



Item: CG: A-M

**COMMUNITY AND GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

**Tuesday, April 25, 2023**

**SUBJECT: ROLL CALL AND APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 14, 2023 MINUTES**

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**PROPOSED COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

Initiate roll call to document member participation, ensure quorum, and approve the minutes of February 14, 2023 meeting.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Mrs. Linda Stoch, Chair	___
Mrs. Barbara Feingold, Vice Chair	___
Mr. Daniel Cane	___
Mr. Pierce Kennamer	___
Mr. Brad Levine, ex-officio	___
Ms. Elycia Morris	___

**PARTICIPATING BOT MEMBERS**

Mr. Brent Burns	___
Mr. Piero Bussani	___
Mr. Shaun Davis	___
Dr. Kimberly Dunn	___
Mr. Earnie Ellison	___
Mr. Robert Flippo	___
Mrs. Sherry Murphy	___



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### Minutes of February 14, 2023 Meeting

#### CG: A-M Roll Call:

Chair Linda Stoch called the meeting to order and initiated the roll call. In addition to Trustee Linda Stoch (Chair), the following committee members were present: Trustee Barbara Feingold, Trustee Daniel Cane, Trustee Pierce Kennamer, Trustee Piero Bussani, Trustee Shaun Davis, Trustee Earnie Ellison, Trustee Robert Flippo, Trustee Sherry Murphy.

A quorum was present and the committee was called to order.

Trustee Linda Stoch asked for a motion to accept the minutes, the motion was seconded and passed.

#### CG: A-1 Recommend Naming Elements:

- "FPL Center for Intelligent Energy Technologies"
- "Swisher Family Innovation Center"
- "Flippo Family SRO Office"
- "Andrew M. Herbst, Colonel, (Ret) United States Army Flagpole."

Trustee Linda Stoch (Chair) invited Mr. Chris Delisio, VP for Institutional Advancement and CEO of FAU Foundation, Inc. to address the Board.

#### VP Delisio.

Mr. Chris Delisio, VP for Institutional Advancement and CEO of FAU Foundation asked the Board of Trustee's Community and Governmental Relations Committee Member to approve the naming of the following University Elements:

1. FPL Center for Intelligent Energy Technologies

Next Era Energy Foundation, Inc. (FPL) is making a gift of \$1,000,000 over a four-year term for the naming of a new center located within the FAU College of Engineering and

Computer Science. The proposed name of the center will be the “FPL Center for Intelligent Energy Technologies”.

The purpose of the Donor in making this gift is to provide research opportunities relating to smart technologies and products relevant to the energy sector and workforce development in the energy sector. Students may engage through the center and receive training with the goal of producing graduates who are better potential future employees in the energy sector.

A question was directed to Mr. Delisio about scholarships. Mr. Delisio stated that the scholarship aspect of the gift would be based on student financial aid determined by the university. It was noted that this gift is in line with scholarships that FPL has given to other universities.

Another question inquired about the four-year term naming, and asked about future plans after the term ended. Mr. Delisio remarked that he hoped the Donor would want to renew the naming and possibly increase funding after four years. There will be plans to have future discussions with them.

Trustee Linda Stoch (Chair) called for a motion to approve. A motion was made and seconded to approve without change or correction. The motion passed unanimously.

## 2. Swisher Family Innovation Center

Michael Swisher and Wincie-Lau Swisher are donating \$100,000 to name a lab the “Swisher Family Innovation Center” located within the ADHUS/FAU High School Complex. The Swisher’s have two boys who attend 2nd and 4th grade at A.D. Henderson.

Trustee Linda Stoch (Chair) called for a motion to approve. A motion was made and seconded to approve without change or correction. No discussion or commentary followed. The motion passed unanimously.

## 3. Flippo Family SRO Office

Trustee Robert Flippo and Alyson Flippo are donating \$25,000 to name the School Resource Officer office the “Flippo Family SRO Office” located within the ADHUS/FAU High School Complex. The Flippo’s have a daughter in middle school at A.D. Henderson. Trustee Flippo abstained from voting.

Trustee Linda Stoch (Chair) called for a motion to approve. A motion was made and seconded to approve without change or correction. No discussion or commentary followed. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Andrew M. Herbst, Colonel, (Ret) United States Army Flagpole.

Dr. Joel D. Herbst is the Superintendent of Schools and the Assistant Dean for the PK-12 Schools and Educational Programs at FAU. He is donating \$10,000 to name a flagpole in honor of his brother, Andrew M. Herbst, an FAU alumni who has served our country for thirty-seven years. A plaque will be installed near the flagpole at the ADHUS/FAU High School Complex that reads as follows: "This flagpole is named in honor of Andrew M. Herbst, Colonel, (Ret.) United States Army, in gratitude for his meritorious service to our country."

Trustee Linda Stoch (Chair) called for a motion to approve. A motion was made and seconded to approve without change or correction. No discussion or commentary followed. The motion passed unanimously.

A comment was made in appreciation of the gifts from FAU administration members, Trustee Flippo and Dr. Joel D. Herbst.

A question was directed to Mr. Delisio about fundraising plans for the School of Dentistry. Trustee Feingold stated that it was too early in the process to discuss fundraising strategies since approval for state funding still needs to be obtained.