

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

January 30, 2025

SUBJECT: New College of Florida – Plan to Restore the Seven Percent Reserve

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Approve New College of Florida’s plan to attain the seven percent balance of state operating funds within the next fiscal year.

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution; Section 1011.45, Florida Statutes - End of year balance of funds

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Section 1011.45(1), Florida Statutes, states that “Each university shall maintain a minimum carry forward balance of at least seven percent of its state operating budget; however, a university may retain and report to the Board of Governors an annual reserve balance exceeding that amount. If a university fails to maintain a seven percent balance in state operating funds, the university shall submit a plan to the Board of Governors to attain the seven percent balance of state operating funds within the next fiscal year.”

In September and October 2024, New College of Florida sustained significant damage from Hurricanes Helene and Milton. The university is planning to use \$2,500,000 of their seven percent reserve fund to make necessary repairs and campus improvements related to damage caused by the storms while the FEMA reimbursement claim is in progress. Currently, the seven percent reserve balance totals \$4.4 million. These planned expenditures will bring the balance to \$1.9 million. The university expects FEMA to fully reimburse the funding by the end of the next fiscal year.

NCF has reported the following repairs needed due to storm damage:

1. Roofing Repairs and Replacement
2. Interior Structural Repairs
3. Storm Drain Repairs
4. Dock Repairs
5. Field Repairs
6. Exterior Structural Repairs
7. Flooding Remediation
8. Dorm Repairs
9. Boat Repairs/replacement

Supporting Documentation Included:

Information located in the Budget & Finance Committee materials