## STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA BOARD OF GOVERNORS

September 18, 2024

**SUBJECT:** Confirmation of Appointment of Interim President for Florida Agricultural &

Mechanical University

## PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Consider confirmation of appointment of President Dr. Tim Beard as the Interim president of Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University.

## **AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION**

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution; Board Regulation 1.001(5)(d); Section 1001.706, Florida Statutes.

## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Board of Governors Regulation 1.001(5)(d) provides for the Board of Governors to confirm the selection of an interim president appointed by a university board of trustees.

On July 23, 2024, the Board of Trustees of Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University selected Dr. Tim Beard to serve as the interim president during the pendency of a presidential search. Pursuant to BOG Reg 1.001(5)(d), "If it is determined by the board of trustees to be in the best interests of the university, the interim president selected by the board may be delegated full authority to serve as the interim president during the period prior to confirmation by the Board of Governors. Continued service as interim president requires confirmation by the Board of Governors, and the candidate selected by the board of trustees shall be required to appear before the Board of Governors at the meeting where confirmation will be considered." Accordingly, Dr. Beard has served as interim president effective August 5, 2024 and appears for confirmation at the September 18, 2024 BOG meeting.

Chair Kristin Harper requests the Board of Governor's confirmation of Dr. Tim Beard as Interim President of the University.

Supporting Documentation Included: 1. Letter from the Florida Agricultural &

Mechanical University Board of Trustees Chair

2. Employment Agreement

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Mechanical University Board of Trustees