

**MINUTES
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
AUDIT AND COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
VIA CONFERENCE CALL
May 5, 2020**

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Chair Charles Lydecker convened the meeting of the Audit and Compliance Committee on May 5, 2020, at 2:23 p.m., via conference call. The following Audit and Compliance Committee members were present: Charles H. Lydecker, Kent Stermon, Aubrey Edge, Patricia Frost, and Alan Levine. The following members of the Board were also present: Tim Cerio, Shawn Felton, Zenani D. Johnson, Darlene Jordan, Sydney Kitson, Brian Lamb, Steven Scott, Eric Silagy, and Norman D. Tripp.

1. Call to Order

Mr. Lydecker called the meeting to order.

2. Approval of Minutes

Ms. Frost motioned that the Committee approve the minutes of the Audit and Compliance Committee meeting held January 29, 2020, as presented. Mr. Levine seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

3. SUS Data Integrity Audits and Certifications Summary

The Board of Governors' Inspector General and Director of Compliance, Julie Leftheris, provided the Committee with a summary of the State University System data integrity audits and certifications from each institution. She highlighted the intent and requirements for the data integrity audits and certifications and said that the combination of the independent audits, university chair and president data integrity certifications, and corrective action plans are the elements of data integrity assurance. Florida Polytechnic University is not yet eligible for performance-based funding consideration. In addition to the data integrity audits and certifications, Ms. Leftheris explained that this is the first year an audit of the data integrity for preeminent and emerging preeminent universities was required.

Ms. Leftheris discussed the notable findings from three universities: Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University, New College of Florida, and the University of South Florida. FAMU's audit revealed an issue in the logic used to calculate Metric 10 in the Board of Governors' data processing. The finding had no impact on performance-based funding metrics, and the issue has been corrected. New College of Florida's chief audit executive found that university controls over the auto-enrolling of recently graduated students were deficient. The university is revising its procedures to remedy the deficiency. USF identified an issue in the preeminence data integrity audit with the

reporting of research dollars to the Higher Education Research & Development Survey (HERD Survey). The university has resolved this issue and is in the process of improving internal controls over its data collection, review and submission methodologies for the HERD Survey. The auditors determined that despite the issue noted, the university had exceeded the thresholds for preeminence status.

Mr. Levine added that roughly \$120 million a year of research is conducted at Moffitt Cancer Center in Tampa, almost exclusively by USF faculty, but it is not recognized nationally due to the rules for HERD survey reporting. He stated that the Board of Governors should acknowledge that this research is being conducted but not counted nationally and that the Board should consider a solution to this issue, including the possibility of changing the reporting structure between Moffitt and USF. Chancellor Criser said staff are reviewing this issue in preparation for a future discussion with the Board.

4. Concluding Remarks and Adjournment

Mr. Lydecker asked Board members if anyone had any questions or comments. He added that he and Ms. Leftheris have had recent discussions with FAMU about its athletic program cash deficit. Mr. Lydecker stated that the report to have a balanced athletics program budget was encouraging. The Audit and Compliance Committee was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Charles Lydecker, Chair

Lori Clark, Compliance and Audit Specialist