



Florida Association of
Professors of Educational Leadership

Fall Annual Meeting, October 6th, 2025

*Theme: Navigating the Shifting Policy Environment and the Impact on
Leadership Preparation*



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Welcome and Meeting Call to Order



Some Virtual Meeting Housekeeping

- Please, add your name and institution
 - Click on participants
 - Place cursor on your name
 - Click on more
 - Rename
 - Put your name and institution
- Use chat for questions or comments
- Agenda and link to feedback form will also be shared in chat
- All slides will be shared after the conference



9:00 a.m.	Presidents Welcome- Dr. Zorka Karanxha, FAPEL President Introduction FAPEL Board of Directors Pearson Welcome: Dr. Heather S. Klesch, VP Educator Solutions for Licensing and Learning FASA Welcome: Michelle White, FASA Executive Director
9:15 a.m. 10:15a.m.	FLDOE Updates and Reports Dr. Josey McDaniel, Deputy Chancellor for Educator Quality Dr. Sarah Hall, Ashley Harvey, Marsha Dixon Phil Canto, Bureau of Educator Recruitment, Development and Retention Suleyman Olgar, Hope Bryant Office of Post-Secondary Assessment
10:15 am – 10:30 am	BREAK
10:30 am – 11:00 am	Break-out Sessions: Session 1: Dr. Chris Curran, Professor and Director of Education Policy Research Center at University of Florida, will discuss his research on school safety laws and practices. Session 2: Jessica Janasiewicz, FASA Consultant will discuss the climate of advocacy in a shifting policy environment.
11:00 am- 11:30 am	Break-out Sessions: Session 1: Dr. Chris Curran, Professor and Director of Education Policy Research Center at University of Florida, will discuss his research on school safety laws and practices. Session 2: Jessica Janasiewicz, FASA Consultant will discuss the climate of advocacy in a shifting policy environment.
11:30 am– 12:00 pm	FAPEL Business Meeting Closing Remarks



Welcome

Presidents Welcome- Dr. Zorka Karanxha, FAPEL President



“Promoting the improvement of the education & training of educational leaders through teaching, research, and service” (FAPEL Mission)

- to foster educational improvement through the inclusion of educational leadership in the teaching and learning process.
- to provide leadership in the effective implementation and evaluation of statewide projects and programs.
- to promote the flow of information, ideas, and services among professors of educational leadership in Florida.
- to work cooperatively and collaboratively with similar state, regional, national, and global organizations.
- to sponsor professional conferences and workshops on behalf of the membership.
- to provide an organized forum for experimentation, research, and development.
- to provide leadership in the development, implementation, evaluation, and redesign of educational leadership consistent with valued research and history, and most recent needs, research, and development.
- to provide expertise drawn from the membership to help shape, define, implement, evaluate, and positively influence educational leadership policy and for all interested or affected stakeholders.



FAPEL Board of Directors

Zorka Karanxha, USF, President

William R. Black, USF, President Elect

Daniel Eadens, UCF, Secretary

Daniel Reyes-Guerra, FAU, Treasurer

Sheila Moore, UCF, Past President



Welcome from Our Partners

- Pearson Welcome: Dr. Heather S. Klesch, VP Educator Solutions for Licensing and Learning
- FASA Welcome: Michelle White, FASA Executive Director



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Florida Department of Education Reports and Q & A

*Presentation by **Phil Canto**, Bureau of Educator
Recruitment, Development and Retention*

Suleyman Olgar and Hope Bryant

Office of Post-Secondary Assessment

***Josey McDaniel**, Deputy Chancellor for Educator Quality,
and Dr. Sarah Hall, Ashley Harvey, Marsha Dixon.*





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Transition to Breakout Rooms



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FAPEL Business Meeting

- President's Report
- Treasurer's Update



President's Report

- FAPEL Board Priorities for 2025-26
 - Focus on collaboration among universities to advance and support our work in leadership preparation programs.
 - Have diverse voices across universities and professor ranking and status represented.
 - Recognize achievements and expertise of Florida Professors
 - Stay abreast of changes (policy, technology, etc) that impact our work
- Continuous Priorities
 - Build upon established financial stability
 - Enhance and develop systems of communication



President's Report Cont.

1. Enhance and develop systems of communication
 - Website <https://fapelflorida.org/>
 - Dr. Eadens is the website editor
2. Enhance and develop relationships with other professional organizations (FACTE, FASA, ICPEL, UCEA)
3. Establish the membership of the five FAPEL committees:
 - Policy Committee,
 - Nominating Committee,
 - By-Laws Committee,
 - Awards Committee, and
 - Newsletter Committee.
4. Maintain and enhance relationship with FLDOE and other policy makers
 - Possible service opportunities (Newsletter Committee)
5. Coordination with FASA Advocate



President's Report Cont.

- Revised document on the FAPEL Constitution.
- You will receive an email from Dr. Dan Eadens, the Secretary of FAPEL, to vote on either approving or disapproving the revisions.
- Thank you to Drs. Maslin-Ostrowski, Curan, Forehand, Barakat, and Balzer for your service this past year!



President's Report Cont.

- FAPEL Spring 2026 Conference
- March 1-2, 2026
- Location: Tampa, FL
- Awards Banquet on March 1st 2026
- Details to follow



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Treasurer's Update

Daniel Reyes-Guerra, Ph.D.

Summation and Farewell

- Group Picture (Zoom screen shot)
- Feedback – Please fill out the Google form
- [FAPEL Conference Feedback - Google Forms](#)

On behalf of the BOD,

Thank you!

Zorka Karanxha, FAPEL President

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