

**MINUTES**  
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**BOARD OF GOVERNORS**  
**Via Zoom**  
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**Full Board**

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**1. Call to Order**

Chair Alan Levine called the meeting to order, and the roll was called. All members were present except Governor Edge. A quorum was met.

**2. Chair's Remarks**

The Chair provided opening remarks to the Board, highlighting recent university activities, including Florida International University's partnership with a university in Taiwan to expand joint research and industry programs in advanced manufacturing and other emerging technologies; the University of Florida's 2023-24 economic contribution report, which shows the university's nearly \$20 billion economic impact on the state of Florida; and Florida Atlantic University's "Freedom Truck" mobile museum exhibit in celebration of America's 250th. He also highlighted Florida International University's inaugural Horizons Summit, which brought together presidents from across our system and the nation, along with thought leaders from industry and the private sector. Both the University of Central Florida and Florida International University hosted Under Secretary of Education Nicholas Kent, highlighting how Florida is a national leader in education and linking degrees to meet tomorrow's workforce needs.

**3. Public Comment**

Chair Levine introduced the next agenda item, public comment, and asked Amanda Gay whether there were any requests. The following individuals provided comments:

Connor O'Brien was the first to provide public comment on Regulation 1.001.

Mike Sanderson was the second to provide comment and offered comments on Florida State University's foreign activity request, the University of North Florida's Interim President, and Regulation 9.009.

**4. Approval of the Appointment of Interim President of the University of North Florida**

Chair Levine thanked the public for providing comments and moved to the next item on

the agenda. Chair Levine stated that pursuant to Board of Governors' regulation, the selection of an interim president is subject to the Board of Governors' confirmation. He then turned the floor over to the University of North Florida Board of Trustees Chair Steve Moore to present Dr. Angela Falconetti for confirmation as UNF's Interim President. Chair Moore presented Dr. Falconetti by highlighting her background and experience. Chair Levine then asked whether Dr. Falconetti would like to make any statements before he opened the floor for questions. Dr. Falconetti thanked the Board and Chancellor for the opportunity and summarized several key items that demonstrate UNF's contributions to the state. She closed by stating that she intends to work collaboratively with all stakeholders in the role and looks forward to continuing UNF's mission. The floor was then opened for questions or comments.

Governor Dunn provided comments about UNF, the value of working with faculty, informed decision-making, and asked that Dr. Falconetti seek counsel from UNF's faculty. She further asked whether Dr. Falconetti would make a commitment to doing so. Dr. Falconetti affirmed the commitment.

Governor Kamoutsas recognized Dr. Falconetti as setting the standard, having served as the Polk State College President. Governor Kamoutsas highlighted the college's achievements under Dr. Falconetti's leadership. He stated that he is excited to see her continue her efforts at UNF.

Chair Levine invited any additional comments or questions, then asked for a motion to confirm Dr. Falconetti as the Interim President of UNF. The motion was made by Governor Dunn, which was seconded by Governor Good. The motion carried.

Chair Levine then provided updates on his work with the UNF Board Chair in preparing for UNF's upcoming presidential search.

## **5. Consent Agenda Items for Approval**

Chair Levine then introduced the consent agenda and asked whether any member wished to remove an item. Governor Dunn asked that Regulation 1.001 be removed from the consent agenda. Chair Levine stated that the Board will discuss Regulation 1.001 next, but first asked for a motion on the consent agenda.

Governor Dunn moved to approve the consent agenda, and it was seconded by Governor Dale. The motion passed.

## **6. Public Notice of Approval of Amendment to Board of Governors Regulation 1.001, University Board of Trustees Powers and Duties**

Chair Levine then addressed the item removed from the consent agenda, the Notice of Approval of Amendment to Regulation 1.001, University Board of Trustees Powers and Duties. He provided an overview of the regulation, including temporarily suspending universities' use of the H-1B visa program to permit the Board to study the program and its impacts. He stated that he spoke with faculty and presidents to hear directly

from those constituencies and stated that the Board Office would continue working with the presidents to collect data on health and wellness. He specifically asked universities to raise any healthcare access issues or impairments to health, safety, and welfare. He then requested a motion to approve the regulation. The motion to approve was made by Governor Kamoutsas and seconded by Governor Perry.

In discussion, Governor Jones asked questions regarding the process and how the regulation impacts renewals and new hires. Chancellor Rodrigues explained concerns with the H-1B program, including the initial fee and potential pay discrepancies. He clarified that the regulation would not prohibit a current employee's contract or renewal during the pause.

Governor Dale provided comments, agreeing with the first public commenter and expressing concern about the reputational impact on the universities. He also asked whether there could be a process to approve the use of H-1B visas, similar to the process for foreign activity requests.

Governor Dunn shared similar concerns to those of Governor Dale, referring to the effect on the system's reputation.

Governor Jones provided further comments on reviewing the data obtained during this process and whether there are abuses of the program.

Chair Levine also provided comments on clinicians' pay and the importance of collecting data quickly. He also assured that the Board could move quickly if needed.

Chair Levine then called for a roll call vote. All governors in attendance, except Governors Dale and Dunn, voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

## **7. Concluding Remarks and Adjournment**

Chair Levine then reminded the attendees of the next Board of Governors' meeting and adjourned the meeting.