



FLORIDA SPORTS™ — FOUNDATION —

Meeting Minutes

Board of Directors | Friday, December 19, 2025 | 12:28 pm to 12:59 pm

Virtual meeting via Microsoft Teams

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Sunshine Guidelines & Public Record Notice

Lauren Davis confirmed that the meeting was held in compliance with *Florida's Government in the Sunshine Law* and public records requirements. The meeting was publicly noticed, open to the public, recorded, and included an opportunity for public comment.

Board Members present:

- Jesse Biter, Chairman
- Michael Dyer, Director
- Jay Feaster, Director
- Sean Flynn, Director
- Michelle McGann-Satter, Director
- Dan Malasky, Director
- Caroline O'Connor, Director

A quorum was confirmed.

Welcome & Roll Call

Chairman Jesse Biter called the Special Meeting of the Florida Sports Foundation Board of Directors to order. He noted that the sole purpose of the meeting was to review and take action on the Quarter 3 and Quarter 4 grant applications, which had been tabled at the prior Board and Grants Committee meetings.

Chairman Biter stated that the meeting was convened to review and take action on Quarter 3 and Quarter 4 grant applications. He noted that the Grants Committee was not issuing a recommendation, as the matter had been tabled and returned to the full Board for direct consideration in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order. All scoring sheets, ROI calculations, and staff-prepared summaries were made available in Diligent in advance of the meeting.

Grant Requests Discussion & Approval

Chairman Biter reminded Board members to disclose any actual or potential conflicts of interest prior to voting on grant items.

The following recusals were disclosed for the record:

Director Sean Flynn disclosed a conflict related to events involving Hard Rock Stadium and the World Baseball Classic and recused himself from discussion and voting on those items. He stated he would submit a written disclosure form.

Director Jay Feaster disclosed conflicts related to the following events and recused himself from discussion and voting on those items:

- 2026 Navy Federal Credit Union Stadium Series
- NCAA Men's Basketball First and Second Rounds
- National Veterans Golden Age Games
- NXL Paintball Tampa Open at Raymond James Stadium

Director Dan Malasky disclosed potential conflicts related to events held at IMG Academy or Premier venues and recused himself accordingly.

Director Caroline O'Connor disclosed a conflict related to Long Depot Park and recused herself accordingly.

All recusals were noted for the record.

Staff Overview & Clarifications

Staff provided an overview of the grant recommendations and budget context, noting:

- Total available grant funds of approximately \$2.149 million
- Staff-recommended awards totaling approximately \$1.94 million
- All recommended grants met or exceeded the established scoring threshold of 78
- Recommendations included both Quarter 3 and Quarter 4 applications submitted by the November 3 deadline
- Adjustments were made where necessary to ensure ROI thresholds were met and to remain within available budget

Staff clarified that initial discrepancies were the result of a calculation error, which was corrected in the updated materials provided to the Board.

Board Discussion

Directors engaged in discussion regarding:

- Consistency with prior grant cycles
- Use of a firm scoring threshold rather than pro-rata allocations

- Budget constraints resulting from prior-year grant obligations
- Timing of state funding receipts and reporting requirements
- The transition year nature of the current grant cycle
- Opportunities to refine the scoring rubric and process in future cycles
- The potential for private fundraising to supplement legislative funding

Chairman Biter emphasized that this was the first implementation of the new scoring system and that a post-cycle review would be conducted to identify improvements.

Motion and Vote

Motion: Director Jay Feaster moved to approve the Quarter 3 and Quarter 4 grant awards as presented, with noted recusals.

Second: Director Sean Flynn seconded the motion, with noted recusals.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously among eligible voting members.

Motion: Approval of **\$1,940,500** for Q3 & Q4 requests. **41** grants were presented. The projected economic impact is **\$1,473,662,768** and **803,977** expected out-of-state visitors.

Motion Moved: Jesse Biter

Seconded: Michael Dyer

The motion was moved, seconded, and approved with none opposed, with the noted abstentions.

Public Comments

The Chair opened the floor for public comment. No public comments were received.

Adjournment

Chairman Biter thanked the Board and staff for their work and participation, wished everyone a happy holiday season and New Year, and called for adjournment.

The meeting was ADJOURNED at 12:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Maicel Green, President & CEO