

**Florida State College at Jacksonville  
District Board of Trustees  
Minutes of the January 9, 2023  
Special Meeting – Property Utilization  
Administrative Offices, Room 408, 10 a.m.**

PRESENT:

John Avendano, Ph.D., College President, Florida State College at Jacksonville (FSCJ)  
Morteza Hosseini, Chair, University of Florida (UF) Board of Trustees  
Thomas McGehee, Jr., Trustee, FSCJ District Board of Trustees  
Rahul Patel, Trustee, UF Board of Trustees  
Wayne Young, Vice Chair for Duval County, FSCJ District Board of Trustees

CALL TO ORDER:

FSCJ College President John Avendano, Ph.D. called the Special Meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. and welcomed those in attendance.

STATEMENT OF THE PRESIDENT:

President Avendano stated the meeting had been called for the purpose of discussing the utilization of property as well as partnerships and articulation agreements.

INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS:

## A. Utilization of Property:

President Avendano presented Item A – Utilization of Property, and opened the conversation for discussion.

The conversation began with self-introductions, brief histories of their roles, businesses and past projects.

## B. Partnerships and Articulation Agreements:

President Avendano presented Item B – Partnerships and Articulation Agreements, and opened the conversation for discussion.

The conversation moved to vision and future plans for FSCJ and UF, and the possibilities of stronger articulation ties.

UF Board of Trustees Chair Morteza Hosseini shared the future goals for UF, one of which was to have a greater presence across the state – thus Jacksonville. He discussed his support and his personal championing through his wife in support of the state college system. In addition, Chair Hosseini noted his support for state colleges offering 4-year degrees in particular areas or programs. He mentioned UF's goals of maintaining the "New Undergraduate" enrollment level and not growing beyond the 6,400 new students.

Chair Hosseini noted he believes growth should be at the state colleges for undergraduates; then transfer to the universities. This allows all institutions to become stronger to produce more talent (graduates), and therefore, attract more businesses to Florida.

UF's interest in coming to Jacksonville is to expand their presence in the spaces of FinTech and Medical Tech Research at the graduate and postgraduate levels.

FSCJ Trustee Thomas McGehee, Jr. mentioned some upcoming opportunities in the area of Medical Tech Research with a new company potentially coming to Jacksonville.

Additional discussions centered on articulation agreements in the areas of STEM, i.e., Engineering, FinTech and MedTech.

All attendees discussed possible partnerships in the areas of programs, articulations and space/property utilization.

President Avendano stated FSCJ welcomes UF to Jacksonville should opportunities advance, and he looks forward to agreements similar to those with Palm Beach and Daytona State colleges. In addition, should the opportunity exist for a closer partnership with land and space, President Avendano welcomes that as well.

TOUR OF FSCJ  
 DOWNTOWN CAMPUS:

President Avendano shared that following today's meeting attendees were to be provided with a guided tour of the College's Downtown Campus, if time permitted. Unfortunately, there was not enough time for the campus tour.

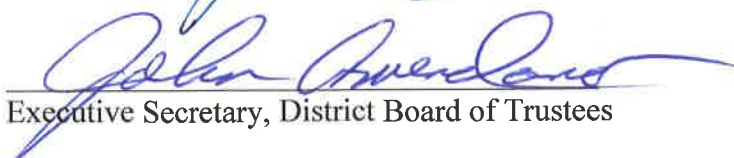
ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, President Avendano declared the meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:



Vice Chair for Duval County, District Board of Trustees



Executive Secretary, District Board of Trustees