



FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY

Board of Trustees

## Full Board Meeting Minutes Tuesday, November 19, 2024

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

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

Vice Chair Earnie Ellison, Mr. Stefan Anjelkovic, Mr. Daniel Cane, Mr. Shaun Davis, Dr. Kimberly Dunn, Mr. Robert Flippo, Mr. Brad Levine, Mrs. Elycia Morris, Mrs. Sherry Murphy, Mr. Pablo Paez, and Mrs. Linda Stoch.

The following university officials participated: Dr. Stacy Volnick, University President; Dr. Daniel Jones, Vice President of Legal Affairs & General Counsel; and Mr. Andrew LaPlant, Board of Trustees Operations.

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

### **II. Chair's Comments**

Chair Bussani thanked President Volnick on her term as interim president. Mr. Bussani thanked the Executive Leadership Team. He said after selecting the search committee, with the intention of including people with business ties to the community. He noted that there were faculty advisors to help with the committee. He strives for transparency and integrity throughout the presidential search process.

### **III. President's Report**

President Volnick provided university updates, including that Florida Atlantic continues to rise in the national rankings with a No. 103 ranking in the US News & World Report. FAU is ranked No. 32 in social mobility, which measures the outcome of low-income students. Forty percent of FAU students come from a low-income family.

President Volnick gave updates on FAU High and AD Henderson Schools. FAU marked the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the FAU Wilkes Honors College. FAU was named a Fulbright Hispanic Serving Institution Leader by the US Department of Education and Cultural Affairs.

President Volnick spoke about the many research grants and awards around the university.

Dr. Volnick said two new deans will be joining the university, including the Schmidt College of Medicine and the Lynn College of Nursing.

Dr. Volnick gave an update on FAU Athletics.

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

Maurice Plough made a public comment.

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

Chair Bussani stated that all items on the Consent Agenda were discussed and approved unanimously by the respective Audit and Compliance Committee. No items were removed from the Consent Agenda. **A motion was made and seconded to approve the consent agenda. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.**

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

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

- **September 30, 2024**

Chair Bussani asked for a motion to approve the minutes as written. **A motion was made and seconded to approve the September 30, 2024, Full Board Minutes.** Vice Chair Ellison said he felt more unified and informed as a trustee after the retreat and thanked the Executive Leadership Team for their work in making it successful. Trustee Davis echoed Vice Chair Ellison's comment. **With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.**

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

###### **a. TBC Corporation Study Room**

**A motion was made and seconded to approve the naming of the TBC Corporation Study Room. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.**

**b. The Harry T. Mangurian, Jr. Foundation, Inc. Classroom**

**A motion was made and seconded to approve the naming of the The Harry T. Mangurian, Jr. Foundation, Inc. Classroom. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.**

**c. The Metz Family Men's Locker Room**

**A motion was made and seconded to approve the naming of the The Metz Family Men's Locker Room. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.**

**d. Christine E. Lynn Advanced Nursing Simulation Clinic**

**A motion was made and seconded to approve the naming of the Christine E. Lynn Advanced Nursing Simulation Clinic. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.**

**e. The Michael P. Brady Memorial Conference Room**

**A motion was made and seconded to approve the naming of The Michael P. Brady Memorial Conference Room. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.**

**c. Approval of the Recommended Position Criteria for the Presidential Search**

Ms. Ann Yates from Buffkin/Baker presented the item. She went over the search criteria and the position overview for the presidential position. Presidential Search Chair Sherry Murphy asked for any feedback from the board. Trustee Ellison said this was a positive document, with a beautiful story of FAU. Trustee Levine asked how do we know what the minimum qualifications are. Chair Bussani responded that this was the work of listening sessions, comments and contributions from everyone in the university community. Trustee Murphy said they didn't want to hamstring the committee by requiring a terminal degree. Trustee Flippo asked if it was typical that you don't see a degree requirement. Ms. Yates responded they try to keep the funnel open. She noted other major universities that have a president who don't have a terminal degree. Trustee Cane, Dunn and Paez also gave comments on the criteria.

**A motion was made and seconded to approve the Recommended Position Criteria for the Presidential Search. Trustees then proceeded with a roll call vote. With no further comment or discussion, the motion passed unanimously.**

**d. Informational Item: Presidential Search Marketing Plan**

Ms. Yates presented the item. She went over the Marketing and Outreach Plan, which includes ads in the The Chronicle of Higher Education and Inside Higher Ed. Trustee Levine asked for the duration of the marketing. Ms. Yates responded 60 days for the ads, but the search firm will outreach until a president is selected. Trustee Davis asked if about coordination with the Board of Governors (BOG). Dr. Jones responded that we have been in constant contact with the BOG. Chair Bussani reiterated that we are in constant contact with the BOG.

**e. Approval of the 2025 FAU Board of Trustees Meeting Dates**

Chair Bussani presented the item. Chair Bussani noted the retreat should read October 5-6, instead of 6-7. With that note, **a motion was made to approve the 2025 FAU Board of Trustees Meeting Dates. With no further questions or discussion, the motion passed unanimously.**

**VII. Adjournment**

**A motion to adjourn was made and seconded, and after unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned.**