconded by Mr. Chapman. Approved unanimously.

## **INFORMATION ONLY:**

### **FY25 3rd Quarter Financial Statements**

Ms. Porter presented the 3rd quarter financial statements.

### **Residence Life update**

- Provided handout, and Ms. Malavsky presented the PowerPoint Presentation.
- Dr. Abritten provided pictures of the pool renovations.

## **BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS:**

- Mrs. Mann thanked the Residence Life team for sharing the updates.

## **PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:**


- Dr. Allbritten, the Chair for the Counsel of Presidents, shared that he and Dr. Doeble will head to Tallahassee this weekend for Monday's Trustees and Presidents meeting. We are making a huge request for the college system of 200 million dollars in operating increase for the system.
  - Dr. Allbritten and Dr. Doeble will be meeting with Senator Allbritton on Tuesday morning and having other meetings about FSW, which will include the brochure we have put together.
- As of January 1<sup>st</sup>, FSW, along with all Florida State Colleges, has joined the State Health Insurance System.
- FSW won the 3<sup>rd</sup> National Championship in volleyball this past November.
- Fundraising for the Field House was discussed last October. We are lining up people who have an interest, and Dr. Gallagher and her team are setting up meetings.
- Higher Learning Commission (HLC), we are so far ahead of every other institution in the State of Florida by six months.
  - A group of us will be attending an April HLC conference in Chicago.
  - HLC is coming here on March 31<sup>st</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup> for our onsite visit.

- Our team is working very hard to put it together; it has been a complicated process they just went through. If all works, in June we will be accredited by the Higher Learning Commission for ten years.
- We have the State of the College coming up on Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, at 2 pm and invited the Financing Corporation Board.
- The second annual Glow Run to support athletics was held on January 15; we had approximately 500 runners.
- Last week we had the grand opening of the Business and Technology Building
  - approximately 150 people, including a county commissioner, a great turnout of supporters.
  - Celebrated the RIST Cyber Institute and the donation received back in the fall from the Daveler Institute of 1.9 million, now looking to build innovation labs and maker spaces in which their Board of Trustees came to the event and held a presentation.
- Our next Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for February 11<sup>th</sup> at 10 am, the meeting will be held over in the Business and Technology Building.

**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:**


- NONE

**ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting adjourned at 5:20 pm

  
 Dr. Jeffery S. Allbritten  
 Corporate President  
 Board of Directors

Date

2/17/2025

  
 Joe Coleman, Secretary  
 Board of Directors

Date

2/17/2025