

**MINUTES  
STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
University of West Florida  
Full Board  
June 25, 2026**

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**1. Call to Order**

Chair Levine called the meeting to order and asked Amanda Gay to call the roll. Governors Levine, Cerio, Bell-Barnett, Broxson, Dunn, Edge, Good, Haddock, Jones, Kamoutsas, Lukis, Lydecker, Mateer, Okaty, Perry, Siebert, and Sinatra were in attendance.

**2. Opening Remarks**

Chair Levine began the meeting with the first agenda item: his remarks to the board. The Chair commended the Board for maintaining civil discourse surrounding sensitive topics during committee meetings.

**3. Public Comment**

Amanda Gay reported that there were 7 requests for public comment. Each member of the public was allowed two minutes to offer a comment. Chair Levine reminded the public to keep comments focused on items on the meeting's agenda.

The first comment made was by Luna Plaza. Plaza opposed Regulation 6.001.

The second comment was made by Thomas Kennedy. Kennedy opposed Regulation 6.001

The third comment was made by Yarliz Mendez Zamora. Yarliz Mendez Zamora is in opposition to Regulation 6.001.

The fourth comment was made by Josh Rubin.

The fifth comment was made by Alexander Lambridis. Lambridis was in opposition to Regulation 6.001

The sixth comment was made by Rahul Patel. Patel asked the board to consider how they treat presidential candidates going forward.

The seventh comment was made by Nicole Betty. Betty spoke about the value of university tuition.

#### **4. Resolution Recognizing Carson Dale**

Chair Levine recognized former Governor Carson Dale for his time on the Board of Governors. Chair Levine commended Governor Dale's leadership as the voice for students across the 12 Florida Institutions, highlighting his role in creating the Campus Safety and Student Success Committee.

Governors Cerio, Bell-Barnett, and Siebert all added to the Chair's praises. Governor Cerio and Dunn moved to approve the Board of Governors Resolution Recognizing Governor Carson Dale. Governor Bell Barnett seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

#### **5. CPHE Update**

Chair Levine asked Dr. Jason Jewell to provide an update on the Commission for Public Higher Education (CPHE). Dr. Jewell presented that the CPHE is making progress in receiving funding from its founding university systems and its efforts to be recognized by the U.S Department of Education.

Dr. Jewell also stated that a CEO has been found after hosting an open search for the position. The CEO, Cameron Howell, served as a senior advisor within the CPHE and is equipped to lead the Commission.

Following this, Dr. Jewell announced that the University System of Georgia and the University of North Carolina have signed financial agreements with the CPHE, which would need to be discussed and approved by the board.

Governor Dunn took the opportunity to commend CEO Howell's work within the CPHE.

Governor Cerio moved to approve the amended CPHE articles and bylaws, which was seconded by Governor Perry. The motion was passed unanimously.

## **6. FGCU President Contract Extension**

Chair Levine gave the floor to Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) Trustee Chair Larry Antonucci to present the request for President Timur's contract extension.

Mr. Antonucci presented President Timur as a key to the continued progress at FGCU and asked the board to discuss and approve the President's extension. Mr. Antonucci then thanked the board for their continued support of the university.

Chair Levine asked if there was any discussion regarding the matter. Governor Lukis made a motion to approve, which Governor Dunn and Governor Edge seconded. Chair Levine thanked President Timur for her work at FGCU. The motion passed unanimously.

## **7. University of North Florida Presidential Search Update**

Chair Levine recognized Governor Edge for an update regarding the University of North Florida presidential search. Governor Edge let the board know that the search committee is making progress and will have additional updates forthcoming.

## **8. Approval of the Consent Agenda and Meeting Adjournment**

Chair Levine shifted to approve the consent agenda.

Governor Good moved for approval, and the motion was seconded by Governor Dunn. The motion was passed unanimously. Following the approval, the full board meeting was adjourned.