

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS**
August 26, 2022

SUBJECT: Postsecondary Education Institution Accreditation

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Identify and determine the accrediting agencies best suited to serve as an accreditor for the State University System of Florida institutions.

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Senate Bill 7044 from the 2022 Legislative Session created section 1008.47, Florida Statutes. This requires the Board of Governors to identify and determine the accrediting agencies best suited to serve as an accreditor for the institutions in the State University System by September 1, 2022. The law specifies that the same agency may not accredit a public postsecondary institution for consecutive accreditation cycles. In the year following reaffirmation or fifth-year review by the current accrediting agency, each institution must seek and obtain accreditation from an agency identified by the Board of Governors before its next reaffirmation or fifth-year review date. This requirement will expire on December 31, 2032.

Dr. Christy England, Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs, will provide an overview of the institutional accreditors, formerly known as the regional accrediting agencies. Governor Alan Levine, Chair of the Board's Strategic Planning Committee, will facilitate the discussion.

Supporting Documentation Included:

Accreditation Overview

Facilitators/Presenters:

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