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BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Florida State University
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Nomination and Governance Committee

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1. Call to Order and Opening Remarks

Chair Alan Levine called the Nomination and Governance Committee to order. Amanda Gay called the roll. Chair Levine, Vice Chair Cerio, Governors Edge, Jones, Mateer, and Okaty were present and a quorum was met.

2. Approval of December 12, 2025, Committee Meeting Minutes

Chair Levine addressed the first item on the agenda, the meeting minutes from the December 12, 2025, committee meeting. He called for a motion, which was made by Governor Jones and properly seconded by Governor Edge, and the motion carried.

3. Appointments of University Trustees

Chair Levine introduced the next item, which was the consideration of trustee appointments. He addressed a vacancy on the University of North Florida's Board of Trustees. Chair Levine asked whether any subcommittee members had a nomination to move forward.

Governor Edge nominated Mr. John Gol for reappointment to the University of North Florida Board of Trustees, subject to confirmation by the Florida Senate and completion of trustee training. The motion was made by Governor Edge and properly seconded by Governor Cerio. The motion passed.

4. Notice of Intent to Amend Regulation 1.001, University Board of Trustees Powers and Duties

Chair Levine introduced the following item on the agenda, which was to discuss the notice of intent to amend Regulation 1.001, involving University Board of Trustees' powers and duties.

Chancellor Rodrigues presented the item, commenting that the amendment would pause universities' use of the H-1B program through January 5, 2027, but it would not impact the universities' use of the program for existing employees. Chancellor

Rodrigues noted that the Trump Administration has instituted a \$100,000 fee for new H-1B applications. He stated that the Board would study the costs and the universities' use of the program. Chair Levine added to the discussion, stating the goal is not to restrict hiring in critical fields, but to gather more information so informed policy decisions can be made about specific programs. Universities are encouraged to raise unforeseen issues with the Chancellor.

Chair Levine opened the floor for questions and comments. Governor Dunn provided comments on the item expressing concern about collecting data before pausing the use of the program. Governor Dale also provided comments opposing the proposed amendment and requested that it be removed from the Full Board consent agenda, to which Chair Levine confirmed that the item would be pulled from the Full Board consent agenda and voted on individually if it passed committee. Governor Good asked clarifying questions regarding the proposal, which were answered by Chair Levine.

Chair Levine asked if there was any further discussion from the Board but received no response. Governor Jones moved to approve the notice of intent, which was seconded by Governor Edge. Governor Jones and Chair Levine discussed members seeking input from the universities before the final adoption of the regulation. The motion was then voted in favor of unanimously.

5. Concluding Remarks and Adjournment

Chair Levine provided thanks and closing remarks and then adjourned the Nomination and Governance Committee meeting.