

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA  
Full Board Meeting  
December 14, 2023  
Via Zoom**

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**1. Chair's Opening Remarks**

The Chair thanked Inspector General Julie Leftheris and her team for their hard work and convened the full board meeting, asking Rachel Kamoutsas to call the roll. A quorum was established.

**2. Public Comment**

Chair Lamb then moved the meeting to public comment. Rachel Kamoutsas introduced Mike Sanderson, who spoke on the Florida Atlantic University presidential search and the Inspector General's report.

**3. Consideration of Audit and Compliance Committee Report**

Chair Lamb recognized the newest member of the Board of Governors, Ashley Bell Barnett, and welcomed her to the Board. Governor Bell Barnett thanked the members for welcoming her and expressed that she is honored to be part of the Board and its great work. The Chair then opened the floor to members for discussion on the report.

Governor Levine discussed the Board's obligation to oversee and ensure compliance with the Board's regulations and stated various concerns that he witnessed during the FAU presidential search. He found it troubling to have a search committee member provide an op-ed on the search being paused while the search and investigation were still pending and stated that although there were various allegations that the search was paused to benefit a particular candidate, it was, instead, because there were issues with the process, which has now been confirmed. Governor Levine reiterated the importance of actions being taken in the view of the other committee members and also stated that he provided to the General Counsel draft changes to the regulation to address these issues and the Inspector General's recommendations.

Chair Lamb thanked Governor Levine for his time and effort with the committee and his comments and then asked for other comments or discussion.

Governor Mateer commended Governor Levine on his efforts and representation of the Board during the search. Governor Diaz also commended Governor Levine for his efforts, longevity on the Board, and his courage in raising the issues.

Chair Lamb then called for a motion regarding the Inspector General's recommendation that the FAU Board of Trustees restart its presidential search process. Governor Levine moved that the process be restarted upon such time that the Board updates its regulation. The motion was seconded by Governor Mateer; a vote was taken, and the motion carried.

The Chair then announced the second recommendation, which was that the Board should consider whether the FAU Board Chair should be prohibited from the next search. The Chair asked for a motion considering that the Board voted to make amendments to its regulation. Vice Chair Silagy stated that because of the prior decision to make changes to the regulation, he recommended to hold on this motion to streamline the process. Governor Levine agreed and stated that addressing the regulation can remedy this statewide. The Chair tabled this issue because it will be captured in revisions to the regulation.

The next issue was to address the recommendation that the Board provide more detailed directions in Regulation 1.002. The chair asked for a motion for the Board to work with the Chancellor and staff on changes to Regulation 1.002. The motion was made by Governor Jones and seconded by Governor Lydecker. The motion passed.

#### **4. Closing Remarks**

Governor Edge asked whether there could be follow up regarding the FAU employee's involvement in the op-ed. Chancellor Rodrigues stated that he would confer with the FAU Board of Trustees and find what their proposals on this issue would be and then report back to the Board.

The Chair announced the next Board meeting as January 24, 2024, and adjourned the meeting.