



FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
University Research Committee

MEETING MINUTES

June 18, 2026

Via Zoom & Augustus B. Turnbull Conference Center
555 W Pensacola St, Tallahassee, FL 32306, Room 103

Attended (committee): Trustee Jorge Gonzalez, Trustee Roxanne Hughes, Trustee Brian Murphy

Absent (committee): Trustee Justin Roth

Staff (committee): Stacey Patterson

Others in attendance: Board of Trustees Chair Peter Collins, Trustee Kathryn Ballard, Trustee Jim Henderson, Trustee Peter Jones, Trustee Ian Seibert, Trustee Tim Weisheyer, Joan Schenkel, Jenn Garye, Josh Duncan, Jonathan Fozard, Kyle Clark, Deborah Gautier, Dennis Schnittker, Kathleen Haughney, Russ Lentz, Amy Farnum-Patronis, Patty Cox, Judd Enfinger, and other University administrators and staff.

I. Call to Order and Welcome
Trustee Jorge Gonzalez, Chair

Trustee Gonzalez called the meeting to order at 8:01 am. Heather Mayo called the roll and confirmed a quorum.

II. Approval of Minutes
February 24, 2026, Meeting Minutes

The February 24, 2026, minutes were approved as submitted.

III. ASPIRE Strategic Plan Updates
Dr. Stacey Patterson, Vice President for Research

Dr. Patterson introduced Joan Schenkel, the new Associate Vice President for Research Administration and announced that Jenn Garye had been promoted to Assistant Vice President, Research Business Strategy and Operations.

She then went on to provide an update on the University's research enterprise and reported continued progress in Year Two of the research strategic plan, including efforts to expand interdisciplinary collaboration, strengthen industry partnerships, enhance research visibility, and improve faculty recruitment and retention. Investments in research infrastructure and support services continue to improve coordination and efficiency across units.

Research activity remains strong. Through the third quarter of FY26, the University submitted 1,274 proposals totaling approximately \$1.04 billion, with awards totaling approximately \$226.3 million. While growth compared to FY25 is modest, activity has increased significantly compared to FY24, and overall research performance is up approximately 13 percent compared to FY23.

Dr. Patterson noted ongoing external challenges, including delays in federal funding and award processes, policy uncertainty, workforce constraints, and an increasing shift toward private-sector partnership requirements.

Despite these challenges, FSU has maintained strong momentum through expanded training, internal funding programs, and increased engagement in national research initiatives. Growth continues in proposal activity, commercialization efforts, and industry partnerships, with several technologies advancing to clinical trials.

Dr. Patterson concluded that FSU's research enterprise remains resilient and continues to grow in competitiveness and impact.

Josh Duncan, Director of Federal Relations, gave a brief update on the activities in Washington, D.C.

IV. Open Forum for Trustees

Trustee Jorge Gonzalez, Chair

Several Trustees expressed appreciation to Dr. Patterson for the information and updates, as well as for the efforts of her and her team.

V. Adjournment

Trustee Jorge Gonzalez, Chair

Hearing no other comments, Chairman Gonzalez called to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 am.