



FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY

Board of Trustees

Item: III. a.

Tuesday, March 3, 2026

**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF PROPOSED HARBOR BRANCH OCEANOGRAPHIC
INSTITUTE FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Approve proposed Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute Foundation (“HBOI Foundation”) Board of Directors.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Per Florida Statute 1004.28(3), BOG Regulation 9.011 and FAU Regulation 6.013, except for directors appointed by the Chair of the University’s Board of Trustees or designated by the University President, the University Board of Trustees approves all appointments of directors to the boards of directors of the University’s direct-support organizations (DSO), including without limitation the HBOI Foundation.

On February 23, 2026, the HBOI Foundation Board of Directors unanimously elected the following individuals to serve as HBOIF Foundation Directors:

- [Jon Harrison](#)
- [Scott McCleneghen](#)
- [Thomas Mersch](#)
- [Samantha Stilley](#)
- [Linda Stoch](#)

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN/DATE

Upon Board of Trustees action.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

N/A.

Presented by: Pierro Bussani, Chair
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Supporting Documentation: Links to Biographical Information