ST. JOHNS RIVER STATE COLLEGE
DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
September 16, 2026

MEMBERS PRESENT:
Mr. Rich Komando, Chairperson
Mr. Nick Primrose, Vice Chair
Ms. Alexandria Hill
Mr. Kevin Payne
Mr. Jud Sapp
Mr. Cyrus Zomorodian

MEMBERS ABSENT:
Ms. Chereese Stewart - excused

OTHERS PRESENT:
Joe H. Pickens, J.D., Executive Secretary
Jeremiah Blocker, J.D., Board Attorney

I. Meeting Call to Order:
Chairperson Komando called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.

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

III. Old Business:
There was no Old Business.

IV. Consent Agenda Items:
Chairperson Komando requested approval of the Consent Agenda Items IV.A-C:
A. 1. Minutes of August 26, 2026, Board Meeting
B. Chief Operating Officer/Senior Vice President – Dr. Melanie Brown: 1. Personnel Matters
C. Vice President for Finance/CFO – Randy Peterson: 1. Monthly Financial Report – August 2026; 2. Facilities Usage Report – August 2026; 3. Write-offs of Tangible Personal Property.

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

V. New Business:
A. Chief Operating Officer/Senior Vice President – Dr. Melanie Brown – Action and Information Agenda Items

1. Dr. Melanie Brown reviewed and requested that the Trustees attest to the Annual Review of SJR State DBOT Rules and Policies.

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

2. Dr. Brown discussed a request to schedule a SJR State District Board of Trustees Board Orientation and Strategic Planning Workshop. The goal is to open an on-going strategic discussion regarding the College's strategic priorities impacting student achievement and success. This will provide a forum for showcasing cross-cutting initiatives and the work yet to be done. Conversation will be started as the College moves toward closing out the 2022-27 Strategic Plan and begins the development phase of a new plan. Board members agreed to the proposed date of Wednesday, October 28, with the workshop being held beginning at 9:00 am and the regularly scheduled Board Meeting beginning at 2:00 pm. Trustee Primrose requested that the Board Meeting begin immediately following the conclusion of the workshop, not necessarily at 2:00 pm. Dr. Brown noted that the workshop and lunch will potentially take the entire time from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. It was agreed to advertise the start time of the Board meeting as immediately following the conclusion of the workshop.

B. Vice President for Finance/CFO – VP Randy Peterson – Action Agenda Items
   1. VP/CFO Peterson reviewed and requested approval of Fund Balance Carry-Forward Spending Plan.

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

   2. Mr. Peterson introduced Controller Beth Dillon, who presented and requested approval to Accept the Annual Financial Report – Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

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

C. Vice President for Academic & Student Affairs – Dr. Ed Jordan
   1. Dr. Ed Jordan reviewed and requested approval of the Florida College System College Affordability Report for 2026.

      Mr. Zomorodian moved, seconded by Mr. Sapp, to approve Vice President for Academic & Student Affairs Item V.C.1 (a detailed listing is contained in the material submitted by the Office of Vice President for Academic & Student

Affairs). Motion carried (Hill, Komando, Payne, Primrose, Sapp, Zomorodian – Yes).

VI. President's Report:

President Pickens noted the "President's Board Report – September 2026," which was a compilation report of student achievements.

President Pickens thanked Trustee Payne his wife for attending a volleyball match several weeks ago. The team is currently ranked 11th nationally.

VII. Trustees' Comments

Trustee comments were made. Trustee Hill noted that she toured the campus with Trustee Payne and stated that the renovated/remodeled Florida School of the Arts facility is beautiful.

Trustee Payne thanked all the staff who worked on the Donor Appreciation event that was held this past Saturday evening.

Chair Komando referred to the "Florida School of the Arts Season of Events" brochure. It was noted that the Florida School of the Arts Ribbon Cutting has been scheduled on Thursday, October 29 at 3:00 pm. Invitations are being emailed today.

VIII. Adjournment

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