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1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

On August 29, 2019, Chair Ned C. Lautenbach convened the meeting at 10:53 a.m. with the following members present and answering roll call: Vice Chair Syd Kitson; Tim Cerio; Dr. Shawn Felton; H. Wayne Huizenga, Jr.; Zenani Johnson; Brian Lamb; Alan Levine; Ed Morton; Dr. Steven Scott; Eric Silagy; Kent Stermon and Norman Tripp. Ms. Patricia Frost and Ms. Darlene Jordan attended the meeting by telephone. Members stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Chair's Report to the Board of Governors

Chair Lautenbach thanked Chair Gable, President Martin, and Florida Gulf Coast University for hosting the meeting. Chair Gable welcomed members to the university and President Martin said he was pleased to have the Board visit the campus.

Chair Lautenbach welcomed Mr. Charlie Lydecker to the board. Mr. Lydecker is the CEO of Foundation Risk Partners after serving 26 years with Brown & Brown, Inc. He serves on the Board of Trustees for his alma mater, American University, in Washington, D.C, is chair of the Florida Birth Related Neurological Injury Compensation Association, and is on the board of the NASCAR Foundation, Halifax Hospital Foundation, and the Chamber of Commerce.

Chair Lautenbach thanked all university chairs and presidents for their support of the System's upcoming public education and communications campaign, aimed to drive awareness of Florida's status as the top state for higher education for the past three years, raise the national profile of the institutions, and attract businesses.

Chair Lautenbach announced the workforce development trip to the Space Coast will take place on November 19, 2019. He expressed excitement about building upon the System's existing relationships with companies like Boeing, Lockheed Martin, and SpaceX, and learning more about the growth and innovation that is taking place in that region of the state.

Chair Lautenbach thanked Governor Morton, Chancellor Criser, as well as Nancy McKee and Lynn Nelson for their work with bookstores and publishers so students may obtain textbooks at more affordable prices.

3. Minutes of Board of Governors Meeting

A. Board of Governors Meeting held June 13, 2019

Governor Kitson moved approval of the Minutes of the meeting held June 13, 2019, as presented. Mr. Silagy seconded the motion, and the members concurred unanimously.

4. Chancellor's Report

Chancellor Criser welcomed new staff members to the Board Office and recognized Dr. R. E. LeMon for his years of dedicated service to higher education in Florida and as a trusted member of the team, beginning in 1988 with the Board of Regents and continuing until August 30, 2019. Chancellor Criser reported on the Academic Continuity and Resilience Summit held recently at the University of Florida organized by Dr. Jon Rogers of the Board Office. He thanked the university board chairs and presidents for their support of a new outreach initiative to communicate Florida's number one ranking in higher education to a national audience.

Chancellor Criser introduced the new logo and seal for the Board of Governors and rolled out the newly redesigned website through a video. He thanked all of the student interns who worked with the Board Office on this project.

5. Earn to Learn Florida

Chair Lautenbach introduced Ms. Brenda Tate, the CEO of Earn to Learn Florida, an initiative of the Southwest Florida Women's Foundation. Ms. Tate said the program prepares income-challenged students to achieve their higher education goals, which includes completing their degree programs on time, graduating debt free, and being career-ready. She explained they recruit students in high school and provide personalized financial literacy training. After achieving that goal, the students are given the opportunity to save \$500 from their earnings and demonstrate they have developed a savings habit. When they enroll in an institution of higher education, the program matches their savings with up to \$4,000 in financial assistance.

Earn to Learn Florida is partnering with Florida Gulf Coast University and has recently recruited 30 new students who are seniors in high school and will be seeking to enroll at FGCU. She next introduced Mr. Adam Scigliano, a senior at FGCU, who is representative of the essence and success of this program.

Mr. Scigliano thanked the Board members for their support of programs like Earn to Learn. He stated he and his twin brother are two of the biggest advocates for the program. He explained the scholarship program is unique by targeting low-income households and teaching students financial literacy skills and how to work and save money. He came from a less than privileged background, with a mother who has struggled to support her five children while also supporting her drug habit. He currently resides in an apartment with his twin brother and together, they are raising their seven-year old sister. He anticipates graduating from FGCU in Spring 2020 with a degree in Finance and a minor in Economics. He is participating in an accounting internship which he hopes will result in a financial analyst position upon graduation. He is also studying to take the CFA Examination, Level 1, in December.

Mr. Scigliano credits Earn to Learn as playing a major role in him meeting his goals. He noted the lack of financial literacy training in public high schools puts students at a disadvantage. But the financial literacy skills he developed through Earn to Learn, and the support of its dedicated staff, was life-changing. The program made it possible for he and his siblings to attain a higher education and he expressed strong support for the continuation of the program to help other underprivileged students succeed with their goals.

6. Public Comment

The Board received one request for public comment. Mr. Jafar Ali Shahul Hameed spoke as Vice President of the United Faculty of Florida. Mr. Hameed supported the request to increase the research funding for State University System, but emphasized the need for graduate students who are employed as graduate assistants to receive more economic assistance in the form of fee waivers and exemptions from financial aid fees, technology fees, capital improvement fees and other fees. Mr. Hameed stated the university system does a disservice to itself by imposing an unreasonable fee burden on the graduate students who assist with teaching and research. Mr. Hameed also voiced concerns regarding the math redesign initiative and believes some of the recommendations could result in Florida become less competitive globally. He asked the Board to consider more input from faculty on this initiative.

7. Confirmation of Reappointment of the President for Florida International University

Chair Lautenbach recognized Ms. Claudia Puig, Chair of the Florida International University Board of Trustees, to present Dr. Mark Rosenberg for confirmation of reappointment as President. Ms. Puig stated the FIU Board of Trustees conducted Dr. Rosenberg's annual evaluation in April and rated his performance as superior. In June, the FIU Board of Trustees voted unanimously to extend Dr. Rosenberg's contract

through August 3, 2021. She shared some highlights of Dr. Rosenberg's accomplishments contained in the materials FIU submitted to the Board. These included the increase in retention and graduation rates through the use of predictive analytics; that the university is ranked in the Top 100 public institutions by U.S. News and World Report; that FIU's College of Law has the highest statewide passage rate on the bar examination; that the university has been awarded \$124 million in research funding and also increased faculty patents by 57% since 2017. Ms. Puig commended Dr. Rosenberg and the university on its leadership in response to Hurricanes Irma and Maria. She noted FIU received a \$5 million grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to provide aerial medical evacuation tracking for disaster response professionals. In closing, Ms. Puig requested confirmation of Dr. Rosenberg's reappointment by the Board.

Chair Lautenbach called for a motion to confirm Dr. Rosenberg. Mr. Silagy stated that in light of the presentation in the Audit and Compliance Committee the day before, the Board should ensure that presidential contracts require the president to cooperate in any investigations that may be conducted into university affairs. Chair Lautenbach agreed and directed Ms. Shirley to work with the university to ensure language to that effect is included in Dr. Rosenberg's contract. Mr. Tripp made the motion to confirm Dr. Rosenberg's reappointment subject to the contract including a provision for ensuring cooperation in any investigations. The motion was seconded by Mr. Morton and the members concurred unanimously. Dr. Rosenberg thanked the Board for their support.

8. Confirmation of Reappointment of the President for the University of West Florida

Chair Lautenbach recognized Mr. David Cleveland, Vice Chair of the University of West Florida's Board of Trustees, to present Dr. Saunders for confirmation of reappointment as President. Mr. Cleveland stated the University of West Florida's Board of Trustees voted unanimously to extend Dr. Saunders' contract through December 31, 2020. He provided a summary of Dr. Saunders' accomplishments, which included the university being ranked in the top 3 for three consecutive years on the Board of Governors' performance funding model; her leadership in blending the university's strategic plan with the Board of Governors' strategic priorities; and a 45% increase in the university's graduation rate over the last four years. He noted Dr. Saunders received the 2019 National Association of Colleges and Employers Career Services Champion Award and was named by the Miami Herald as one of 50 Influential Floridians. Mr. Cleveland then requested confirmation of Dr. Saunders' reappointment by the Board.

Chair Lautenbach called for a motion to confirm Dr. Saunders, subject to the same condition of requiring the contract to ensure the cooperation of the president in the event of an investigation. Mr. Tripp made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Morton the members concurred unanimously. Dr. Saunders said she appreciated the Board's support and that it is an honor to serve.

9. Renewal of Chancellor's Employment Agreement

Chair Lautenbach recognized the Chancellor's exemplary performance and moved to renew the Chancellor's Employment Agreement for an additional one year term from January 1, 2020 to January 1, 2021, and for the Board to authorize a delegation of authority to the Chair to negotiate a revised compensation amount and execute the Agreement on behalf of the Board. Mr. Levine moved approval, which was seconded by Mr. Tripp and the members concurred unanimously.

10. Approval of Creation of a Subsidiary of the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute

Chair Lautenbach turned next to a request from Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute to approve the creation of a new for-profit subsidiary. Chair Lautenbach explained Florida law requires the Board of Governors to approve any subsidiaries that Moffitt seeks to create to fulfill its mission. Mr. Jamie Wilson, the Vice President of Moffitt, presented the item and explained that the new entity, Immuno, Inc., will be engaged in developing cutting edge cell therapies that work in tandem with a person's immune system to target cancer. Ms. Frost commended Moffitt for its work, stating this will be a real asset to cancer victims. Mr. Levine inquired whether the new entity will be controlled by Moffitt. Mr. Wilson responded it will be a wholly-owned subsidiary of Moffitt. Mr. Morton stated he spent considerable time reviewing Moffitt's request and has experience in this area. He echoed Ms. Frost's sentiment that this new entity will be an asset not only to the state, but to society in general.

Chair Lautenbach asked for a motion to approve the creation of Immuno, Inc. as a for-profit subsidiary of the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute. Mr. Morton made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Huizenga, and the members concurred unanimously.

11. Strategic Planning Committee Report

Chair Lautenbach called on Ms. Jordan for the Strategic Planning Committee report. Ms. Jordan said the committee received an update on the 2019 State University System Accountability Plan, continued its review of the metrics for the Board's 2020 Strategic Plan, received information on potential changes to the Programs of Strategic Emphasis, and reviewed the Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University's financial aid plan.

The only action item coming forward from the committee for the Board's approval is Florida Polytechnic University's 2019 Accountability Plan. Ms. Jordan moved approval of the Florida Polytechnic University 2019 Accountability Plan, excluding those sections of the plan that require any additional regulatory or procedural review or approval pursuant to law or Board regulations, and for the Board to accept the out-year portions of the plan. The motion was seconded by Mr. Levine and the members concurred unanimously.

12. Drugs, Alcohol and Mental Health Task Force Report

Chair Lautenbach called on Mr. Morton for the Drugs, Alcohol and Mental Health Task Force's report. Mr. Morton stated the Task Force considered approval of a Final Report of the Task Force that recaps the critical issues students and institutions face and which contains solutions to address those issues. Mr. Morton moved approval of the Task Force's Final Report. Mr. Levine seconded the motion and the members concurred unanimously.

13. Innovation and Online Committee Report

Chair Lautenbach called on Mr. Morton for the Innovation and Online Committee report. Mr. Morton reported that in addition to reviewing the Affordability performance indicators and goals from the 2025 Strategic Plan for Online Education, the committee approved an Action Plan for the State University System Textbook Affordability Initiative. Mr. Morton then moved approval of the Action Plan for the Pricing of Textbooks and Other Instructional Materials. Mr. Tripp seconded the motion and the members concurred unanimously.

14. Facilities Committee Report

Chair Lautenbach called on Mr. Huizenga for the Facilities Committee Report. Mr. Huizenga reported the committee took up three items for approval.

A. 2019-2020 Capital Improvement Fee Trust Fund Allocation

Mr. Huizenga moved approval of the 2019-2020 Capital Improvement Fee Trust Fund Allocation and to authorize the Chancellor to approve adjustments within a university's CITF allocation, as may be requested by a university board of trustees. Mr. Kitson seconded the motion and the members concurred unanimously.

B. 2020-2021 State University System Fixed Capital Outlay Legislative Budget Request

Mr. Huizenga moved approval of the 2020-2021 State University System Fixed Capital Outlay Legislative Budget Request. Mr. Tripp seconded the motion and the members concurred unanimously.

C. Public Notice of Intent to Amend Board of Governors Regulation 14.0025 Action Required Prior to Fixed Capital Outlay Budget Request

Mr. Huizenga moved approval of the Public Notice of Intent to Amend Board of Governors Regulation 14.0025, including a regulation title change to "Fixed Capital Outlay Budget." Ms. Frost seconded the motion, and the members concurred unanimously.

15. Audit and Compliance Committee Report

Chair Lautenbach recognized Mr. Cerio for the Audit and Compliance Committee report. Mr. Cerio reported Inspector General Leftheris presented a summary of the annual audit reports for the 2018-2019 fiscal year for the State University System. She also provided a brief update from the June meeting about the status of corrective actions at the University of South Florida resulting from an investigation into the use of carryforward funds for the Patel Center construction.

Mr. Joey Burby of the Bryan Cave law firm presented the findings from his firm's investigation in the University of Central Florida's use of Education and General funds for the construction of new buildings on campus, contrary to law and Board regulations. Following his report, Ms. Beverly Seay, the Chair of the UCF Board of Trustees, summarized the university's corrective actions in response to the investigative findings. Both Mr. Cerio and Mr. Kitson commended Ms. Seay and President Seymour for taking prompt action to correct the misuse of funds.

Mr. Cerio stated the committee heard from Mr. Kelvin Lawson, the chair of the Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University and representatives of the firm of Carr, Riggs and Ingram about the findings of the investigation conducted by Carr, Riggs and Ingram into the university's misuse of auxiliary funds for the athletics program budget. Mr. Lawson also updated the committee on the status of the university's corrective action plan for the ongoing athletics program cash deficit.

Mr. Cerio explained the final item before the committee involved an investigation into the admissions process at New College of Florida, which was conducted by Ms.

Leftheris and her staff. Ms. Leftheris described the allegations, the investigative findings and recommendations, and the college's response to the report.

16. Academic and Student Affairs Committee Report

Chair Lautenbach recognized Mr. Tripp to report on the Academic and Student Affairs Committee. Mr. Tripp reported the committee took up three items for approval and was provided with an update on the math re-design efforts and a credit hour review of engineering programs within the State University System.

- A. Public Notice of Intent to Amend Board of Governors Regulation 6.001, General Admissions

Mr. Tripp moved approval of the public notice of intent to amend Board of Governors Regulation 6.001 General Admissions, which was seconded by Mr. Kitson and the members concurred unanimously.

- B. Public Notice of Intent to Amend Board of Governors Regulation 6.021, Hazing Prohibited

Mr. Tripp moved approval of the public notice of intent to amend Board of Governors Regulation 6.021 Hazing Prohibited, which was seconded by Mr. Huizenga and the members concurred unanimously.

- C. Public Notice of Intent to Amend Board of Governors Regulation 8.003, Textbook and Instructional Materials Affordability

Mr. Tripp moved approval of the public notice of intent to amend Board of Governors Regulation 8.003 Textbook and Instructional Materials Affordability, which was seconded by Mr. Huizenga and the members concurred unanimously.

17. Budget and Finance Committee Report

Chair Lautenbach recognized Mr. Kitson for the Budget and Finance Committee Report. Mr. Kitson reported the committee took up six items for approval.

- A. Approval of Repeal of Board of Governors Regulation 9.012 Disclosure of Gifts from Foreign Governments and Persons

Mr. Kitson moved approval of the repeal of Board of Governors Regulation 9.012 Disclosure of Gifts from Foreign Governments and Persons. Mr. Huizenga seconded the motion and the members concurred unanimously.

- B. Public Notice of Intent to Amend Board of Governors Regulations 5.001, 7.003, 7.008, and 9.007

Mr. Kitson moved approval of the public notice of intent to amend Board of Governors Regulations 5.001 Performance-Based Funding; 7.003 Fees, Fines, and Penalties; 7.008 Waiver and Exemptions of Tuition and Fees; and 9.007 University Operating Budgets. Mr. Scott seconded the motion and the members concurred unanimously.

- C. 2019-2020 State University System Operating Budgets

Mr. Kitson moved approval of the 2019-2020 State University System Operating Budgets. Mr. Tripp seconded the motion and the members concurred unanimously.

- D. 2019-2020 Board General Office Budget

Mr. Kitson moved approval of the 2019-2020 Operating Budget for the Board General Office and to authorize the Chancellor to make budgetary changes as necessary to operate the office. Mr. Tripp seconded the motion and the members concurred unanimously.

- E. 2020-2021 Legislative Budget Request for the State University System and Board General Office

Mr. Kitson moved approval of the 2020-2021 Legislative Budget Request for the State University System and the Board General Office as presented and to authorize the Chancellor to make technical changes as necessary. Mr. Tripp seconded the motion and the members concurred unanimously.

- F. Performance-Based Funding Report

Mr. Kitson moved approval of the Performance-Based Funding Report. Mr. Tripp seconded the motion and the members concurred unanimously.

18. Concluding Remarks and Adjournment

Chair Lautenbach announced the next in-person meeting of the Board will be October 3 at the University of Central Florida. The Trustee Summit will be held on October 29, 2019 at the University of Florida, and he looks forward to seeing everyone there. Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:56 a.m. on August 29, 2019.

Ned C. Lautenbach, Chair

Vikki Shirley,
Corporate Secretary