

# Full Board Meeting Minutes Monday, June 19, 2023 Dr. Jeffrey P. & Barbara S. Feingold Board of Trustees Room Administration Building, Boca Raton Campus & 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. Piero Bussani, Ms. Dalia Calvillo, Mr. Shaun Davis, Dr. Kimberly Dunn, Mr. Earnie Ellison, Mrs. Barbara Feingold, Mr. Robert Flippo, Mr. Pierce Kennamer, Mrs. Elycia Morris, Mrs. Sherry Murphy, 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 opened with an update on the presidential search committee. He stated that the leadership profile and description for the next FAU president was posted on April 26. The profile emphasized FAU's strategic pillars, which include increasing our research Carnegie R1 status, the recently branded FAU Health, including the College of Dentistry, and groundbreaking health research, and the partnership with Broward Health. It also includes enhancing student success, accountability, strengthening philanthropic activities and continuing to build FAU's incredible internal faculty, administration, and staff. In three weeks, we garnered 63 applications, in one of the most successful pools that AGB search has ever concluded. The applicants themselves are incredibly

impressive. We had 12 current or former university or system presidents, eight executive vice presidents or provosts, three vice presidents of research, and several vice presidents of health affairs and enrollment management. There were seven candidates from AAU institutions, with a congratulations to USF on their recent invitation to AAU. FAU had several applicants with higher education experience from our State University System partners or connections to our great state. We also had several non-traditional (academic) candidates, including CEOs of public and private companies, C-suite individuals, non-for-profit executives, and state officials. FAU had so many applicants that the search firm helped the (search) committee prioritize by tiering them according to which candidates met or exceeded the qualifications in the position profile. FAU had 19 candidates in the highly qualified group, which included an assistant president, seven current or former presidents, five provosts, a vice president of health affairs, student success and research innovation, a state representative, and two deans. Six of those individuals were from Carnegie 1 research institutions. The demographics of the total pool were 55 men, eight women, and 27 people of color.

Chair Levine spoke about interim president Dr. Stacy Volnick. At the outset of the search, Dr. Volnick felt that FAU would have the best applicant pool if the interim president did not apply. Therefore she did not apply and was not an applicant. We did generate a successful applicant pool. However, despite her announcement, Dr. Volnick received many nominations and even more letters of support to apply for the position. Because of the significant support of the university community, the search committee considered her nomination and even selected her as a semifinalist to be interviewed. However, Dr. Volnick believed her prior statement was still in the best interest of the search and the university. She was deeply grateful for the expression of support she received. She notified the committee that she declined to apply again.

The search committee is looking forward to completing the interviews for candidates. They have selected six semifinalists. The final slate will be discussed at the July 5 search committee meeting.

Chair Levine concluded that he and his family went to the FAU University Theater and enjoyed watching the FAU students. He encouraged the trustees to go and see them.

#### III. President's Update

President Volnick opened that she appreciated Chair Levine's comments on her status. She had the honor of participating in six commencement ceremonies, with more than 3,000 graduates. We gave Barbara Schmidt an honorary doctorate and Manny Medina the president's medallion.

President Volnick thanked Chris Delisio for his time as the VP of Advancement. David Kian and David Green will be stepping into those roles on an interim basis. Parker Executive Search will run the search for the vice president position. Dr. Russ Ivy will be the interim provost and thanked Dr. Michelle Hawkins for her time as interim.

FAU went through a credit rating process with a favorable outcome. President Volnick thanked Ryan Britton (executive director, government relations) and his team for their work in Tallahassee during the legislative session. She also thanked Vice Chair Feingold for her work in the getting the College of Dentistry funded.

President Volnick concluded with acknowledging Captain Larry Ervin on the FAU police force. He is retiring after 40+ years of police service.

#### IV. Public Comment

No public comments

## V. 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 Strategic Planning and Initiatives Committee, Budget and Finance Committee and the Governance Committee consent agendas. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.

#### VI. New Business

## a. Approval of Full Board Minutes

## i. April 25, 2023

Chair Levine asked for a motion to approve the minutes as written. A motion was made and seconded to approve the April 25, 2023 Full Board Minutes. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.

- b. Approval of University Elements
  - a) Lam Family Fitness Center

A motion was made and seconded to approve the naming of the Lam Family Fitness Center. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.

b) BrandStar Studios@Florida Atlantic University

A motion was made and seconded to approve the naming of the BrandStar Studios@Florida Atlantic University. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.

- c) Justin '92 and Krista Jugs Principal Office & Conference Room

  A motion was made and seconded to approve the naming of the Justin '92 and
  Krista Jugs Principal Office & Conference Room. With no further discussion or
  amendments, the motion passed unanimously. Trustee Flippo abstained.
- d) Fonoage Family Classroom

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

c. Presidential Executive Compensation Analysis and Approval of the Range of Compensation

Chair Levine asked for a motion to approve. There was a motion and a second to approve the Presidential Executive Compensation Analysis and Approval of the Range of Compensation. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.

## VII. Adjournment

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