

MINUTES
STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Zoom
February 20th, 2025
Full Board

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1. Call to Order.

Chair Brian Lamb called to order the Full Board portion of the meeting. Rachel Kamoutsas called the roll. Chair Lamb, Vice Chair Levine, Governors Bell Barnett, Brinkman, Cerio, Diaz, Edge, Frost, Haddock, Jones, Lydecker, Mateer, Oliva, Phalin, and Silagy were present, and a quorum was met.

2. Chair's Report.

Chair Lamb recognized the resigning University of South Florida president, Rhea Law and thanked her for her service as the university's 8th president.

3. Public Comment.

Rachel Kamoutsas introduced the first public commenter, Mike Sanderson. He discussed qualifications for university presidents and their terms.

The second to offer a comment was Teddy Salise. She discussed a presidential candidate's campaign for Florida Atlantic University.

The third to offer a comment was Yordanos Molla. She discussed a presidential candidate's campaign for Florida Atlantic University.

4. Resolutions.

Chair Lamb introduced Ken Jessell, the out-going president of Florida International University. He gave the floor to Ken Jessell, who thanked the board, the FIU staff, and the students. Chair Lamb then introduced Stacy Volnick, the out-going interim president of Florida Atlantic University. He gave the floor to Stacy Volnick, who thanked the FAU staff and the students. Chair Lamb then introduced Suzanne Lewis, the out-going Board of Trustees chair of the University of West Florida, who was not on the call.

Chair Lamb then made a motion to approve the resolutions recognizing the departing members. The motion was moved by Chair Lamb and properly seconded by Governor Oliva, and the motion carried.

5. Presidential Candidates.

Chair Lamb then welcomed recommendations for appointment approvals for various universities. He began with Florida International University and gave the floor to Chair Rogelio Tovar. Tovar introduced the appointment of FIU's interim president, Jeanette Nuñez, with high praise and then gave the floor to Nuñez. She first thanked the board and her predecessor, Ken Jessell. She spoke about the university's policies, statistics, and culture and why she felt she would be fit for the job. Various members of the board offered questions and support, and Chair Lamb then concluded this portion of the meeting.

A member of the public who sought to offer comment during the public comment portion of the meeting was permitted to offer comment at this juncture due to an error in locating her on the call occurring earlier in the meeting. Muahbohn Dahn discussed opposition to two presidential candidates, Hasner (FAU) and Nuñez (FIU).

Chair Lamb called for a motion to approve the appointment of Jeanette Nuñez as Interim President of FIU, which was moved by Governor Diaz and properly seconded by Governor Cerio, and the motion carried.

Chair Lamb then gave the floor to Chair Bussani with Florida Atlantic University. He introduced Adam Hasner as a presidential candidate and gave him the floor. Hasner spoke about his high regard for the university, statistics, and culture and why he felt he would be fit for the job. Various members of the board offered questions and support.

Chair Lamb called for a motion to approve the confirmation of Adam Hasner as FAU President, which was moved by Governor Mateer and properly seconded by Governor Diaz, and the motion carried.

6. Consent Agenda.

Chair Lamb made a motion to approve the consent agenda, which was moved by Governor Cerio and properly seconded by Governor Good, and the motion carried.

7. Chair's Conclusion.

Chair Lamb adjourned the meeting.