

ST. JOHNS RIVER STATE COLLEGE
DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

February 18, 2026

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Rich Komando, Chairperson
Mr. Nick Primrose, Vice Chair
Mr. Cyrus Zomorodian

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Wendell Davis (excused)
Mr. Jud Sapp (excused)
Ms. Chereese Stewart (excused)

OTHERS PRESENT:

Joe H. Pickens, J.D., Executive Secretary
Charlie Douglas on behalf of Jeremiah Blocker, J.D.,
Board Attorney

Chairperson Komando called the meeting to order at
2:00 pm.

Meeting Call to Order

The floor was open to Public Comments. Hearing
none, the floor was closed to Public Comments.

Public Comment

There was no Old Business.

Old Business

Chairperson Komando requested approval of the
Consent Agenda Items IV.A-D:

Consent Agenda
Items

A.1 – Approval of Minutes of January 21, 2026, Board
Meeting

B.1 - Chief Operating Officer/Senior Vice President –
Dr. Melanie Brown: Personnel Matters

C.1-2 - Vice President for Finance/CFO – Randy
Peterson: Monthly Financial Report – January 2026;
and Facilities Usage Report – January 2026.

D.1-9 - Vice President for Academic & Student Affairs –
Dr. Ed Jordan:

1. Modification to the 2025-2026 Academic Calendar –
President Pickens noted that a letter was received from
the Florida Department of Education that encouraged
Florida’s colleges to close on February 16 in
observance of Washington’s birthday. He talked to the
Board Chair and made the decision to close.

2. 2026-2027 Academic Calendar

Academic Affairs:

3. Curriculum revisions effective Fall 2026 for the Arts and Sciences Department: Revised Course(s) - IDS 1110 Honors Explorations, PCB 3043 Ecology, PCB 3043L Laboratory for Ecology, SPN 1120 Foundations of Spanish I, SPN 1121 Foundations of Spanish II; Deleted Course(s) - AMH 1070 Florida Heritage (5 year), ANT 2100 Introduction to Archaeology (5 year), ANT 2511 Human Origins (5 year), POT 2002 Introduction to Political Theory (5 year).
4. Curriculum revisions effective Fall 2026 for the Florida School of the Arts: Deleted Course(s) - DAA 2743 Pilates Body Conditioning (5 year), DIG 2100 Web Design (5 year), GRA 2915C Advertising Design (5 year), THE 2300 Dramatic Literature (5 year), TPP 2119 Acting IV (5 year) TPP 2803 Stage Speech IV (5 year); Revised Programs - Associate in Science in Theater and Entertainment Technology, Acting and Associate in Science in Theater and Entertainment Technology, Theater Technology; Terminate Program - Associate in Science in Theater and Entertainment Technology, Stage Management.
5. Curriculum revisions effective Fall 2026 for the Teacher Education Department: Revised Course(s) - EDF 3430 Measurement, Evaluation, and Assessment in Education, EDF 3940 Clinical Field Experience in Curriculum and Instruction, EEC 4241 Integrated Music, Art, and Movement, RED 3309 Early and Emergent Literacy, RED 4319 Diagnosis and Instructional Intervention in Reading, RED 4342 Foundations of Research Based Practices in Reading, RED 4844 Reading Practicum, TSL 3080 Principles and Practices of ESOL I, TSL 3083 ESOL Issues and Strategies, TSL 4081 Principles and Practices of ESOL II; New Program - Stand-Alone Reading Endorsement Program; Revised Program - Educator Preparation Institute (EPI).
6. Curriculum revisions effective Fall 2027 for the Arts and Sciences Department: Revised Courses - MAC 1147 Precalculus, MAC 1147 Honors Precalculus; Revised Programs - Honors Program, General Education, Associate in Arts Degree.
7. Curriculum revisions effective Fall 2026 for the Allied Health Department: Deleted Course - HCP 0001 Health Career Core (5 year).
8. Curriculum revisions effective Fall 2026 for the Criminal Justice & Public Safety Department: New Program - Crime Scene Technology/Forensic Science, A.S. – Program Learning Outcomes; New

Course(s) - CJE 1641 Crime Scene Technology I, CJE 1642 Crime Scene Technology II, CJE 1671 Latent Fingerprint Development, CJE 1770 Crime Scene Photography, CJE 1772 Crime Scene Photography II, CJE 2649 Forensic Death Investigations; Terminated Program(s) - Correctional Probation Officer Cross-Over Training to Florida Corrections Academy, C.C. – 0548, Correctional Probation Officer Cross-Over Training to Florida Law Enforcement Academy, C.C. – 0547; Deleted Course(s) - CJE 2130 Criminal Investigations (5 year), CJE 1300 The Patrol Function (5 year), CJE 2790 CJST CMS LE Bridge (5 year).

9. Curriculum revisions effective Fall 2026 for the Business, Industry, & Computer Information Systems Department: New Program - Agribusiness Management, A.S. – Program Learning Outcomes; New Course(s) - ORH 1000 Introduction to Horticulture, ORH 1113C Pest & Disease Control, ORH 1301 Introduction to Irrigation, AEB 2102 Principles of Agribusiness Management, AOM 2316 Agricultural Machinery & Equipment, AEB 1949 Agribusiness Internship; Deleted Course(s) - APA 2502 Payroll Tax (5 year), CGS 1560C Microcomputer Operating Systems, EET 1033C Fundamentals of DC/AC Circuits (5 year).

Mr. Primrose moved approval of Consent Agenda Items IV.A-D. Mr. Zomorodian seconded the motion. Motion carried (Komando, Primrose, Zomorodian – Yes).

Approved Consent
Agenda Items IV.A-D

Dr. Melanie Brown reviewed and requested approval to cancel the March 11, 2026, SJR State Board of Trustees Meeting.

Mr. Zomorodian moved, seconded by Mr. Primrose, to approve Chief Operating Officer Items V.A.1.a (a detailed listing is contained in the material submitted by the Office of Chief Operating Officer). Motion carried (Komando, Primrose, Zomorodian – Yes).

Approved Chief
Operating Officer
Items V.A.1.a

Dr. Brown reviewed and requested approval of the 2024-25 Student Housing DSO Internal Revenue Service Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax Form 990N (Taxable Year Ended March 31, 2025).

Mr. Primrose moved, seconded by Mr. Zomorodian, to approve Chief Operating Officer Items V.A.1.b (a detailed listing is contained in the material submitted by

Approved Chief
Operating Officer
Items V.A.1.b

the Office of Chief Operating Officer). Motion carried (Komando, Primrose, Zomorodian – Yes).

Dr. Brown reviewed for information only the SJR State President's Gala, Thursday, March 5, 2026, 6pm Thrasher Horne Center, Orange Park www.sjstate.edu/presidents-gala.

Chief Operating Officer Item V.A.1.c

Dr. Brown reviewed for information only Vikings Spring into Service, Friday, March 13, 2026. <https://thecenter.sjstate.edu/VikingsDaysofService>.

Chief Operating Officer Item V.A.1.d

Dr. Brown welcomed Tom Reynolds, Director of Facilities Operations, who presented a Construction Update on the Remodel and Addition of the Palatka Campus FloArts Building. The project is scheduled to be completed by July 31.

Chief Operating Officer Item V.A.2.a

AVP Chuck Romer presented an update for information only on the SJR State Faculty Collective Bargaining Unit. The current Collective Bargaining Agreement expires on June 30. A meeting is scheduled on March 6 for bargaining the non-wages articles for the new agreement. Meetings are scheduled in April and May to bargain the wages article. He overviewed the data included in the packet regarding recent union participation. The union has had to recertify each year.

Chief Operating Officer Item V.A.3.a

VP/CFO Randy Peterson reviewed and requested approval of the 2025 Annual Property Inventory.

Mr. Primrose moved, seconded by Mr. Zomorodian, to approve Chief Operating Officer Item V.B.1 (a detailed listing is contained in the material submitted by the Office of VP/Chief Finance Officer). Motion carried (Komando, Primrose, Zomorodian – Yes).

Approved VP/Chief Finance Officer Item V.B.1

Mr. Peterson reviewed and requested approval of a \$2,850,000.00 Transfer from Board Designated Operating Reserves to the Unexpended Plant Fund.

Mr. Primrose moved, seconded by Mr. Zomorodian, to approve Chief Operating Officer Item V.B.2 (a detailed listing is contained in the material submitted by the Office of VP/Chief Finance Officer). Motion carried (Komando, Primrose, Zomorodian – Yes).

Approved VP/Chief Finance Officer Item V.B.2

Dr. Ed Jordan reviewed for information only proposed revisions to the following program(s): Admissions criteria for Diagnostic Medical Sonography, A.S. – 2135/2136; Admissions criteria for Respiratory Care,

VP for Academic & Student Affairs Item V.C.1.a-g

A.S. - 2125/2126; Admissions criteria for Radiologic Technology, A.S. - 2155/2156; Admissions criteria for Health Information Technology, A.S. – 0350/0351; Admissions criteria for Nursing, A.S. - 0208/0299; Admissions criteria for Nursing: LPN Bridge to ASN, A.S. - 0208/0298; and Admissions criteria for Nursing: RN to BSN, B.S. – 8700. He noted these items will be brought for approval at the April Board meeting, following being publicly noticed.

Dr. Ros Humerick reviewed and requested approval to Reaffirm the College Mission, Vision and Values for the 2022-2027 Strategic Plan.

Mr. Primrose moved, seconded by Mr. Zomorodian, to approve VP/Chief Institutional Research Officer Item V.D.1 (a detailed listing is contained in the material submitted by the Office of VP/CIRO). Motion carried (Komando, Primrose, Zomorodian – Yes).

Approved VP/CIRO
Item V.D.1

Dr. Ros Humerick reviewed and requested approval to Reaffirm the College Goals and Objectives for the 2022-2027 Strategic Plan.

Mr. Primrose moved, seconded by Mr. Zomorodian, to approve VP/Chief Institutional Research Officer Item V.D.2 (a detailed listing is contained in the material submitted by the Office of VP/CIRO). Motion carried (Komando, Primrose, Zomorodian – Yes).

Approved VP/CIRO
Item V.D.2

Dr. Ros Humerick reviewed for information only Strategic Plan Scorecards and Strategic Plan Performance Measures: 2024-2025 Update.

VP/CIRO Item V.D.3

Dr. Ros Humerick reviewed for information only the Board Self-Evaluation Procedures. She noted it will be electronically administered. The President's Cabinet will also complete a self-evaluation.

VP/CIRO Item V.D.4

Dr. Ros Humerick gave an update on changing Institutional Accreditors. She stated that the application and evidence were submitted in December to the HLC (Higher Learning Commission). In January, the College was notified that we are eligible for the accelerated process. The peer review submission will occur in late fall, with a site visit in the fall 2027.

VP/CIRO Item V.D.5

President Pickens discussed his trip to Tallahassee where he met with Representatives Garrison and Sapp, Senator Leek, and Senator Bradley's staff. He noted the PECO project (the STEM building on the Palatka

President's Report

Campus) is in the Senate budget, but not yet in the House budget. He returned to Tallahassee the following week to meet with Senator Hooper.

President Pickens gave an update on the start of the spring athletic season. Conference games start this weekend.

Trustee comments were made.

Trustee Comments

Chairperson Komando adjourned the meeting at 2:45 p.m.

Adjournment