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BOARD OF GOVERNORS
CAMPUS SAFETY AND STUDENT SUCCESS
COMMITTEE
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1. Call to Order and Opening Remarks.

Chair Bell Barnett convened the meeting at 3:14 p.m., with the following Governors present: Broxson, Dunn, Edge, Haddock, Lukis, Lydecker, Mack, Perry, Seibert, and Sinatra. A quorum was established.

2. Minutes of Committee Meeting

Chair Bell Barnett requested a motion to approve the committee meeting minutes for June 24, 2026. Governor Lydecker moved to approve, Governor Dunn seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

3. Regulation 3.0015 Campus Safety and Security Overview

Chair Bell Barnett recognized Ms. Emily Sikes, Vice Chancellor of Academic and Student Affairs, to provide a framework of the proposed regulation. Ms. Sikes reported that Board staff have been meeting regularly with partners from the Florida Department of Education and institutional staff to gather feedback on existing processes across the systems before moving forward with a regulation.

Ms. Sikes stated that Board staff collected information on existing initiatives and researched best practices already in place across the System. She noted that a System workgroup was created with representatives from all 12 universities. The goal of the workgroup has been to use the current practices to establish criteria that each institution can use as a baseline and framework moving forward. Ms. Sikes commented that Board staff have met with the workgroup monthly to achieve this goal. She reported that best practices related to behavioral threat assessments, campus security risk assessments, and training have been examined.

Ms. Sikes then provided an overview of the proposed regulation, which staff intends to bring before the Board for consideration at the November 2026 meeting. She reported that the proposed regulatory framework is intended to align with the statutory requirements and complement the campus safety rule approved by the State Board of Education. Ms. Sikes reported that the statute requires universities to use a campus security risk assessment tool, and that the tool's framework must be approved by the Board of Governors. Ms. Sikes also reported that the statute requires each university to establish threat assessment and management teams with representatives from across each

institution to review potential threats posed by students, and to develop, implement, and monitor behavioral threat mitigation plans. She stated that Board staff are working to develop a framework that will enable each institution to leverage existing best practices in behavioral threat assessment and management while also coordinating these initiatives across institutions. Ms. Sikes noted that the teams established at each university will use the framework and threat levels approved by the Board to conduct their work. Chair Bell Barnett asked about the applicability of the threat assessment tools to students who may self-harm in addition to threats made against others. Ms. Sikes explained that each institution has its own comprehensive method for evaluating reports of potential threats and, based on those methods, can determine whether a student needs support, services, or law enforcement intervention.

Chair Bell Barnett asked if any universities are currently utilizing the School Guardian Program. Ms. Sikes shared that some universities are actively discussing how to launch the program, but none have yet completed the training requirements to participate.

4. Concluding Remarks and Adjournment

Chair Bell Barnett thanked the Board staff and the universities for collaborating on implementing the legislation. She also expressed appreciation to the Board staff for working alongside Commissioner Mack's team to ensure consistency across the state. Having no further business, Chair Bell Barnett adjourned the meeting at 3:40 p.m.

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Ashley Bell Barnett, Chair

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Josh Benalcazar, Student Intern, ASA