

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS**  
March 29, 2023

**SUBJECT:** University of Central Florida: Preeminence Five-Year Plan

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**PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

Consider approval of the University of Central Florida's Path to Preeminence, Five-Year Benchmarking Plan.

**AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION**

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

In 2016, the University of Central Florida was designated as an emerging preeminent institution. Section 1001.7065, Florida Statutes, requires emerging preeminent institutions to submit a five-year benchmark plan with target rankings on key performance metrics for national excellence to the Board of Governors. The Board of Governors approved the University of Central Florida's initial plan to achieve preeminence status in 2016. Based on the 2022 University of Central Florida Accountability Plan, the university had not met the minimum required benchmarks for preeminence as outlined in the original plan. During the June 2022 committee meeting, the chair directed the University of Central Florida to submit a new five-year plan.

The University of Central Florida Board of Trustees approved a new plan, "Path to Preeminence, Five-Year Benchmarking Plan," on February 24, 2023. The plan provides an overview of the eight preeminent metrics the university meets and outlines how the university will improve benchmarks on four metrics to attain the full preeminent state research university designation by 2027. The four metrics outlined for improvement are four-year graduation rate, science and engineering research expenditures, number of postdoctoral appointees, and endowment size.

If approved by the Strategic Planning Committee, the University of Central Florida's Path to Preeminence, Five-Year Benchmarking Plan will be forwarded to the full Board for consideration.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:** In Strategic Planning Committee  
Materials