



February 12, 2025

Brian Lamb  
Chair  
Florida Board of Governors  
State University System of Florida  
325 W. Gaines Street, Suite 1614  
Tallahassee, FL 32399

**Re: Confirmation of FIU Interim President Jeanette Nuñez**

Dear Chair Lamb:

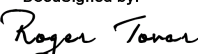
On February 7, 2025, the Florida International University (FIU) Board of Trustees selected Mrs. Jeanette Nuñez to serve as Interim President effective February 17, 2025. With President Kenneth A. Jessell having accepted another position at the university in anticipation of his contract coming to an end later this year, it is my pleasure to submit our formal recommendation to the Board of Governors to confirm FIU's Interim President, Mrs. Jeanette Nuñez.

Interim President Nuñez has built a distinguished record of public service, highlighted by her tenure as Florida's Lieutenant Governor since 2018 – reelected in 2022 – during which she has overseen the Florida Department of Health and served as Chair of Space Florida, Florida's Cybersecurity Advisory Council, and the Health Care Innovation Council. Prior to her election as Lieutenant Governor, Mrs. Nuñez served as a State Representative in the Florida House from 2010 to 2018. During that period, she held leadership roles including Speaker Pro Tempore and Vice Chair of the Appropriations Committee. A proud alumna of Florida International University, she earned both her Bachelor of Arts in International Relations and Political Science and her Master of Public Administration from FIU.

The FIU Board of Trustees determined that it was in the best interests of the university's continued success to delegate full presidential powers to Mrs. Jeanette Nuñez prior to her formal confirmation by the Board of Governors as permitted by Board of Governors Regulation 1.001(5)(c). Mrs. Nuñez is focused on advancing FIU's strategic priorities and ensuring that we remain on our upward trajectory. Accordingly, we respectfully request her formal confirmation by the Board of Governors at its February 20, 2025 meeting.

Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Sincerely,

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Chair, FIU Board of Trustees



## Office of the President

**Jeanette M. Nuñez**

Interim FIU President

## About Interim President Jeanette M. Nuñez



Mrs. Jeanette M. Nuñez,  
Interim President of FIU

Mrs. Jeanette M. Nuñez is the Interim President of Florida International University. She was appointed to this position on February 7, 2025, and is currently awaiting confirmation from the Florida Board of Governors.

Prior to her appointment as Interim President, Mrs. Nuñez served as Florida's Lieutenant Governor. She was first elected in 2018 and subsequently re-elected in 2022. Mrs. Nuñez oversaw the Florida Department of Health and served as Chair of Space Florida, Florida's Cybersecurity Advisory Council, and the Health Care Innovation Council.

Before her tenure as Lieutenant Governor, Mrs. Nuñez served as a State Representative of the Florida House of Representatives from 2010 to 2018, holding several positions such as Speaker Pro Tempore and Vice Chair of the Appropriations Committee, as well as Chair of the Select Committee on Hurricane Response and Preparedness following Hurricane Irma. In addition, she was Chair of the Health Quality Subcommittee, Government Operations and Technology Appropriations Subcommittee, and Higher Education and Workforce Subcommittee.

Over the years, Mrs. Nuñez has served on a number of professional boards and as a member of various organizations. She has been involved with the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce, Leadership Miami, and other various local, state, and national organizations.

In addition to her extensive public service experience, Mrs. Nuñez has contributed to the academic community as an adjunct professor and guest lecturer at Florida International University.

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