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## **Florida Board of Governors Chair Alan Levine Issues Statement**

**TALLAHASSEE, Fla.**—Today, Florida Board of Governors **Chair Alan Levine** issues the following statement ahead of this week's Board meeting:

"Last week, after reviewing the standards for governance at our universities, issues came to my attention which I believe are important for the Board of Governors to discuss and resolve prior to consideration of additional matters coming before the Board. There were several items proposed for our agenda which I decided to delay until the Board of Governors could consider the governance issues. I added an agenda item to our Governance Committee meeting for this very purpose.

I also stated that I would be prepared to call a special meeting of the Board of Governors to take up the issues that were delayed if the governance issues were resolved.

After productive discussions between the BOG and UF, the University of Florida Board of Trustees agreed it would be appropriate for a third-party expert in University governance to be engaged to review the governance documents of all universities in the System, all delegated authorities and BOG policies. This expert will recommend best practices. The leadership of the UF Board of Trustees stated unequivocally it will comply with any BOG regulations on governance standards that are enacted. I agree with this approach. Ultimately, our mutual goal should be to be an example of best practice in university governance. Similarly, I will encourage the Board of Governors to adopt any beneficial policy changes that enhance our ability to ensure Florida's universities are an example of best practices.

In light of this, I have directed the corporate secretary of the Board of Governors to schedule a special meeting, as soon as legally possible, for the Board to consider the nomination of Dr. Stuart Bell as President of the University of Florida, the full-year extension of FGCU President Timur's contract, and the request from the University of Florida for approval of their housing plan.

I look forward to positive results from our mutual work."

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