



NORTHWEST FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE

Memo

To: Board of Trustees
From: Dr. Devin Stephenson, President
Date: January 17, 2023
Re: South Walton Center Facilities Expansion Update

In September 2021, the College entered a lease and memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the Seaside School Foundation, Inc. (which is the foundation supporting Seacoast Collegiate High School) for the purpose of leasing property on which Seacoast will construct educational facilities for both Seacoast's and the College's use. Rather than include rent payments from Seacoast, the College will receive exclusive use space and shared-use space financed and constructed by Seacoast. The College included milestones to mark critical progress and ensure the Board has oversight over the project. Since the Board's October meeting, the College has continued work with Seacoast regarding the expansion.

To support the College in overseeing the ongoing progress on this project, in late 2022 Chair Kelley appointed three members of the Board to serve as an ad hoc committee. Vice Chair Wright and Trustees Flynt and Peacock held a second committee meeting on January 5, 2023, with Chair Kelley and Dr. Stephenson attending *ex officio*. During the meeting, the committee heard updates, which are described below:

1. Plans

Since the Board's last meeting, the College returned its preliminary plans feedback, and the College and Seacoast held two meetings regarding the building plans. The parties worked together to ensure that the Accelerator (the non-classroom building with a café) will serve effectively as a shared use space for both parties and made smaller adjustments to both party's classroom building. The College anticipates receiving final plans from Seacoast in mid-January.

2. Memorandum of Understanding

Following the above-described meetings, the parties reached consensus on an updated MOU. This updated version of the MOU reflects the details of programming responsibilities of each party, division of space, and terms related to anti-competition regarding establishment of charter schools on the site. The committee will vote on whether to recommend this MOU to this full Board of Trustees for consideration when it has also received and reviewed the final plans.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Board of Trustees approves the minutes of the ad hoc committee meeting, as presented.