



Item: CG: A-2

Date: TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 2020

**SUBJECT: APPROVE PROPOSED NEW MEMBER TO THE FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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### **PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

Approve the election of a new board member, Raul A. Valero '10 to the Florida Atlantic Foundation Board of Directors.

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

**Purpose of Action:**

Per Florida Statute 1004.28 (3) effective March 11, 2018, The Chair of the University Board of Trustees shall appoint at least one representative to the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee of any direct-support organization established under this section. The President of the University for which the direct-support organization is established, or his or her designee, shall also serve on the board of Directors and the Executive Committee of any direct-support organization established to benefit that university. The University Board of Trustees shall approve all appointments to any direct-support organization authorized by this subsection.

**Proposed Member's Relationship with FAU:**

**Raul A. Valero '10, Associate Attorney, Nelson Mullins, Boca Raton, Florida**

Raul A. Valero is an associate attorney for Nelson Mullins, a South Carolina law firm with an office in Boca Raton. Valero specializes in real estate transactions, commercial financing, and lending. Prior to Nelson Mullins, he was an associate attorney for McDonald Hopkins from 2016 to 2018 and for Greenspoon Marder from 2013 to 2016. Valero served his legal internship at SFX Baseball Group in Illinois.

Valero earned a J.D. from Nova Southeastern University in 2013. He earned a B.B.A. in management from Florida Atlantic University in 2010. Valero played varsity football for FAU from 2005 to 2007.

Valero's colleague, Christopher Staller, partner at Nelson Mullins, is the nephew of Dr. Richard Staller. Dr. Staller is the FAU team dentist and an FAU football founder. Valero's father-in-law is Andrés Galarraga, a Major League Baseball player from 1985 to 2004.

Raul and his wife, Andria Galarraga Valero '09, reside in West Palm Beach, Florida.

### **IMPLEMENTATION PLAN/DATE**

Upon Board Approval.

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