



BOARD OF GOVERNORS, STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
NOTIFICATION OF CLOSURE OF A TYPE I, II, or III ADDITIONAL CAMPUS OR
SPECIAL PURPOSE CENTER

Pursuant to Board of Governors Regulation 8.009, Educational Locations

Florida International University
Institution

Jewish Museum of Florida- FIU
Name of Educational Location

0017
Location ID

Special Purpose Center
Educational Location Classification

301 Washington Avenue
Miami Beach, FL 33139

July 27, 2026
Effective Term of Closure

Physical Address of Educational Location

(US Site: address, city, state, zip)
(International site: street address,
number, city, county/province, country)

June 18, 2026
Date Approved by the University
Board of Trustees

Signature of President
6-18-26
President's Signature Date

Signature of Board of Trustees Chair
6/18/24
Board of Trustees Chair's Signature Date

Signature of Provost
6/15/24
Provost's Signature Date

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<b>Location Acreage</b>	19,500 Sq. Ft.
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<b>Lower Division Undergraduate Courses Offered</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<b>State-Owned</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Funding Type(s)</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Education &amp; General (E&amp;G)</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Contracts &amp; Grants (C&amp;G)</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Auxiliary</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Other</b>

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**Supplemental  
materials  
provided by  
FIU**



June 18, 2026

**Subject: Transfer of Jewish Museum of Florida – FIU to Jewish Museum of Florida, Inc.**

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**Proposed Action:**

The Florida International University Board of Trustees hereby approves the Transfer Agreement and Affiliation Agreement in substantially the form attached hereto; delegates to the University President and the Foundation CEO the authority to take all actions and steps; to execute all instruments, documents, and contracts; and to take all other actions as they deem necessary in connection with the transfer of the Jewish Museum of Florida – FIU to the Jewish Museum of Florida, Inc.; and to approve the closure of the Jewish Museum of Florida-FIU as a Special Purpose Center and request the Florida Board of Governor’s to approve such closure.

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**Background Information:**

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The Transfer Agreement and accompanying Affiliation Agreement would transfer ownership and operation of the JMOF to JMOF Inc. The key assets being transferred are the real property owned by the FIU Foundation located at 301-311-312 Washington Avenue, Miami Beach, Florida, the museum collection and archives, the endowment and operating funds restricted to the JMOF, and all operational assets of the JMOF. The FIU Foundation would retain a right to participate in the proceeds of any sale or monetization of the real property for a period consistent with our ownership period (for the next 13 years). FIU Foundation's participation interest in any sale or monetization of the Museum assets is subject to a sunset schedule, declining from an initial 50% to 18% over the term and expiring in full at the conclusion of year 13, after which FIU shall retain no residual financial interest in the assets or their proceeds. Any proceeds would be used to support the Global Jewish Studies Program

The JMOF is classified as a Special Purpose Center (“SPC”) pursuant to Florida Board of Governors (“BOG”) Regulation 8.009(1)(c). As FIU will no longer own the JMOF at the conclusion of this transaction, BOG Regulation 8.009(2)(a) requires a university board of trustees to approve the closure of an SPC prior to submitting the closure to the BOG for their approval.

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**Supporting Documentation:**

Transfer Agreement  
Affiliation Agreement  
Board of Governors, Notification of Closure of Special Purpose Center

**Facilitator/Presenter:**

**Dr. Elizabeth Bejar, Provost, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer**

FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

# Approval of the Transfer of Jewish Museum of Florida-FIU

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Board of Trustees — Finance & Facilities Committee

Agenda Item FF8 | June 18, 2026

# Brief History

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- The Jewish Museum of Florida (JMOF) was gifted to FIU in 2012 from the Jewish Museum of Florida, Inc. (JMOF Inc).
- The vision was to serve as a laboratory for academic programming through a Global Jewish Studies Initiative.
- Multiple factors challenged the ability to fully materialize that original vision.



## A Path Forward

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The original gift agreement contemplated a potential solution to bolster the ultimate success of the JMOF mission of collecting, preserving, and interpreting the material evidence of the Florida Jewish experience from 1763 to the present; through a transfer back to the original donative entity, the JMOF Inc.

An independent JMOF unlocks the conditions the mission most needs:

- An independent JMOF that could capitalize on a dedicated governance model with more agility.
- An operational framework sized appropriately to a focused, single site specialty cultural institution, and museum.
- Direct access to philanthropic networks and individual donors.

A continuing affiliation between FIU and JMOF to preserve access to its collection and continue to be a resource for the Jewish Studies Program and FIU students.

## Special Purpose Center Designation

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- At the conclusion of the transaction, FIU will no longer own the JMOF property.
- As the JMOF is currently designated a Special Purpose Center under BOG regs, this board would need to approve the closure of the JMOF as a special purpose center before we can request closure from the BOG as is required under the relevant regulation.