



**Full Board Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, November 14, 2023  
Dr. Jeffrey P. & Barbara S. Feingold Board of Trustees Room  
Administration Building, Boca Raton Campus &  
Virtual Meeting**

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**I. Call to Order and Roll Call**

Chair Brad Levine convened the full board meeting of the Florida Atlantic University Board of Trustees with the following members participating:

Mr. Piero Bussani, Ms. Dalia Calvillo, Mr. Daniel Cane, Mr. Shaun Davis, Dr. Kimberly Dunn, Mr. Earnie Ellison, Mrs. Barbara Feingold, Mr. Robert Flippo, Mrs. Elycia Morris, Mr. Pablo Paez, and Mrs. Linda Stoch.

The following university officials participated: Dr. Stacy Volnick, University President; Mr. David Kian, VP Legal Affairs, and Mr. Andrew LaPlant, Board of Trustees Operations.

**Roll was taken and a quorum was present.**

**II. Chairman's Update**

Chair Levine opened by thanking the leadership of the State of Florida and Governor Ron DeSantis. He provided a Final Four Championship Ring to send to Governor DeSantis.

**III. President's Update**

President Volnick stated that FAU is in a strong financial position. FAU is looking at developing affordable housing for students. Dr. Volnick reiterated that FAU is No. 112 in the US News rankings, which is the university's highest ranking in its history. She noted when we talk about this

and the Final Four, it means our story is being told here and nationally. Now we have the largest enrollment this fall with more than 4,400 first-time in college students and average GPA of 3.89.

#### **IV. Public Comment**

There were two public comments, by Dr. Howard Weiner and Ms. Sheila Jaffe.

#### **V. Consent Agenda**

Chair Levine stated that all items were discussed and approved unanimously in their respective committees. Item BF: A-3 Approval of the Amendments to FAU Regulation 8.002: Tuition and Fee Assessment was taken out of the consent agenda. **A motion was made and seconded to approve the Committee on Academic and Student Affairs, Budget and Finance Committee and the Governance Committee consent agendas as revised. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.**

#### **VI. New Business**

##### **a. Approval of Full Board Minutes**

##### **i. October 12, 2023**

Chair Levine asked for a motion to approve the minutes as written. **A motion was made and seconded to approve the October 12, 2023, Full Board Minutes. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.**

##### **b. Approval of Naming of University Elements**

##### **a) Berman Zone**

**A motion was made and seconded to approve the naming of the Berman Zone. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.**

##### **c. Approval of the Presidential Evaluation and Extension of Appointment**

Chair Levine stated that everyone in and around the university is extremely positive about President Volnick's performance. He noted that the Board of Governors' Chair Brian Lamb said President Volnick has provided sound leadership and he was thankful for the grace she has shown under pressure. Chair Levine said his evaluation of President Volnick rated her at Exceptional, which is the university's highest level. **There was a**

**motion and a second to approve the Presidential Evaluation that was prepared by Chair Levine. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.**

Chair Levine went through the University's rules regarding performance bonuses, which can go up to 15% of salary. He noted that would amount to a \$75,000 bonus for President Volnick, which he said was warranted by her exceptional performance. **There was a motion and a second to approve a 15% performance bonus for President Volnick for 2023. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.**

Chair Levine then went over President Volnick's extension of appointment as Interim President. Chair Levine recommended the continuation of the current appointment until a permanent president is hired or the end of 2024. He also suggested increasing her base salary by 5%. Trustee Dunn asked if Dr. Volnick not applying for the permanent position was a term in the extension. Chair Levine said no. Trustee Stoch asked if there was any information about last year's contract. General Counsel David Kian noted the terms of that contract that are online, and he stated the only difference this year was the 5% base salary increase. **There was a motion of and a second to approve the Extension of Appointment.** Trustee Linda Stoch asked for a motion to postpone. The motion failed due to lack of a second. **With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed 12-1, with Trustee Stoch opposing.**

Trustee Dunn asked to continue a discussion regarding making President Volnick the permanent president. There was a discussion amongst the trustees regarding the permanent president position.

**d. Approval of the 2024 FAU Board of Trustees Meeting Dates**

**There was a motion and second to approve the 2024 FAU Board of Trustees Meeting Dates.** Chair Levine noted that there is not a retreat date set until the university gets a permanent president. The trustees had a robust discussion about a retreat date. **With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.**

**VII. Adjournment**

**A motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned.**

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