

STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Academic Affairs Committee
June 24, 2026

SUBJECT: Education Location Closure: Florida International University

PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

Consider approval of the closure of a special purpose center at Florida International University.

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution; Board of Governors' Regulation 8.009

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Florida International University (FIU) is requesting to close a special purpose center as an educational location. Florida International University received the Jewish Museum of Florida (Museum) and the land associated with it as a gift in 2012 from the Jewish Museum of Florida, Inc. At the time of this transaction, this education location was classified as a special purpose center and required Board of Governors approval. The Board of Governors approved this as a special purpose center on September 12, 2012.

In 2026, Florida International University and the Jewish Museum of Florida determined it is in the best interest of the Museum to operate as a separate and independent entity. However, FIU plans to maintain an academic affiliation with the Museum with its Global Jewish Studies Program and Holocaust and Genocide Studies Program. The affiliation may also include joint programming at the Museum and FIU campuses, and the Museum may provide mini-exhibits on the FIU campuses. For the Museum to operate as a separate entity, FIU proposes transferring the facilities and land back to the Museum. As a result of this transaction, FIU must remove this site from the approved educational locations list. Since the site was classified as a special purpose center, pursuant to Regulation 8.009, the Board of Governors must approve any closure of special purpose centers. The action required by the Board does not close the Museum, but closes the educational site of the Museum for FIU.

If approved by the Academic Affairs Committee, the proposed closure will be forwarded to the full Board for consideration. Dr. Lynn Nelson, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Innovation, will provide an overview of the request.

Supporting Documentation Included:

FIU Closure Request Form

Facilitators/Presenters:

Dr. Lynn Nelson