

Item: VI. b.d.

Date: Tuesday, November 15, 2022

**SUBJECT:** Approve Naming of University Elements

# PROPOSED Board ACTION

BoT approves the naming of the Florida Atlantic University arena. The proposed name of the arena will be the "Eleanor R. Baldwin Arena."

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

## **Donation:**

Eleanor R. Baldwin is donating \$7,500,000 for a recognition opportunity to name the FAU arena.

### **Gift Purpose:**

The purpose of the Donor in making this blended estate and current use gift is to provide philanthropic support to renovate and enhance the FAU Arena for the benefit of FAU Athletics.

### Donor's Background:

Eleanor R. "Elly" Baldwin is Co-Trustee for the Baldwin Family Foundation Trust, a family foundation established by her parents, the late Violet and Charles Baldwin. Ms. Baldwin is a Director Emerita of the Florida Atlantic University Foundation Board after serving as a member of the board from 1999 to 2005. From 2002 to 2013, she served as a member of FAU's College of Education Advisory Board. Elly Baldwin named the Eleanor R. Baldwin house in 1999 and the Baldwin suite in the Stadium Tower. She has also named the History and Tradition Hall in the Schmidt Family Complex, and with this gift is naming the FAU Arena. In 2015, she was the recipient of the President's Talon Award for her steadfast commitment to FAU. In addition to

her service at Florida Atlantic, Ms. Baldwin served as a member of the Board of Trustees of Northwestern University from 1995 to 2003. In 1999, she retired from teaching for Broward County Public Schools after a thirty-four-year career. She was a member of the founding faculty of Deerfield Beach High School, and she taught at Coral Springs Middle School, Pompano Beach High School, and Nova High School. Ms. Baldwin earned a B.A. in Political Science from Smith College and an M.A. in Education from Northwestern University. She resides in Boca Raton.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Cost of signage and installation funded to be determined.

### **IMPLEMENTATION PLAN/DATE**

Implementation date is to be determined.

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