

MINUTES
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BOARD OF GOVERNORS
NEW COLLEGE OF FLORIDA
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Chair Kitson convened the meeting of the Nomination and Governance Committee of the Board of Governors on January 27, 2021 at 2:22 p.m., with the following members present: Darlene Jordan, Brian Lamb, Alan Levine, and Eric Silagy.

1. Approval of Minutes of Meeting held November 5, 2020

Mr. Levine moved approval the minutes of the meeting held on November 5, 2020, as presented. Mr. Silagy seconded the motion and the members of the Committee concurred.

2. Recommendations of Candidates to fill the Trustee Vacancies and Reports on Applicant Interviews

Chair Kitson stated there are some current trustee terms that expired on January 6, 2021. All of these appointments are subject to Senate confirmation and the trustees completing a Board of Governors orientation session, trustee training, and attending the annual Trustee Summits.

In accordance with the Nomination and Governance vetting process, subcommittees reviewed the applications and interviewed potential candidates.

Chair Kitson stated that he spent considerable time going through the applications and interviewing applicants. He thanked his fellow Committee members for their time as well. This is an extremely important function given the significant oversight responsibilities a trustee has to his or her university.

a. Florida International University

Chair Kitson said there is a term that expired on the Florida International University Board of Trustees effective January 6, 2021. Ms. Jordan, Mr. Kitson and Mr. Silagy vetted the applicants.

As lead for the Florida International University Subcommittee, Chair Kitson recommended the Committee appoint Ms. Chanel Rowe to the Florida International University Board of Trustees.

Mr. Kitson then provided some background information on Ms. Rowe. She is the Enforcement Attorney for the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and was a former judicial law clerk to Senior Judge Donald Graham. She currently serves as the Vice President for the FIU Alumni Association Board of Directors and is a member of the Florida Bar Diversity and Inclusion Committee. Mr. Kitson stated he had a good conversation with Ms. Rowe who would be an ideal candidate for the Florida International University Board of Trustees. Mr. Silagy echoed Chair Kitson's comments that she would be a great addition to the board.

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Mr. Kitson recommended the appointment of Ms. Chanel Rowe to the Florida International University Board of Trustees for a term effective January 27, 2021, subject to Senate confirmation and attending an orientation session, trustee training, and annual Trustee Summits.

Mr. Silagy made a motion to appoint Ms. Chanel Rowe. Mr. Lamb seconded the motion and all members of the Committee concurred.

b. New College of Florida

Mr. Kitson explained there is a current vacancy on the New College of Florida Board of Trustees due to the resignation of George Skestos.

Ms. Jordan, Mr. Levine and Mr. Stermon vetted the applicants. Mr. Kitson said he interviewed the applicants as well and it is his recommendation that the Committee appoint Mr. James Stewart to the New College of Florida Board of Trustees.

Mr. Kitson provided background information on Mr. Stewart who is a retired professor and a graduate of Notre Dame. He is a member of the Institute for Equitable Development and the former Vice Provost for Penn State University. Chair Kitson believes Mr. Stewart will be an excellent addition to the New College of Florida Board.

Mr. Kitson recommended the appointment of Mr. James Stewart to the New College of Florida Board of Trustees to serve the remainder of Mr. George Skestos' term effective January 27, 2021, subject to Senate confirmation and attending an orientation session, trustee training, and annual Trustee Summits.

Mr. Silagy made a motion to appoint Mr. James Stewart, which was seconded by Mr. Lamb and all members of the Committee concurred.

c. University of Central Florida

Mr. Kitson stated there is a term that expired on the University of Central Florida Board of Trustees effective January 6, 2021.

Mr. Cerio, Mr. Levine and Mr. Silagy vetted the applicant. Mr. Kitson recommended the Committee appoint Ms. Tiffany Altizer to the University of Central Florida Board of Trustees.

Mr. Kitson described Ms. Altizer's professional background. Ms. Altizer is a Certified Public Accountant, Managing Shareholder and Senior Tax Manager with Keith Altizer and Company, P.A. She is a member of the Seminole County Sheriff Foundation Board. She is also a board member and Treasurer for the Orange County Sheriff Foundation.

Mr. Kitson recommended the appointment of Ms. Tiffany Altizer to the University of Central Florida Board of Trustees to serve a term effective January 27, 2021, subject to Senate confirmation and attending an orientation session, trustee training, and annual Trustee Summits.

Mr. Silagy moved the appointment of Ms. Tiffany Altizer. Mr. Lamb seconded the motion and all members of the Committee concurred.

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d. University of South Florida

Chair Kitson said there are two terms that expired on the University of South Florida Board of Trustees effective January 6, 2021.

Ms. Jordan, Mr. Kitson, Mr. Lamb and Mr. Levine vetted the applicants. Chair Kitson called on Mr. Lamb to discuss his recommendations for filling those seats.

Mr. Lamb said there are two applicants for consideration. He then provided an overview of the professional background of Mr. Shilen Patel. Mr. Patel is the CEO and co-owner of HealthAxis Group and Chairman of the Community Enrichment Lab. He is the founding Director of Central Bank and former co-owner of Visionary HealthWare. He is a long-standing member of his community and is deeply connected to the University of South Florida.

Mr. Lamb recommended the appointment of Mr. Shilen Patel to the University of South Florida Board of Trustees subject to Senate confirmation and attending an orientation session, trustee training, and annual Trustee Summits for a term beginning January 27, 2021.

Mr. Kitson made a motion to approve the appointment of Mr. Shilen Patel. Mr. Levine seconded the motion and all members of the Committee concurred.

Mr. Lamb next discussed the professional background of Ms. Melissa Seixas, who is the Vice President of Government and Community Relations for Duke Energy Florida. She serves as the Chair of the St. Pete Downtown Partnership and is a former member of the St. Petersburg Chamber of Commerce. She also serves on the University of South Florida St. Pete Campus Board.

Mr. Lamb moved the appointment of Ms. Melissa Seixas to the University of South Florida Board of Trustees subject to Senate confirmation and attending an orientation session, trustee training, and annual Trustee Summits for a term beginning January 27, 2021.

Chair Kitson indicated he had an opportunity to speak with both individuals and believe they are great candidates for the University of South Florida Board.

Mr. Levine seconded the motion and all members of the Committee concurred.

3. Concluding Remarks and Adjournment

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m. on January 27, 2021.

Vikki Shirley
Corporate Secretary

Sydney Kitson, Chair