

STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Academic Affairs Committee
September 3, 2026

SUBJECT: Educational Location Reclassification: Florida International University

PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

Consider approval of the reclassification of an educational location 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 reclassification of the National Forensic Science Technology Center in Largo, Florida as a special purpose center pursuant to Board of Governors Regulation 8.009, Educational Locations.

The National Forensic Science Technology Center was classified as a special purpose site prior to the changes in definitions in Regulation 8.009 in 2024. Based on the revised definitions, the site needs to be reclassified as a special purpose center. Florida International University uses the location to conduct research to support workforce development, operational training, and technical assistance in forensic science and related STEM disciplines. No instructional programs are currently offered at the location.

If approved by the Academic Affairs Committee, the proposed reclassification 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 Reclassification Request
Form

Facilitators/Presenters:

Dr. Lynn Nelson