



GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, June 16, 2026

SUBJECT: ROLL CALL and Approval of the February 17, 2026 Minutes

PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

Initiate roll call to document member participation, ensure quorum and approve the February 17, 2026 Governance Committee minutes.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- Mr. Thomas Mersch, Chair _____
- Mr. Pablo Paez, Vice Chair _____
- Mr. Jon Harrison _____
- Ms. Tina Vidal-Duart _____
- Mr. Piero Bussani, ex-officio _____
- Mrs. Sherry Murphy, ex-officio _____

PARTICIPATING BOT MEMBERS

- Mr. Darsham Gonzalez _____
- Mr. Brad Levine _____
- Mr. Scott McCleneghen _____
- Mr. Jonathan Satter _____
- Ms. Samantha Stilley _____
- Mrs. Linda Stoch _____
- Dr. William Trapani _____



FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY
Board of Trustees

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes of February 17, 2026

GC: A-M – Roll Call and approval of June 10, 2025, Minutes Governance Committee

Mr. Thomas Mersch, Chair of the Board of Trustees Governance Committee, convened the meeting. Roll call commenced with the following committee members, in addition to Mr. Mersch, participating: Mr. Piero Bussani, Mr. Pablo Paez, Mr. Jon Harrison, Mrs. Sherry Murphy and Ms. Tina Vidal-Duart.

Other Trustees attending the meeting included: Mr. Brad Levine, Mr. Scott McCleneghen, Mr. Jonathan Satter, Mrs. Linda Stoch, Dr. William Trapani, Ms. Samantha Stilley and Mr. Darsham Gonzalez (student body president).

Chair Mersch asked for approval of the June 10, 2025, meeting minutes. **A motion was made and seconded to approve the June 10, 2025 Governance Committee minutes.**

GC: A-1 Request Action on Florida Atlantic University Foundation Board Member

Mr. David Kian, interim CEO, the FAU Foundation, proposes the approval of the membership of Alison Taylor, Ms. Taylors' nomination was unanimously approved the Foundations' nominating committee in December of last year. **A motion was made and seconded to approve the new Board Member Alison Taylor of the foundation Board of Directors. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.**

GC: A-2 Request Action on Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute Foundation Board Members

Mr. Piero Bussani takes the floor and gives context on the request of action. In disregard to Florida law the Harbor Branch foundation has not submitted any of its board appoints for university approval. There are now three proposed approvals for the Harbor Branch foundation appointments Michael J. Brown, Sr., Joseph Ferro, M.D., and John A, Papa. **Mr. Thomas Mersch moves for the disapproval of Michael J. Brown Sr the motion is seconded with no further discussion.**

Mr. Thomas Mersch moves for the disapproval of Joseph Ferro; the motion is seconded with no further discussion.

Mr. Thomas Mersch moves for the disapproval of John A, Papa the motion is seconded with no further discussion.

With no further discussion or action, the meeting of the Board of Trustees Governance Committee was adjourned.