

MINUTES  
STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA  
TAMPA, FL  
September 16, 2020

*Video or audio archives of the meetings of the Board of Governors  
and its Committees are accessible at <http://www.flbog.edu/>.*

Chair Kitson convened the meeting of the Nomination and Governance Committee of the Board of Governors on September 16, 2020 at 4:00 p.m., with the following members present: Tim Cerio, Darlene Jordan, Brian Lamb, Kent Stermon and Norman Tripp.

1. Approval of Minutes of Meeting held March 25, 2020

Mr. Tripp moved approval the minutes of the meeting held on March 25, 2020, as presented. Ms. Jordan seconded the motion and the members of the Committee concurred.

2. Recommendations of Candidates to fill the Trustee Vacancies and Reports on Applicant Interviews

Chair Kitson stated that there are currently four vacancies on the Florida Polytechnic University Board of Trustees. The recommended candidates will serve a term beginning on September 16, 2020. Mr. Cerio, Mr. Levine, Mr. Tripp and I vetted the applicants. He then called on Governor Levine to discuss his recommendations for filling those vacancies.

Mr. Levine discussed his interview with Ms. Beth Kigel. Ms. Kigel is the Vice President of HNTB Corporation; a member of the World Congress on Intelligent Transport Systems; an Advisory Board Member of the Freight Mobility Research Institute and the former President and CEO of the Palm Beach North Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Levine stated that Ms. Kigel has already begun conversations with President Avent to learn as much as she can about Florida Polytechnic University. She is very eager to serve and will be a tremendous addition to this Board of Trustees.

Mr. Levine made a motion to appoint Ms. Beth Kigel to the Florida Polytechnic University Board of Trustees, subject to Senate confirmation and attending an orientation session, trustee training, and annual Trustee Summits for a term beginning September 16, 2020. Mr. Tripp seconded the motion and all members of the Committee concurred.

Chair Kitson stated that Ms. Kigel is a fantastic individual and that he has worked with her for a number of years.

Mr. Levine next discussed his interview with Dr. Laine Powell. Mr. Levine stated that Dr. Powell has great perspective and looks forward to closing the racial disparity gaps in STEM graduates at Florida Polytechnic University. This Board of Trustees will benefit from this unique competency. She is currently the Vice President of Ace Applications, LLC; the Community Relations Chair for Women in Transportation; Founder and Executive Director of Collegiate Pathways, Inc; and is an adjunct professor at Valencia College.

Chair Kitson agreed with Mr. Levine's observations regarding Dr. Powell.

## MINUTES: NOMINATION AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

September 16, 2020

Ms. Jordan made a motion to appoint Dr. Laine Powell to the Florida Polytechnic University Board of Trustees, subject to Senate confirmation and attending an orientation session, trustee training, and annual Trustee Summits for a term beginning September 16, 2020. Mr. Tripp seconded the motion and all members of the Committee concurred.

Mr. Kitson said the Nomination and Governance Committee will take up the remaining two vacancies on the Florida Polytechnic University Board of Trustees during the November meeting, and that there are a number of upcoming appointments for the other university boards of trustees.

### 3. Concluding Remarks and Adjournment

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:06 p.m. on September 16, 2020.

---

Vikki Shirley  
Corporate Secretary

---

Sydney Kitson, Chair