



**Florida Self-Advocates Network'D  
Board of Directors Meeting / February 23, 2026  
Minutes**

Rachael Riccobene called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

Chyna Pope called the meeting roll:

Members present: Riccobene, Hubers, Spears, D'Arcy, Long, Eakin, Pope

Advisors present: Jenkins, K. Hubers; Fellows present: A. Ranochak, K. Kaiser, R. Robinson, M. Zeman, C. Pinkston, C. Shultz, E. Jean-Pierre, LeQuina Knox

Meeting Norms were read by Rachel Long

Approval of Board Minutes from December 15, 2025. R. Long moved the minutes be accepted; C. Spears second; motion passed

Rachael Riccobene reported that the FL SAND account balance is \$20,570.04

Fellows and OMS Reports to the Board of Directors

1. Legislative Update: Session updates & finishing strong – Chatequa Pinkston: Working the Session Training is on the FL SAND website. Fellows and board members reported their experiences on DD Day at the State Capitol February 10 or their experiences advocating from home: Kaiser, Knox, Robinson (from home), Ranochak, Jean-Pierre (from home), and Jenkins.
2. Board members were asked to mark their calendars for April 8 at noon (EDT) as the Fellows will be presenting information about self-advocacy at the Arc of Florida's Monthly Advocacy Meeting.

3. Information was shared about the upcoming Fellows to Group Coaching Project (later named Triple A) that would help develop group advocacy skills and provide baseline data to OMS)
4. Members were encouraged to attend the Fellows monthly AMPLIFY! call and participate in Fun Question Friday. Fun Question Friday is a new feature on the FSACentral Facebook page. A question is posted each Friday offering self-advocates an opportunity to share their voice. The next AMPLIFY! call is March 2 at 7 PM ET

### New Business

1. Rachael Riccobene presented an application for an At-large board position from Rachel Robinson whose fellowship is ending soon. Rachel Robinson shared her qualifications, including being a Fellow and abundant advocacy work on behalf of herself and her niece who she is a provider for. R. Long moved that Rachel's application be accepted and she become a board member; C. Spears seconded; Motion passed.
2. Robert Gottesman, father of SAIL member Adir Gottesman shared information about the Gottesman family business, a mobile ice-cream business that employs people with disabilities called Delicious Spoonfuls. He would like to recruit FL SAND members to his company board. Rachel Long and Rachel Robinson stated they would like to be considered.

Group Reports: Cool Abilities (R. Long) reported finishing up its 501(c)(3) application and continues to develop its executive board -- they had one new member join in February; New Horizons (A. Jenkins) shared information about a college scholarship available to a student with disabilities. Anyone interested should contact him; C. Spears shared how his group is trying to meet again with the help of the Fellows now that he and his wife are settled.

Motion to Adjourn: P. D'Arcy made the motion; C. Spears second; motion passed and meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Next meeting is April 20, 2026 at 7 PM (EDT) on Zoom.