



Presidential Search

Florida Atlantic's Next Chapter

Presidential Search Committee Meeting Minutes Wednesday, July 24, 2024

Dr. Jeffrey P. & Barbara S. Feingold Board of Trustees Room – Boca Raton Campus
777 Glades Road, Boca Raton, FL 33431

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Sherry Murphy convened the meeting of the Presidential Search Committee with the following members participating:

Mr. Robert Allen, Mr. Stefan Andjelkovic, Mr. Robert D'Angelo, Mr. Earnie Ellison, Mrs. Michelle Hagerty, Mr. Jeffery Joyner, Mr. Craig Mateer, Mr. Scott McCleneghen, Mr. Pablo Paez, Ms. Stephanie Toothaker, Mr. Roland Valdivieso, and Dr. Kevin Wagner.

The following university officials participated: Mr. Daniel Jones, VP Legal Affairs, and Mr. Andrew LaPlant, Board of Trustees Operations.

Roll was taken and a quorum was present.

II. Introductions and Search Committee Charge

Chair Murphy gave an introduction of Florida Atlantic University to the search committee, including the University's improved national rankings, athletic performance, and increased research activities. Chair Murphy emphasized the Committee's role in helping to identify a leader who will build on Florida Atlantic's trajectory and sustain its progress through the next decade of transformation in higher education. Chair Murphy reiterated a few points from the Board of Trustees' formal charge to the committee and then asked each of the Committee members to introduce themselves.

III. Sunshine Law Overview

Mr. Daniel Jones, VP Legal Affairs, reviewed the Sunshine Law with the Committee. The overview included the Presidential Search website, the Sunshine Laws related to the search, including the applicable requirements under Chapters 119 and 286 of the Florida Statutes, and the confidentiality requirements of F.S. 1004.098 and BOG Regulation 1.002. Mr. Ellison asked if the meetings are recorded. Mr. Jones replied that they are recorded.

IV. Introduction of Search Process

Ms. Ann Yates of Buffkin/Baker gave an introduction of the executive search firm. Mr. Martin Baker introduced himself. Ms. Yates provided a brief overview of the search process. She said the listening sessions will be important for the development of the presidential profile.

V. Questions

Mr. Paez asked when they expect a more definitive timeline. Ms. Yates replied that will be discussed at the next meeting. Mr. Allen asked in which publications you typically announce the job. Ms. Yates responded that they check with the university's Human Resources department. She also mentioned a few publications they usually look at. Mr. Allen said to check with counsel as the State of Florida recently passed some laws regarding diversity issues. He said the articulation of focus on women or diversity is inconsistent with the general thrust of where the state is going, and this is not an ordinary state. Ms. Yates confirmed that they will consult with counsel. Dr. Wagner asked if members of the committee can nominate someone. He asked a second question of when they think the committee will complete its work. Ms. Yates said they rely on the committee heavily for nominations. They can be internal or external candidates. On the second question, Ms. Yates replied they are looking early 2025, but that is not set. Mr. D'Angelo asked about being able to join the vetting process. Ms. Yates replied she will check with counsel on that. A question was asked about the pool size. Ms. Yates said most pools are between 50-75 people, although due to the previous search, this could be smaller.

VI. Adjournment

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