

  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
Florida Atlantic University

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**Full Board Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, June 7, 2022  
Live and Virtual Meeting**

**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:

Mr. Brent Burns, Mr. Daniel Cane, Mr. Shaun Davis, Dr. Kimberly Dunn, Mr. Earnie Ellison, Mrs. Barbara Feingold, Mr. Robert Flippo, Mr. Pierce Kennamer, Ms. Elycia Morris, Mrs. Sherry Murphy, and Mrs. Linda Stoch.

The following university officials participated: Dr. John Kelly, 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. Public Comments**

No public comments

**III. Election of Vice Chair of the Board**

**Trustee Morris nominated Trustee Feingold as vice chair and was seconded. There were no other nominations. With no further comments or questions, Trustee Feingold was voted unanimously as vice chair of the board.**

**IV. Chairman's Update**

Chair Levine opened that the governor signed the state budget with almost \$100 billion, which is the largest in Florida's history. FAU will have interns with the CIO's office in cybersecurity. We are the first university in the State University System to have this.

Chair Levine noted there will be some adjustments to the bylaws that they will vote on at the next meeting. He welcomed new trustees Pierce Kennamer and Robert Flippo.

Trustee Emeritus Max Simonson was recognized by the board for his work as Student Body President the past year.

The trustees spoke about the retreat place and timing. Trustee Cane suggested that the legwork be done before the retreat. He would like common set of things, like a budget to present at the retreat. He noted the last retreat was awkward as there was more presentation and less conversation. He would like the switch that this year.

Trustee Dunn suggested they speak about the strategic plan and where it stands. She asked if there needs to be a steering committee for the retreat.

Trustee Feingold thought a pre-dinner meeting the day before the meeting would be helpful as packing it all into one day is too much.

Trustee Cane followed up with what are we trying to do with the strategic plan. Is the board looking at 2-3 years, 5 or 10 years? He thought have a scope of how long they want to look at would be helpful. Chair Levine replied that the vision is 20 years out, but the action is this year. He used FAU Health as an example. If we can set the partnerships up and have everyone going in the same direction, then year after year there will be more definable action and it will be quite significant in 20 years. Then with the help of the state legislature, and we have objectives that are important to the state, then that would allow us more money to make those steps to accomplish those longer-term goals.

## **V. President's Update**

President Kelly opened that when a new president started at Clemson when he was there, he promised the board that they would be in the top 20 in the US News rankings. They were 78<sup>th</sup> at the time. By the time he took the job at FAU, they were No. 20 in the rankings. He noted that it can be done, but it takes resources. He said the journey is arduous, but it can be done.

President Kelly and Athletic Director Brian went to their first American Athletic Conference meeting. He said they were focused on bowl games, where we are recruiting from and strategy based.

President Kelly noted the changes taking place in the administration. Provost Danilowicz is now a president (at Radford). Nursing dean Safiya George is chairing the search committee. Dr. Michele Hawkins has stepped up to become interim provost. Chris Delisio, VP Advancement, has done a phenomenal job in the short time has been at FAU. Enrollment Management is going back under the Provost's Office.

FAU had 59 people accept the early retirement program. We have a new dean in the College of Science. Robert Stackman has taken over at the Jupiter Campus and the Jupiter Life Science Initiative.

President Kelly spoke about the workforce problem in Palm Beach Count that is limited by housing (costs). He is working with other universities to work on a solution.

## **VI. Consent Agenda**

Chair Levine stated that all items were discussed and approved unanimously in their respective committees. **A motion was made and seconded to approve the Personnel and Compensation Committee, Audit and Compliance Committee, Strategic Planning and Initiatives Committee, Committee on Academic and Student Affairs, Budget and Finance Committee, Governance Committee, and the Community and Governmental Relations Committee consent agendas. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.**

## **VII. New Business**

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

**i. April 5, 2022**

Chair Levine asked for a motion to approve the minutes as written. **A motion was made and seconded to approve the April 5, 2022 Full Board Minutes. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.**

**b. Approval of University Elements**

**a) Henrietta Penn Student Support Suite**

**A motion was made and seconded to approve the naming of the Henrietta Penn Student Support Suite. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.**

**VIII. BOT Member Discussion**

**a. Meeting Structure**

This was taken up during the Chairman's Update and noted under item IV.

**b. BOT Retreat Format**

This was taken up during the Chairman's Update and noted under item IV.

Trustee Feingold congratulated the new chair. She thanked the board for their confidence in her as vice chair. She thinks FAU Health is on the precipice of something exciting. She also thanked the FAU staff and administration who were involved in the April 7<sup>th</sup> event with Governor DeSantis coming to campus. Trustees Kennamer, Stoch, Davis, and Dunn congratulated Trustee Feingold on being voted Vice Chair. Trustee Davis told a story about a student who wants to be a neuroscientist who decided to attend FAU after visiting the campus. Trustee Cane congratulated Trustee Feingold on the unanimous vote for Vice Chair. He asked the president to make sure he is asking the board all he needs with empowering them to give him what he needs to make the next 10 years better. Trustee Ellison said the events he has been to hosted by FAU has been well planned and executed. He also spoke about stories he hears from students and former graduates of FAU that have legacies with the university.

**IX. Adjournment**

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

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