



**Full Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, June 2, 2020 – 10:00 a.m.**  
**VIRTUAL MEETING**

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**I. Call to Order and Roll Call**

Chair Abdol Moabery convened the full board meeting of the Florida Atlantic University Board of Trustees with the following members participating:

Mr. Brent Burns, Mr. Shaun Davis, Dr. Malcolm Dorman, Mr. Brad Levine, Mrs. Mary Beth McDonald, Ms. Elycia Morris, Ms. Celine Persaud, Mr. Robert Rubin, Mr. Bob Stilley, and Dr. Kevin Wagner

The following university officials participated: Dr. John Kelly, University President, Mr. David Kian, VP Legal Affairs and General Counsel, and Mr. Andrew LaPlant, Board of Trustees Operations.

**Roll was taken and a quorum was present.**

**II. Chair's Report**

Chair Moabery welcomed Trustee Persaud to her first meeting as a trustee. He thanked Dr. Michael Dennis for his contributions to the board. The board will fully recognize his many successes when we can get together in person.

Chair Moabery said that he and Dr. Kelly are part of the state's university system task force for reopening. After many phone call and virtual meetings, Dr. Kelly has prepared us for the most challenging start to a semester in the university's history. However, the university is only part of the equation. This also takes the full buy-in from the community, faculty, staff and especially the students. We will have another meeting on June 12 to present the full plan for the board's approval.

Chair Moabery thanked the trustees for their continued advocacy and support for the university. Whether in Tallahassee, to the federal government, supporting the foundation or advocating for a testing site on campus, our trustees are arising to the challenge to help FAU. He also extend his thanks to the state and local government who continue around the clock to help the university.

FAU will receive an additional \$1.6 million from the federal CARES Act as a result of FAU being an Hispanic Serving Institution. We are still awaiting the state's final budget as how it will affect FAU.

### **III. President's Report**

President Kelly started by thanking the Executive Leadership Team for working diligently every day to try and make everything work. As a group, they are working together to serve our students in the best way. He noted there are over 500 pages of planning documents. Although it may seem excessive, this calls for excessive work.

President Kelly said he wants to make sure this graduating class isn't a lost group of students that come through FAU. He implored the trustees to offer any guidance to help celebrate them. We have put billboards together and the band played together remotely on video for the graduates. We started a website where graduates can post to each other. Our marketing team sent packages to each graduate. We want to do more though. They will also be forever welcome to walk at any graduation they can attend in the future.

President Kelly thanked the trustees for all of their help even in the midst of their businesses struggling. The trustees are still taking calls from us and working hard for the university. The faculty and staff have a giant leap in front of us. We have to figure out this whole new normal, in terms of adherence to the financial criteria and make this the best experience for the students.

President Kelly said the current rhetoric around the country relative to racism has to stop. We have to get back to focusing on helping each other be successful, instead of divisive. This university was born to do that. It was born for diversity, for students who do not have the traditional path to education and he believes this university will prosper during this difficult time.

#### **IV. Public Comments**

No public comments.

#### **V. Consent Agenda**

Chair Moabery stated that all items were discussed and approved unanimously in their respective committees.

Chair Moabery asked Provost Bret Danilowicz to update the trustees on the new degree programs. Provost Danilowicz said based on the conversation about the self-sustaining program, he will confer with the Board of Governors staff to insure that this program is aligned with their expectations before we implement.

**A motion was made and seconded to approve the Audit & Compliance Committee, Budget & Finance Committee, Committee on Academic and Student Affairs, Community and Governmental Relations Committee, Governance Committee, and the Strategic Planning and Initiatives Committee consent agendas. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.**

#### **VI. New Business**

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

##### **i. April 21, 2020**

Chair Moabery asked for a motion to approve the minutes as written. **A motion was made and seconded to approve the April 21, 2020 Full Board Minutes. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.**

##### **b. Approval of University Elements**

##### **a) Drs. Alan B. Aker and Ann Kasten Aker Conference Room**

**A motion was made and seconded to approve the naming of the Drs. Alan B. Aker and Ann Kasten Aker Conference Room. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.**

**b) Steve and Kelly Bethke ELEMENT**

**A motion was made and seconded to approve the naming of the Steve and Kelly Bethke ELEMENT. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.**

**c) Robert '67 and Constance '67 McGee Family Nursing Room**

**A motion was made and seconded to approve the naming of the Robert '67 and Constance '67 McGee Family Nursing Room. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.**

**VII. BOT Member Comments**

Trustee Stilley said he can't wait to meet in person. Trustee Levine appreciates all the hard work from President Kelly and his staff, especially to keep the students, faculty and staff safe. Trustee Burns commended President Kelly, the staff and especially the faculty for learning to teach virtually. It took a tremendous effort on everyone's part. Trustee Persaud thanked Chair Moabery for the kind words. She served a student body vice president last year, working on mental health and safety. She wants to expand on those initiatives as president. Trustee Wagner also misses everyone in person. We had Dr. Kelly and VP of Administrative Affairs, Stacy Volnick, speak at the faculty senate. FAU works best when the faculty, staff and administration works together. He is proud of what we have accomplished so far. Trustee Dorman the effort from Dr. Kelly and the staff to keep the university running. He also thanked Dr. Dennis for his service and Stacy Volnick for her devotion to the institution. He went on to thank Dr. Phillip Boiselle (Dean of the Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine), for the growth of the medical school and the recognition it has received. Trustee McDonald gave kudos for Dr. Kelly during this time. She wants to help with the graduating class and making it special for them. Trustee Davis welcomed Trustee Persaud and thanked Dr. Dennis for his wealth of knowledge. He noted that Dr. Dennis was the one who didn't shake hands, so he was before his time. Trustee Davis said even as the budget seems to change almost every day, Dr. Kelly and his staff make it seem seamless. This is now all about the students. We need to make sure they are comfortable with either in-class or online learning. In regard to the protests, Trustee Davis believes in peaceful protests. We need to change hearts and minds. He believes collectively, we can do that.

### **VIII. Adjournment**

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