



**Full Board Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, April 20, 2021 – 10:00 a.m.  
Schmidt Family Complex  
777 Glades Road, Boca Raton, FL 33431  
and Virtual Meeting**

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

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

Mr. Brent Burns, Mr. Daniel Cane, Mr. Shaun Davis, Mrs. Barbara Feingold, Mr. Brad Levine, Ms. Elycia Morris, Ms. Celine Persaud, Mr. Robert Stilley, and Dr. Kevin Wagner

The following university officials participated: Dr. John Kelly, University President; Mr. David Kian, VP Legal Affairs and General Counsel; and Mr. Andrew LaPlant, Board of Trustees Operations.

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

**II. Chair's Report**

Chair Moabery thanked the students, faculty and staff. He and President Kelly are asking the legislators to protect the operational budget of the State University System. Chair Moabery also thanked our legislative leaders, who are advocating for FAU's priorities. Our new trustees Dan Cane and Barbara Feingold are moving through the senate confirmation process.

Chair Moabery concluded with a recognition of Howard Schnellenberger. He was the architect of the FAU football program, and a legend throughout football. Chair Moabery asked for a moment of silence in honor of him.

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

President Kelly opened by thanking interim CFO, Dorothy Russell, who is going back to retirement. She left the university over 3 years ago and came back when Jeff Atwater left. FAU will begin a search for her replacement, after the previous one failed to find a candidate. President Kelly updated the board on the VP for Advancement search.

President Kelly said the Board of Governors (BOG) has been extremely helpful during Covid. They are keeping all the universities up-to-date with meetings twice a week. He noted that the legislators have been extremely cordial during the zoom meetings with him and Chair Moabery.

Spring Commencement will be in person as a sign that we are getting back to normal. All staff will be full-time back on campus on July 12 and nine-month faculty will be back on August 16.

### **IV. Public Comments**

There was one public comment from Dr. William Trapani, faculty member in the Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts & Letters. Dr. Trapani spoke on tenure procedures at FAU. He asked the trustees to proceed slowly with any changes. He requested that any tenure involvement by the Board be clear, predictable, and uniform. Dr. Trapani concluded that the trustees should think carefully about the outcome of any Board decision that could override the faculty vote and the provost's and president's decisions.

Chair Moabery then recognized the two departing trustees, Dr. Kevin Wagner and Ms. Celine Persaud. Chair Moabery spoke of the hard work for a student body president. He presented Trustee Persaud with a resolution and recognition plaque. Chair Moabery then spoke of the tough spot the faculty representative has speaking for the faculty and being a member of the board. He presented Trustee Wagner with a resolution and recognition plaque.

### **V. Consent Agenda**

Chair Moabery stated that all items were discussed and approved unanimously in their respective committees. **A motion was made and seconded to approve the Strategic Planning Committee**

**and the Committee on Academic and Student Affairs consent agendas. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.**

## **VI. New Business**

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

#### **i. February 16, 2021**

Chair Moabery asked for a motion to approve the minutes as written. **A motion was made and seconded to approve the February 16, 2021 Full Board Minutes. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.**

### **b. Approval of University Elements**

#### **a) Jon and Melissa Cipyak Commons**

**A motion was made and seconded to approve the naming of the Jon and Melissa Cipyak Commons. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.**

#### **b) Cipyak Family Walkway**

**A motion was made and seconded to approve the naming of the Cipyak Family Walkway. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.**

## **VII. BOT Member Comments**

Trustee Feingold congratulated Trustees Persaud and Wagner. She was happy to hear the campus will be coming back in-person full time. Trustee Morris said she learned a lot from Trustees Persaud and Wagner. She was glad that commencement will be held in person. Trustee Stilley noted one of the great things about being on the board is getting to know the faculty and students. He said with the graduation rate increasing, that Innovation Village and other items the board has approved, which were controversial back then, has made a difference. Trustees Burns and Davis sent well wishes to Trustees Persaud and Wagner. Trustee Cane was happy with the research presentation. He thinks they can double the amount of it in five years. He was also happy with the progress at AD Henderson school. Trustee Levine noted that the small things can really add up to masterful results.

### **VIII. Adjournment**

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