



**Full Board Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, February 8, 2024  
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:

Vice Chair Barbara Feingold, Mr. Piero Bussani, Ms. Dalia Calvillo, Mr. Shaun Davis, Dr. Kimberly Dunn, Mr. Earnie Ellison, Mr. Robert Flippo, Mrs. Elycia Morris, Mrs. Sherry Murphy, 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 read a statement on his time as chair. He then announced that at the conclusion of the public comments section of the agenda, he would step down as chair. In accordance with Section 4.3 of the Board Operations Procedures, the board would then be required to hold an election for a new chair before taking any other action. Board Liaison Andrew LaPlant modified the agenda in compliance with the provisions of board procedures with good cause.

**III. President's Update**

President Volnick stated that in light of the Chairman's Update, she will defer her update until the next meeting.

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

There were eight public comments, by Maurice Plough, Sheila Jaffe, Dr. Howard Weiner, Emma Solorzano, Trinity Baker, Logan Slaughter, Ilen Wohlgomuth, and Dr. William Trapani.

#### **V. Required Special Action**

##### **a. Election of Board Chair**

After public comments, Chair Levine resigned. Vice Chair Feingold disconnected from zoom and was not available to hold the election. President Stacy Volnick, as corporate secretary, began the election by calling for nominations for chair.. Trustee Paez thanked Trustee Levine for his time as chair. **Trustee Paez nominated Trustee Piero Bussani. Trustee Davis seconded the motion.**

Trustee Levine said Trustee Bussani would be an excellent choice as chair. Trustee Dunn noted that Trustee Bussani demonstrated the utmost integrity and passion for the university. Trustee Flippo said Trustee Bussani's demeanor is good for the chair. Trustee Flippo also thanked Trustee Levine that what he was doing was a selfless act, just as he had done as chair. Trustee Ellison also noted that he was excellent with the other university trustees at the Trustee Summit this past November. He thanked Trustee Levine for his help navigating through the process. Vice Chair Feingold noted that she wanted advance notice that Trustee Levine was resigning as chair. She added that getting a new chair now is good timing. Vice Chair Feingold then called for a vote. **Trustee Davis made a motion that all nominations be closed. Trustee Levine seconded. With not further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously. After the nominations closed, the vote on the motion and second for Trustee Piero Bussani as chair, with no further discussion or amendments, passed unanimously.**

Chair Bussani thanked the board and noted that this is a tremendous honor. He noted that we are here to support the people that are supporting our students.

#### **VI. Consent Agenda**

Chair Bussani stated that all items were discussed and approved unanimously in their respective committees. **A motion was made and seconded to approve the Audit and Compliance**

**Committee agenda. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.**

## **VII. Old Business**

### **a. Approval of the Interim President Contract**

Chair Bussani said the board has all had a chance to review the contract. With that, **he called for a motion to approve the interim president contract. The motion was moved and seconded. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.**

## **VIII. New Business**

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

#### **i. November 14, 2023**

Chair Bussani asked for a motion to approve the minutes as written. **A motion was made and seconded to approve the November 14, 2023, Full Board Minutes. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.**

Chair Bussani asked if any trustees had comments for the good of the board. Trustee Davis said he is excited about the new leadership. Trustee Ellison wants to make sure we continue to support the university. He has learned a lot. He is impressed by the organizational leadership at FAU, after meeting with many of them. He noted that February is Black History Month. Despite the challenges we look at many of the accomplishments that blacks have made. Trustee Dunn said she was honored to be a part of the next presidential search. She said the faculty asked her to tell the trustees that most of the faculty will not be on campus in the summer. Please keep that under consideration when coming up with a timeline. Trustee Dunn said the University of Florida had three faculty members on their search and would like to look at that. She also asked if faculty can have more of a say in the presidential profile.

## **IX. Adjournment**

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