



FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY

Board of Trustees

Full Board Meeting Minutes Tuesday, April 21, 2026

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Vice Chair Sherry Murphy convened the full board meeting of the Florida Atlantic University Board of Trustees with the following members participating:

Mr. Darsham Gonzalez, Mr. Scott McCleneghen, Mr. Thomas Mersch, Mr. Pablo Paez, Mr. Jonathan Satter, Mrs. Samantha Stilley, Mrs. Linda Stoch, Dr. William Trapani, and Mrs. Tina Vidal-Duart.

The following university officials participated: Mr. Adam Hasner, University President; Mr. Joseph Van de Bogart, Vice President of Legal Affairs & General Counsel; and Mr. Andrew LaPlant, Director, Board of Trustees Operations.

Roll was taken and a quorum was present.

II. Chair's Comments

Vice Chair Murphy yielded the chair's time to the president.

III. President's Report

President Hasner thanked the Office of Information Technology for their work on any technical issues. Hasner noted that the legislative report will happen at the next meeting with the legislature finalizes the budget. The President's Gala was a success, making a record amount of money for student success. Two students were recognized as Goldwater Scholars. Florida Atlantic was given an A score on the Anti-Defamation League's 2026 Campus Anti-Semitism Report. A number of colleges were ranked in the U.S. News & World Report. FAU signed a memorandum of understanding with Palm Beach

County government to strengthen South Florida's pipeline. Schmidt College of Medicine celebrated its match day. The spring class of 2026 will be the largest class in university history. Brittany Bowe will get the Presidential Medallion during the Saturday ceremony.

IV. Public Comment

There was one public comment from Nicholas Ostheimer regarding the accountability plan.

V. Consent Agenda

Vice Chair Murphy said all items on the Consent Agenda were discussed and approved unanimously by the Academic and Student Affairs, and the Strategic Planning and Initiatives Committees. No items were removed from the Consent Agenda. **A motion was made and seconded to approve the consent agenda. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.**

VI. New Business

a. Approval of Full Board Minutes

- **February 17, 2026**

Chair Bussani asked for a motion to approve the minutes as written. **A motion was made and seconded to approve the February 17, 2026, Full Board Meeting Minutes. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.**

- **March 3, 2026**

Chair Bussani asked for a motion to approve the minutes as written. **A motion was made and seconded to approve the March 3, 2026, Full Board Meeting Minutes. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.**

b. Information on D-Wave Partnership

Vice President of Government Relations Ryan Britton presented the item. Mr. Britton presented about A Unique Opportunity for Florida Atlantic, Florida Atlantic's Positioning, Strategic Role in Florida's D-Wave's Recruitment Effort, Outcome of Statewide Effort, University Investment, Strategic Benefits to FAU and the Region, D-Wave and FAU Academic Partnership, Post Announcement Coverage, and Other D-Wave Partner Sites. Vice Chair Murphy asked about the system arrival. Mr. Britton replied when the room is ready. Trustee Trapani asked if it's not approved by the legislature, and if not, are

we still committed to the funding and where will it come from. Mr. Britton replied that the purchase agreement is a \$20 million investment in hardware and technology, structured over four payments. The university identified several sources of funding including non-recurring operation support dollars that we received from the legislature in the last fiscal year. Mr. Iroff said strategic reserves were used for the one-time funds.

Trustee Trapani followed up with a second question about if any of the trustees or faculty were asked about the decision. President Hasner replied it was not brought to the board for a vote since that decision is given to the president by university policy.

c. University Efficiency Presentation

The Director of the Division of Bond Finance, Ben Watkins, presented the item. Mr. Watkins presented on Improvements in Student Success Metrics, SUS Funding Tuition and State Operating Appropriations FY 2018 to FY 2026, Degree Yield as Performance Metric Ratio of Graduates to Student Enrollment Last 7 Years, Operating Expenses per Student Last 7 Years, Operating Expenses per Student by University FY 2024, Productivity Metric Credit Hours per Instruction Personnel, SUS FTE Personnel Growth by Function Last 7 Years, Revenues Generated by Research Total Grants & Contracts Revenue FY 2024, and Main Takeaways. Trustee Vidal-Duart asked if the presentation will be done at all universities. Mr. Watkins replied yes. Trustee Vidal-Duart noted that these numbers presented are critical to let the people in Tallahassee know. President Hasner replied that FAU is \$3,600 below the per student average in the state.

d. Faculty Update

Trustee William Trapani gave updates on faculty.

President Hasner added that the trustees will vote on the strategic plan at the next board meeting. He noted that the Board of Governors wants to focus on operational excellence and operational efficiency.

d. Chair's Presentation

Vice Chair Murphy gave a plaque to Trustee Darsham Gonzalez on his last board meeting. She also presented VP Russ Ivy a plaque after many years of service to the university.

VII. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded, and after unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned.