



FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY

Board of Trustees

Florida Atlantic University Board of Trustees Retreat Minutes Tuesday, September 15, 2026

Chair Bussani welcomed everyone to the 2026 Board of Trustees Retreat.

Chair Bussani asked Mr. Joseph Van de Bogart, VP of Legal Affairs and General Counsel, to call roll.

Mrs. Sherry Murphy, Mr. Scott McCleneghen, Mr. Pablo Paez, Mr. Jonathan Satter, Mrs. Linda Stoch, Mr. Lance Moore, Mr. Jon Harrison, Mr. Thomas Mersch, Mr. Brad Levine, Dr. Samantha Stilley, Dr. William Trapani, and Mrs. Tina Vidal-Duart, were all in attendance.

Roll was taken and a quorum was present.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

i. Approval of the September 1, 2026 Full Board Meeting Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the September 1, 2026 Full Board Meeting Minutes. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.

ii. Approval of 2026 Presidential Performance Evaluation

Chair Bussani presented the action item. **A motion was made and seconded. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.**

iii. Approval of Presidential Bonus

Chair Bussani presented the action item. **A motion was made and seconded. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.**

iv. Election of a Chair

Chair Bussani was re-elected as chair without opposition. **A motion was made and seconded. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.**

v. Election of Vice Chair

Trustee Murphy was the only candidate who accepted the nomination. She was re-elected as vice chair. **A motion was made and seconded. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.**

vi. Approval of the FY2027 E&G Carryforward Spending Plan

Jayson Iroff, Vice President for Financial Affairs, presented the action item. He stated this was the last step of the budgeting process for FY2027. He discussed the difference in change of the carryforward balance, the carryforward spending in FY2026, an update in deferred maintenance, highlights of the FY2027 beginning education and general carryforward, and a spending plan for day-to-day operations. Dr. Kenneth Dawson Scully, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, addressed FAU's AI initiatives related to the allocation, and Dr. Stacy Volnick, Executive Vice President for Administrative Affairs, addressed the University's cybersecurity infrastructure. **A motion was made and seconded. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.**

vii. Budget Transformation Update Presentation

Mr. Iroff presented the item and was joined by members of the Deloitte Consulting LLP Team. They provided a budget model roadmap, a budget model output, academic program costing, and the implementation of the budget model for the upcoming fiscal year.

viii. Division of Research Presentation

Dr. Gregg Fields, Vice President for Research, presented the item. He provided an update on research expenditures, research productivity grant revenue, quantum computing progress, neuroscience

research, strategic hiring and research support, personnel allocation by function, DOR future hiring, technology transfer metrics and future hiring, the I6 innovation studio, measuring research productivity grant revenue, strategic considerations, and the reorganization of institutes and centers.

ix. Baseline and Bearing Presentation

Dr. Jason O. Hallstrom, Interim Executive Director for Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute, presented the item. He provided an overview of HBOI and current institutional initiatives.

x. A Donor-centered Approach to Fundraising

Blake B. Davis, Vice President for Institutional Advancement and CEO of the FAU Foundation, presented the item and gave an update on fundraising, alumni engagement, planned gifts by fiscal year, and overarching themes that align with FAU's 2026-2031 strategic plan.

xi. Academic Medicine Update Presentation

Dr. Lewis Nelson, Dean and Chief of Health Affairs, presented the item. He was joined by members of the ReInvest LLP Team, who provided a brief overview of their team and how their work aligns with FAU's 2026-2031 strategic plan.

xii. FAU Facilities – An Overview Presentation

Dr. Volnick presented the item and provided an overview of FAU's facilities.

xiii. Approval of the Florida Atlantic University Fiscal Year 2027 Fixed Capital Outlay Budget

Dr. Volnick presented the action item. She discussed E&G operation projects, carryforward small projects, carryforward large projects, state appropriated projects, and non-appropriated projects. **A motion was made and seconded. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.**

xiv. Athletics Update and Approval of Auxiliary Funds Transfer

Joshua McCowan, Vice President and Director of Athletics, presented an update on Athletics.

He also presented the action item to approve the auxiliary funds transfer to Athletics for competitive excellence funding. **A motion was made and seconded. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.**

xv. FAU Campus Development Parcels and Process presentation

Dr. Volnick presented the item and discussed how campus development aligns with FAU's 2026-2031 strategic plan. She also provided an overview and next steps for campus development.

xvi. AI at Florida Atlantic presentation

Dr. Dawson Scully presented the item along with Trustee Trapani. Dr. Dawson Scully outlined the University-wide implementation of AI with a rollout schedule, what every graduate will be able to accomplish with AI, AI expectations in the workforce, and future objectives.

xvii. Partner Institution Update

Mr. Van de Bogart presented the item.

Chair Bussani concluded with final remarks and thanked everyone for attending the retreat.

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