

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 12, 2024 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF ST. PETERSBURG COLLEGE

The Board of Trustees of St. Petersburg College met on Tuesday, November 12, 2024, at the St. Petersburg College EpiCenter, Room 1-453, 13805 58th Street N, Clearwater, Florida. The following Board members were present: Chair Jason Butts, Vice Chair Deveron Gibbons, Katie Cole, and Thomas Kidwell. Also present was Tonjua Williams, President of St. Petersburg College and Secretary to the Board of Trustees. Proof of public notice of this meeting is included as part of these minutes. Notices were duly posted.

NOTICE OF MEETING BOARD OF TRUSTEES, ST. PETERSBURG COLLEGE

The Board of Trustees of St. Petersburg College will hold a public meeting to which all persons are invited, commencing at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 12, 2024, at the St. Petersburg College EpiCenter, Room 1-453, 13805 58th Street N, Clearwater, Florida. The meeting will be held for the purpose of considering routine business of the College; however, there are no rules being presented for adoption or amendment at this meeting.

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

Members of the public are given the opportunity to provide public comment at meetings of the Board of Trustees concerning matters and propositions on the agenda for discussion and Board action. At the Board meeting, in advance of the time for public comment on the agenda, individuals desiring to speak shall submit a registration card to the Board Clerk, Ms. Rebecca Brown, at the staff table. Policy and procedures regarding public comment can be found on the [SPC Board of Trustees website](#) at www.spcollege.edu

If any person wishes to appeal a decision made with respect to any matter considered by the Board, he or she will need a record of the proceedings. It is the obligation of such person to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made. Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this meeting is asked to advise the agency five business days before the meeting by contacting the Board Clerk at 727-341-3241. If you are planning to attend the meeting and are hearing impaired, please contact the agency five business days before the meeting by calling 727-791-2422 (V/TTY) or 727-474-1907 (VP).

In accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, the following Agenda was prepared:



ST. PETERSBURG COLLEGE

Board of Trustees Meeting
November 4, 2024
EpiCenter, Collaborative Labs
13805 58th Street N
Clearwater, FL

SPECIAL MEETING: 9:00 A.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Invocation
- B. Pledge of Allegiance

II. COMMENTS

- A. Board of Trustees
 - Chair
 - Trustees
 - Trustee Gibbons - Allstate Center Discussion

III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board of Trustees' Meeting of October 8, 2024 (*Action*)

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT Pursuant to §286.0105 FS*

V. CONSENT AGENDA

A. **OLD BUSINESS (items previously considered but not finalized)**

B. **NEW BUSINESS**

1. ACADEMIC MATTERS

a. General Education Course Offerings (*Action*)

2. CAPITAL OUTLAY, MAINTENANCE, RENOVATION, AND CONSTRUCTION

a. Approval of Request for Qualification Vendor List for Design/Build Services for a new Public Safety Center (*Action*)

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- b. Delegation of Authority for Miscellaneous Deferred Maintenance Projects
(Action)

VI. ADJOURNMENT

*St. Petersburg College Board of Trustees welcomes public comments during its regular monthly meetings. Any person or group wishing to make public comments must complete a "Public Comment Card." Procedures for making public comments are as follows:

1. Complete Public Comment card including your name, address, telephone number and agenda item number referring to the purpose of your public comment.
2. Prior to the start of the Board of Trustees Meeting, submit the completed card to the Board of Trustees Clerk. Comment Cards will not be accepted at any other time during the meeting.
3. When your name is called, approach the podium with the microphone, and state your name and address for the record.
4. Comments are limited to three minutes. This is the opportunity for people to make public comments regarding an agenda item prior to the approval of the agenda item.

Student appeals for grades or discipline issues are not heard by the St. Petersburg College Board of Trustees. Students wishing to file an appeal are referred to the SPC Board of Trustee Procedure P6Hx23-4.36.

Any person(s) not adhering to the Board's guidelines or who make comments which could be perceived as slanderous or disruptive may be barred from making future comments before the Board.

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.

Under Item I, Call to Order

The meeting was convened by Chair Butts at 9:00 a.m. The invocation was given by Chair Butts at 9:00am and was immediately followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Under Item II – Comments

- A. Board of Trustees
- Chair

Chair Butts thanked the leadership team for their guidance over the past month. He shared that he has received incredible feedback about Discovery Day.

- President
 - President Williams thanked Miami Dade, Palm Beach, Polk, Valencia, Daytona, Lake Sumter, and Florida Keys for sending laptops, funds, and other support to help students get through the hurricanes. More than 400 students were displaced; 100+ employees were displaced. She publicly thanked the Foundation and trustees of SPC who contributed to help employees. Buildings were not damaged, but people were.
- Trustees

- Trustee Gibbons agreed to move the Allstate Center discussion to the Workshop to follow. He thanked the College faculty and staff and president noting that the emergency center praised the College. Mr. Gibbons suggested providing FEMA sites to SPC family. He asked Chair Butts to include in his LBRs to harden all locations with backup generators; and ask the state to harden facilities based on storm surge.
- Chair Butts agreed that a feasibility study for costs would be a good idea.
- Trustee Kidwell praised the Foundation board for their genuine care, concern, and leadership.

Dr. Williams indicated her pride in the team regarding backup generators and working closely with Duke Energy, who supported the College with a huge donation. She agreed with Mr. Gibbons about looking at windows and other things. The team is reviewing moving forward. She indicated the FEMA information and resources have been provided.

Under Item III, Review and Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the October 8, 2024, Meeting Minutes of the Board of Trustees of St. Petersburg College were presented by the chairman for approval. Trustee Gibbons moved approval of the minutes as submitted. Trustee Kidwell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously

Under Item III, Public Comments

None

Under Item IV – A, Old Business

NONE

Under V-B, New Business

The Board considered Items VI – B.1a -VI. B.4 Trustee Gibbons moved approval. Trustee Cole seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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XI. ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business to come before the Board, Chair Butts adjourned the special meeting at 9:09 a.m.

Tonjua Williams, Ph.D.
Secretary, Board of Trustees
St. Petersburg College
FLORIDA

Jason Butts
Chairman, Board of Trustees
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