

**MINUTES**  
**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA**  
**BOARD OF GOVERNORS**  
**NOMINATION AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**  
**Grand Ballroom, UCF *FAIRWINDS* Alumni Center**  
**November 9, 2023**

**1. Call to Order and Opening Remarks**

Chair Lamb introduced the Nomination and Governance meeting. Rachel took the roll; quorum was met.

**2. Minutes of Committee Meeting, September 20, 2023**

Chair Lamb introduced the first item on the agenda, the meeting minutes from September 20, 2023, and stated that they were in the set of documents provided for the meeting. Chair Lamb stated that if there were no questions or changes to be made, that he called for a motion for their approval. Governor Jones made the motion, which was seconded by Governor Levine. Chair Lamb asked if there was any further discussion. There was no further discussion. Chair Lamb then asked who was in favor of the approval of the September 20, 2023, Meeting Minutes, to which everyone present responded that they were. The motion carried.

**3. Consider Appointments of University Trustees**

Chair Lamb stated that it is customary for this committee to take up nominations for trustee appointments, and that there are a few. He stated that there had been a great deal of appointments made in the last couple of months from both the Board of Governors as well as the Governor's office. Chair Lamb stated that they were taking up appointments from the Board of Governors. Chair Lamb explained that as they take up vacancies and make appointments, to remember that they are subject to senate confirmation, the completion of a Board of Governors orientation session, training, and attending the trustee summit. He stated that in accordance with their processes, subcommittees review the applications and that these applications are public information. Chair Lamb then thanked the committee members who were present and stated that there are generally a couple of governors who take on a university's open appointments, review information, and spend time with the candidates.

Chair Lamb then stated that he would begin with Florida Polytechnical University's vacancy. He elaborated by stating that he had Governor Cerio, Governor Jones, and Governor Edge conduct the processes at Florida Polytechnical University, with Governor Edge as their lead. Chair Lamb then called upon Governor Jones to make a recommendation. Governor Jones introduced Jesse Panuccio and recommended him for a trustee position at Florida Polytechnic University. Governor Jones stated that before Panuccio was a part of the firm at Boies, that Jesse was an acting associate attorney general at the U.S. Department of Justice. He stated that in this role, he oversaw the

criminal, and civil rights division of anti-trust, environment, and natural resources in the tax division. He continued, stating that Panuccio served as the chair of the DOJ's Regulatory Task Force and as the Vice Chair of the DOJ's Task Force on Market Integrity and Consumer Fraud. Jones also stated that Panuccio would regularly provide legal and strategic advice to the highest-level decision makers in the federal government, including the attorney general and the deputy attorney general of the United States. Jones continued, stating that Panuccio served for three years as the Department of Economic Opportunity's secretary, and during his tenure at the DEO that he promoted Florida's commitment to building a robust workforce through STEM education. Jones further stated that Panuccio served as Senator Rick Scott's general counsel while he served as governor. Currently, Panuccio serves as a public member of the Administrative Conference of the United States and also serves on the Florida Supreme Court Judicial Nominating Commission, a body that provides the governor with nominees and appointments to the Supreme Court of the State of Florida, as was stated by Governor Jones. Governor Jones asked if there were any questions, comments, or concerns from the committee to which Governor Silagy responded. Governor Silagy stated that Panuccio was very thoughtful, competent, able to do this job, and the right pick. Governor Levine stated that he agreed with Silagy's statements as well. Governor Cerio was then called upon, stating that Panuccio would do great things for Florida Polytechnical University and that he knew this from serving with him on the Supreme Court Judicial Nominating Commission. Governor Cerio elaborated, highlighting Panuccio's work ethic and stating that he would make a great trustee. Governor Jones then moved for a motion that Jesse Panuccio be appointed to the Florida Polytechnic University Board of Trustees, subject to confirmation by the Florida Senate, completion of the trustee training, an orientation session, and attendance at the annual trustee summits for a term beginning November 9, 2023. Governor Jones made the motion, which was seconded by Governor Cerio. A vote was taken, and the motion carried. Chair Lamb then thanked Governor Jones and moved the meeting to the second and final opening.

Chair Lamb stated that the second opening was a trustee vacancy at New College of Florida. Chair Lamb explained that Governor Jordan, Governor Levine, and Governor Jones were part of the subcommittee, and asked Governor Levine if he had a recommendation. Governor Levine thanked Chair Lamb and nominated Donald Patterson on behalf of the committee. Levine stated that Patterson is a native of Florida who has over forty years of experience in venture funded private and public companies. Governor Levine stated that Patterson is the Founder and CEO of Ascend Wireless Networks, a company that has created jobs, generated very good service, and gained impressive recognition within its space. Governor Levine continued, stating that Patterson is an active donor and fundraiser for New College of Florida and the chair of Big Brothers and Big Sisters of the Suncoast, taking an active interest in being a big brother and chairing the organization. As Governor Levine elaborated, he stated that Patterson also led the creation of Safe Stay, in partnership with the Salvation Army, to establish emergency alternatives for women victims of abuse as a result of being homeless. Governor Levine then concluded that Patterson is very entrenched and very committed to the Sarasota community as a "hometown guy." Governor Levine then made the motion to nominate Donald Patterson to be appointed to the New College of Florida Board of Trustees subject

to senate confirmation by the Florida Senate, completion of the trustee training, and an orientation session and attendance at annual trustee summits for a term beginning November 9, 2023. Governor Jordan seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, which prompted Chair Lamb to ask for all those in favor to say aye, to which all replied. The motion was carried, concluding the action items of the Nomination and Governance Committee.

#### **4. Concluding Remarks and Adjournment**

Chair Lamb congratulated the two new appointees, stating that they were stepping into very important roles and that he looked forward to the two appointees being engaged throughout the process. Chair Lamb then concluded the meeting and declared the Nomination and Governance Committee adjourned.