

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 10, 2013 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF ST. PETERSBURG COLLEGE

The Board of Trustees of St. Petersburg College met on Tuesday, December 10, 2013 at the St. Petersburg College EpiCenter, 13805 – 58th Street N., Largo, Florida. The following Board members were present: Chairman Deveron M. Gibbons, Bob Fine, Vice Chair, Dale Oliver Bridgette Bello and Lauralee Westine. Also present were William D. Law, Jr., President of St. Petersburg College and Secretary to the Board of Trustees, and Joseph H. Lang, Board Attorney. Proof of public notice of this meeting is included as part of these minutes. Notices were duly posted.

NOTICE OF MEETING STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOP BOARD OF TRUSTEES, ST. PETERSBURG COLLEGE

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No votes or official actions will be taken at this meeting.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained within seven (7) days of the meetings on the [SPC Board of Trustees website](#) at www.spcollege.edu, or by calling the Board Clerk at (727) 341-3241.

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The meeting will be held for the main purpose of strategic planning for the College as well as routine business. However, there are no rules being presented for adoption or amendment at this meeting.

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13-226. In accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, the following Agenda was prepared:

AGENDA

ST. PETERSBURG COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2013

EPICENTER – Collaborative Labs. Tropics Labs
13805 – 58TH STREET N.
LARGO, FLORIDA

REGULAR MEETING: 8:30 A.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Invocation
- B. Pledge of Allegiance

II. COMMENTS

- A. Public Comment, §286.0114, Florida Statutes

III. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Naming of College Facilities, Board Rule #6Hx23-6.14
 - 1. Midtown Center - New Building, (*Action*)

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2. Midtown Center for Achievement - Current Building, (*Action*)

IV. STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOP

V. NEXT MEETING DATE AND SITE

Tuesday, January 21, 2014, EpiCenter

VI. ADJOURNMENT

If any person wishes to appeal a decision made with respect to any matter considered by the Board at its meeting December 10, 2013 he or she will need a record of the proceedings. It is the obligation of such person to ensure a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, §286.0105, Florida Statutes.

Items summarized on the Agenda may not contain full information regarding the matter being considered. Further information regarding these items may be obtained by calling the Board Clerk at (727) 341-3241.

***No packet enclosure**

Date Advertised: November 29, 2013

Confirmation of Publication

[Notice of meeting](#)

13-227. Under Item I, Call to Order

The meeting was convened by Chairman Gibbons at 8:27 a.m. with an invocation immediately followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Gibbons opened the meeting stating that he wanted to start a little early because of a heavy agenda including healthy discussions about issues related to the College's vision of the future.

13-228. Under Item III, Comments

Opportunity was given for comments from the Board Chair, Board Members, the President and the public.

Mr. Antoine Wells addressed the Board, stating he is a stakeholder in St. Petersburg, Midtown and he is a barber in that area. He voiced a concern is about the future use of the gymnasium. He explained that it has been used for mentoring students at the elementary school. The gym has

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been closed and Mr. Wells is concerned that the gym will still be available for activities in the community. He also requested local opportunities for the development of the new construction. Mr. Wells requested that the opportunities for the new construction be well known in the community.

Chairman Gibbons assured Mr. Wells that there would be community input about the construction. He also stated that the College is looking for subcontractors for that site and is working with the general contractors. He asked Mr. Wells to follow up with Dr. Law regarding these concerns.

Beatrice Hollifield Farrell also addressed the Board. She also voiced a concern regarding the use of the gym and asked that the Board put out a Request for Proposal to be sure that the gym is made available for the use of the public and that the community has the ability to weigh in on the use of the new facility.

Chairman Gibbons thanked both speakers for coming to address the Board. He expressed that he has stressed the involvement of the community in the development of the new campus and assured them that the College has made a commitment to Midtown. He stated that the campus continues to grow every year and the College is adding classes. Chairman Gibbons expressed that this campus will be a dream come true and the intent is for people to be able to finish their AA degree there. He thanked both speakers for their commitment and encouraged them to call Dr. Law for any additional concerns and follow-up.

13-229. Under Item VII-A, Naming of College Facilities

The Board considered Items VII-A.1-2 under Naming of College Facilities, Board Rule #6Hx23-6.14. Mr. Fine moved approval of Items VII-B.1-2. Mr. Oliver seconded the motion.

Information regarding these items is as follows:

Dr. Kevin Gordon presented the recommendations for the naming of the existing and new buildings. For the current building at Midtown, the recommended name is the Cecil B. Keene, Sr. Student Achievement Center. Dr. Gordon shared that Mr. Keene was a prominent educator in St. Petersburg. He served as Dean of students at Gibbs Junior College from 1958 to 1965, then principal of Pinellas High until 1968 and of Gibbs High until 1971. From 1971 to 1992, Mr. Keene worked as a counselor and special projects coordinator at then St. Petersburg Junior College, focusing on efforts to help expand opportunities for students.

Gov. Bob Martinez appointed Mr. Keene to the Board of Regents of the Florida University System in 1987, where he served until 1993. From 2001 until shortly before his death in 2008 at 84, Mr. Keene was a member of the St. Petersburg College Board of Trustees.

For the new Midtown building, the recommended name is the Douglas L. Jamerson, Jr. Midtown Center. Mr. Jamerson graduated from St. Petersburg College and the St. Petersburg College Police Academy. He worked in education and was elected to the Florida House of Representatives in 1982. He was the Commissioner of Education from 1983 until 1993. Mr.

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Jamerson also served as the Department of Labor Secretary. He was a supporter of key legislation for the funding of the Allstate Campus.

Ms. Westine asked if other community groups were consulted about the names. Dr. Law explained that when the College adopted the naming rules, it was anticipated that people would approach the Committee with recommendations rather than using an RFP process and that is what occurred.

Dr. Gordon remarked that the question did come up during the committee meeting. The naming criteria required that there are either philanthropic contributions and/or contributions to the college. He assured the Board that both of these recommendations met those requirements.

Mr. Fine moved for approval of the two recommended names. Mr. Oliver seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Gibbons commented that Mr. Keene was a great member of this Board until he died. In addition, he stated that Dennis Jones and Jim Keene were closely involved with Douglas Jamerson.

13-230. **Under Item IV, Strategic Planning Workshop**
See Real Time Record

13-231. **Under Item V, Next Meeting Date and Site**
The Board confirmed its next meeting date and site as Tuesday, January 21, 2014 8:30 a.m., at the Epi Center.

13-232. **Under Item XI, Adjournment**
Having no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Gibbons adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

William D. Law, Jr.

Secretary, Board of Trustees
St. Petersburg College
FLORIDA

Deveron Gibbons

Chairman, Board of Trustees
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