

## **FSU Unity 5K – Unity Ceremony Agenda**

Date: April 4, 2026 | Time: 9:00 AM – 9:25 AM

Location: Florida State University, Langford Green

Purpose: To officially open the Unity 5K with a moment of reflection, leadership alignment, and community commitment to justice, wellness, and unity

### **9:00 – 9:02 AM | Welcome & Ceremony Opening**

Event Coordinator – Vel Johnson

Brief welcome, acknowledgment of partners, and purpose of the Unity Ceremony

### **9:02 – 9:05 AM | Invocation & Legacy Moment**

Pastor Jay Winters, University Lutheran Church

Honoring the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and grounding the event in unity & prayer

### **9:05 – 9:08 AM | Government & Community Commitment**

Chairman Christian Caban, Leon County Board of County Commissioners

Remarks on the strength of community partnership

### **9:08 – 9:11 AM | Government & Community Commitment**

Mayor Pro Tem Curtis Richardson, City of Tallahassee

Remarks on the power of civic engagement

### **9:11 – 9:14 AM | Civil Rights Charge**

Director Ted T. Ellis, FSU Civil Rights Institute

Connecting the Unity 5K to the ongoing mission of justice, equity, and health education

### **9:14 – 9:17 AM | Academic Leadership Perspective**

Dean Tim Chapin, College of Social Sciences & Public Policy

The role of scholarship, students, and civic engagement

### **9:17 – 9:20 AM | Health & Wellness Spotlight**

Dean Alma Littles, M.D., FSU College of Medicine

Linking movement, wellness, and equity in community health

### **9:20 – 9:25 AM | Unity Charge & Transition to 5K Start**

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Final charge, gratitude, and transition to race start