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FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY
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1. Call to Order and Opening Remarks.

Chairman Lydecker convened the meeting at 9:46 a.m.(ET) on October 30, 2024, with the following members present: Edward Haddock, Ken Jones, Brian Lamb, Amanda Phalin, and Eric Silagy. A quorum was established.

2. Minutes of Committee Meeting

Chairman Lydecker requested a motion to approve the minutes of the Facilities Committee meeting held on September 18, 2024. Governor Haddock moved to approve, Governor Jones seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

3. 2024-2025 University Fixed Capital Outlay Budgets

Chairman Lydecker presented the next item on the agenda, a request for approval of the 2024-25 University Fixed Capital Outlay Budgets – each university’s budget reflects their projected fixed capital outlay projects and expenditures for the fiscal year. The budgets are prepared annually pursuant to Statute and are submitted to the Board pursuant to Regulation. Chairman Lydecker recognized from the Board of Governors, Assistant Vice Chancellor of Finance and Facilities, Mr. Kevin Pichard, to provide the committee with the details of the request.

Mr. Pichard provided a brief overview of the process of what is included in the budget requests and the economic impacts on the state of Florida. Governor Silagy requested more information regarding the building timeline for housing projects at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University. Mr. Pichard provided some clarification on the committee's financing and approval process.

Chairman Lydecker requested a motion to approve the 2024-2025 University Fixed Capital Outlay Budgets as presented. Governor Phalin moved to approve, and Governor Silagy seconded, carrying the motion.

4. Florida International University Stadium Bond Refunding

Chairman Lydecker presented the fourth item on the agenda, a request by Florida International University (FIU), on behalf of Florida International University Athletics Finance Corporation (FIU AFC), a direct support organization of FIU, to refinance a portion of its Miami-Dade County Industrial Development Authority Revenue Bonds series 2009A. 14.6 M The bonds were issued to fund capital improvements to FIU's football stadium and represent the only stadium-related debt. Chairman Lydecker recognized Mr. Pichard to provide an overview of the request to the committee.

Mr. Pichard explained that the request stems from a contract between FIU and Pitbull for the naming rights to the stadium, which was approved by the FIU Board of Trustees on September 12, 2024. The proposed \$14.6 million refinancing plan aims to redeem all variable rate bonds (tranches A2-A4), totaling \$13.435 million, and cover an estimated \$915,000 swap termination fee along with \$250,000 in issuance costs.

This refinancing will convert the tax-exempt, variable-rate bonds to taxable, fixed-rate bonds. As a result, the combined "blended" rate will increase slightly from 4.40% to 4.47%, with the debt remaining under the current holder, Regions Bank.

Board staff and the Division of Bond Finance have reviewed the supporting documentation provided by FIU. Based on their review, the proposed financing complies with Florida Statutes and the State University System (SUS) Debt Management Guidelines.

After a brief discussion between committee members regarding the cost of the fees associated with the partial refund, Chairman Lydecker requested a motion to approve Florida International University's proposed partial refunding of Miami-Dade County Industrial Development Authority Revenue Bonds, series 2009A, in an amount not to exceed \$14.6 million, as described. Governor Jones moved to approve, and Governor Phalin seconded, carrying the motion.

5. Concluding Remarks and Adjournment

With no further business, Chairman Lydecker adjourned the meeting at 10:03 a.m. (ET) on October 30, 2024.

Charles Lydecker, Chair

Kevin Pichard, Assistant Vice-Chancellor
Finance and Facilities