

MINUTES
STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
University of Florida
March 27, 2024
Full Board Meeting

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1. Call to Order

Chair Brian Lamb called to order the Full Board portion of the meeting. Amanda Gay called the roll and quorum was met. Chair Lamb and Governors Levine, Bell Barnett, Cerio, Edge, Frost, Haddock, Hitchcock, Jones, Lydecker, Mateer, Phalin, and Silagy were present. Chair Lamb introduced University of Florida Board of Trustees Chair Mori Hosseini, who gave a brief statement thanking the Board of Governors for its aid in the Presidential Selection Process. Chair Hosseini then handed the floor over to the University of Florida's President, Ben Sasse. President Sasse gave a brief statement followed by a video that highlighted the achievements of the University of Florida. After the video, the floor was then handed back to Chair Lamb.

2. Chair's Remarks and Report to the Board

Chair Lamb began his remarks by addressing the upcoming events and efforts that the Board of Governors has planned, especially when it comes to strategic planning. He continued by expressing the universities' involvement in supporting military personnel, and the goals for increasing such involvement statewide. Chair Lamb then continued by giving a brief overview of the State University System's achievements across different fields as well as the development of future programs in areas of interest. Chair Lamb then addressed changes in regulations and proper procedures to remove bureaucracy from the process. He finished his remarks by referencing House Bill 1285 and how it should increase mindfulness and awareness of potential conflicts of interest for the state universities' respective Boards of Trustees. Chair Lamb thanked the board and handed the floor over to Chancellor Ray Rodrigues.

3. Chancellor's Remarks and Report to the Board

In his remarks, Chancellor Ray Rodrigues addressed several topics pertaining to the legislative session and its impact on the State University System's governance, including accreditation, tenure, and finances. Chancellor Rodrigues highlighted the appointment or reappointment of various university trustees, Governor Bell-Barnett, Governor Cerio, and

Vice Chair Levine, and their confirmation by the state senate. The Chancellor continued by providing updates on performance-based funding, operational enhancement funds, and fixed capital outlay budgets. Additionally, the Chancellor addressed other updates on bills regarding the State University System, including HB 1285 and SB 996. He continued by addressing other issues at the state university level, such as the delay in FAFSA applications. Chancellor Rodrigues concluded his remarks.

4. Public Comment

Amanda Gay gave the guidelines for public comment before opening the floor for comment. The following members of the public provided comment:

The first public comment was given by Jono Miller regarding New College of Florida. The next speaker was Dr. Lee, who provided public comment regarding SB 846, which was not on the agenda. The final speaker Dr. Peng, who gave public comment regarding academic and student affairs but did not address specific agenda items.

After the public comment portion of the meeting, Chair Lamb reintroduced Chancellor Rodrigues, who presented the 2024 State University System Legislative Champion Awards. The first award was presented to Senator Keith Perry, who served as the chair of the Appropriations Committee on Education. Next, the Chancellor presented awards to two Florida House of Representatives members, Representative Spencer Roach and David Silvers. All three individuals gave brief speeches thanking the State University System for their work and acknowledging the work that has been done by the Board of Governors.

5. Presidential Search Report for Florida Polytechnic University

Governor Jones reported that the search has yielded five qualified candidates to consider for the presidency at Florida Polytechnic University.

6. SUS General Counsels' Update on the Review of Non-statutorily Required Regulations

Chair Lamb called on Amanda Gay to give her update. In her update, Ms. Gay stated that the general counsels of the State University System met to review regulations. She stated that after the initial review, the University of Florida's General Counsel's office prepared an inventory of all existing Board of Governors and categorized them into those mandated by statute, through the constitution, or by other means. Amanda continued, stating that once the inventory was complete, that they were then reported back to the University with the recommendations for repeal or modification. She concluded by stating that the recommendations were compiled and provided to the Board office for review. During this time, the Board office also conducted a review of those non-statutorily required

regulations and is in the process of combining this review with the State University System General Counsels' review.

7. Presentation of Board of Governors Resolution

Chair Lamb presented the resolution for the Florida Gulf Coast University Board of Trustees Former Chair Blake Gable. Vice Chair Alan Levine moved the resolution and Governor Frost seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, and the vote was taken. All were in favor, the motion carried.

8. Consent Agenda

Chair Lamb stated that there were no items pulled from the consent agenda and called for a motion. Governor Jones made the motion to approve the consent agenda, and Governor Mateer seconded it. There was no further discussion, and the motion carried.

9. Concluding Remarks and Adjournment

Chair Lamb adjourned the meeting.