STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Full Board Meeting
July 1, 2026

SUBJECT: Confirmation of President-Elect for the University of Florida

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Consider confirmation of the President-Elect for the University of Florida

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Florida Constitution 7(d), Art. IX and BOG Regulation 1.002(5)

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The University of Florida Presidential Search Advisory Committee was appointed to serve in an advisory role to the University of Florida Board of Trustees, which shall select the 14th President of the University of Florida. Rahul Patel served as Chair of the Committee. Dr. Stuart Bell is the sole finalist selected unanimously by the 15-member Presidential Search Committee for recommendation to the UF Board of Trustees. This request is made following the UF Board of Trustees' unanimous selection of Dr. Bell as President-elect at its June 10, 2026 meeting. Pursuant to BOG Regulation 1.002, UF Board of Trustees Chair Morteza "Mori" Hosseini requests the Board of Governors confirm Dr. Bell as UF's next president.

Supporting Documentation Included:
1. Presidential Search Packet
2. Employment Agreement

Facilitators/Presenters: Chair Levine