

**MINUTES
STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Florida Gulf Coast University
Full Board
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1. Opening Remarks and Call to Order

Chair Levine started the full board meeting with an overview of achievements from the various SUS institutions. After this, Amanda Gay called the roll. Governors Levine, Cerio, Bell-Barnett, Broxson, Dunn, Good, Jones, Lukis, Lydecker, Mateer, Mack, Okaty, Seibert, and Sinatra were in attendance, and a quorum was met.

2. Public Comment

Chair Levine opened the floor for public comment and informed attendees that disorderly conduct will result in removal from the meeting. Amanda Gay announced that there were eight requests for public comment, with 15 minutes allocated to the speakers in total, allowing each person to speak for two minutes.

The first comment was made by Kaili Taylor. She spoke against Regulation 6.001.

The second comment was made by Connor Plonka. He spoke in opposition to Regulation 6.001.

The third comment was made by Maria Lara. She spoke in opposition to Regulation 6.001.

The fourth comment was made by David Sinclair. He spoke in opposition to Regulation 6.001

The fifth comment was made by Maria Barbero. She spoke in opposition to Regulation 6.001

The sixth comment was made by Roberto Garcia. He spoke in opposition to Regulation 6.001

The seventh comment was made by Connor Hakes. He spoke in opposition to Regulation 6.001

The eighth comment was made by Savannah Jensen. She spoke in opposition to Regulation 6.001.

3. CPHE Update

Chair Levine continued to the next business item, an update on the Commission for Public Higher Education, presented by Dr. Jason Jewell.

Dr. Jewell stated that the CEO of CPHE has hired several individuals to work with him in leadership, that the commission conducted its first site visit on the campus of Florida Polytechnic University, and that it is pursuing visits to other university campuses in the near future.

4. University of North Florida Presidential Search Update

Chair Levine presented updates regarding the UNF presidential search, as Governor Edge was not in attendance. Chair Levine stated that the UNF presidential search committee has selected Dr. Michael P. Shannon to be presented to the UNF Board of Trustees for consideration as university president. Chair Levine let the governors know that over 100 applicants had been reviewed, which led the committee to consider six finalists, but none agreed to move forward unless they were the only finalist for the position.

5. Resolutions, Consent Agenda, and Adjournment

Due to impending bad weather, Chair Levine decided to push back the two resolutions scheduled for this meeting to the next Board of Governors meeting on September 30th and continued to the consent agenda.

All the action items that came forward from committees were placed on the consent agenda. Governor Lydecker moved to approve the agenda, and Governor Okaty seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Following this, Chair Levine adjourned the meeting.