MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, June 15, 2023
12:30 – 1:30 PM
Zoom Meeting

The agenda will be followed in subsequent order and items may be heard earlier than the scheduled time.

I. Call to Order and Welcome
   Trustee Bob Sasser, Chair

II. Approval of Minutes
    February 23, 2023, Meeting Minutes

III. Information Items
    a. 2023 Board of Trustees Self Evaluation Results
    b. President’s Evaluation – Review Summer Timeline
    c. The Collegiate School at FSU Panama City Update
    d. SACSCOC Reaffirmation Update

IV. Action Items

   **Action Item I: Request for Approval:** Nominations to the Board of Trustees of the FSU International Programs Association, Inc.

   **Action Item II: Request for Approval:** Nominations to the Board of Directors of the FSU College of Business Student Investment Fund

   **Action Item III: Request for Approval:** Nominations to Board of Directors of the FSU Research Foundation, Inc.

   **Action Item IV: Request for Approval:** Nominations to the Board of Directors of the FSU Magnet Research and Development, Inc.

V. Open Forum for Board of Trustees

VI. Adjournment
In person attendees: Committee Chair Bob Sasser and Board Chair Peter Collins attended in-person. Also present were President Richard McCullough, Senior Vice President for Finance & Administration Kyle Clark, Vice President for Legal Affairs & General Counsel Carolyn Egan, Associate Vice President for Finance & Administration Michael Williams and other FSU staff.

Attended via Zoom: Trustee Vivian de las Cuevas-Diaz and Trustee John Thiel attended via Zoom.

Absent: None.

I. Call to Order and Welcome - The Governance Committee was called to order at 2:17 p.m. by Committee Chair Sasser. He welcomed all attendees. There was a quorum.

II. Approval of Minutes - The draft minutes from the November 17, 2022 meeting of the Governance Committee were approved without change.

III. Action Items for Consideration of Recommendation to the Board of Trustees:

a. The Collegiate School at FSU Panama City

   Committee Chair Sasser introduced Randy Hanna, Dean of the FSU Panama City campus, to talk about an exciting opportunity for FSU. Dean Hanna recognized the team effort needed to get to this point and noted the attendance of his team members from FSU’s Panama City campus and from FSU’s College of Education.

   Dean Hanna discussed extensive damage from Hurricane Michael that led to the rebuild of the Bay County area and Tyndall Air Base. This has resulted in growth in the county and an increased K-12 population. A legislative change to Section 1002.32(2), Florida Statutes, in 2021 allowed more than one laboratory school to be sponsored by a university when the additional
school serves families of a military installation. In addition, Triumph Funding of $7.6 million for 2022-2028 has been obtained. With all of these factors coming together, there is a need and opportunity for an innovative K-12 school serving military families in the Panama City area.

Dean Hanna explained his proposal for The Collegiate School to be a charter laboratory school sponsored by FSU in Bay County. Children of active duty military personnel would have priority, but children of civilians could also attend. The Collegiate School model would inspire college and career aspirations among high school students, provide opportunities for career exploration, and provide industry certifications. There was discussion about the flexibility of a charter laboratory school and how the funding would work. The Triumph funding would bridge the gap until full state funding was forthcoming. Dean Hanna indicated that he was looking to lease space initially because there was no capital available to purchase or build a facility. There was discussion about the facility that Dean Hanna was proposing be leased, which is a church and a former charter school. The lease would be for three years with possible two one-year extensions.

Growth was projected to be from 100 9th grade students initially up to a total of 400 9th-12th grade students by 2026-2027. Dean Hanna explained that the 9th and 10th graders would spend four days a week at the school and Fridays at the FSU Panama City campus. Meanwhile, the 11th and 12th graders would spend four days a week at the FSU Panama City campus in dual enrollment classes and Fridays at the school. The Committee members had numerous questions for Dean Hanna related to the details of the proposal and the operation of the school. There was discussion about who Dean Hanna had worked with on the project, the timeline, and potential risks. Committee members indicated that the proposal should have been vetted by the Cabinet and others before coming to the Committee. Chair Collins stated that the idea for the school should have been presented to the Committee and the Board of Trustees after the legislative change was made, rather than moving forward with the project and bringing it before the Committee at this late stage.

It was discussed that Dean Hanna wanted to open the school in August 2023 and that admission decisions were currently being made, so that delay in approving the school and related agreements could be problematic. Dean Hanna apologized to the extent that the project had not been properly vetted prior to bringing it to the Committee. Ultimately, after much discussion, there was a motion, a second, and unanimous approval by the Committee to: (1) recommend to the full Board of Trustees the approval of FSU sponsoring a charter laboratory in Bay County to serve military families, and (2) table the two action items to authorize execution of a Developmental Research Charter School Agreement and to ratify the execution of a lease agreement for the proposed facility until more information was provided on the financials, the timeline and the feasibility of The Collegiate School. It was noted that VP Clark, Provost Jim Clark, and Dean Hanna and his team would work together to put together a packet for review by President McCullough, for the Board to consider at a special Board meeting.

**Action Item I: Request for Approval for the Creation of The Collegiate School** – The Committee will report favorably to the Board of Trustees on the creation of TCS.

**Action Item II: Charter by FSU to The Collegiate School** – This item was tabled for future consideration after additional information is provided.
Action Item III: Request for Approval: Lease for The Collegiate School – This item was tabled for future consideration after additional information is provided.

b. Action Item IV: Request for Approval: Board Self Evaluation Instrument – VP Egan indicated that the proposed Board self-evaluation instrument had been distributed to Committee members prior to the meeting and requested approval by the Committee, for consideration by the Board at its meeting the following day. There was a motion, a second and unanimous approval by the Committee to recommend to the Board approval of the self-evaluation instrument.

IV. Informational Items and Standing Updates:

a. Update on University Risk Management Committee’s First Meeting – This presentation by Undra Baldwin, Chief Audit Officer, was postponed until a future Committee meeting in the interest of time. Committee Members have been provided with Mr. Baldwin’s intended PowerPoint presentation.

b. Reaccreditation Update – This presentation by Dr. Ruth Storm, Associate Provost, was postponed until a future Committee meeting in the interest of time. Vice President Egan will distribute a written summary of Dr. Storm’s anticipated report.

V. Open Forum for Trustees - This item was postponed until a future Committee meeting in the interest of time.

VI. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 3:32 p.m.
Information Item

FSU Board of Trustees
2023 Self Evaluation
Successes

• The Board is knowledgeable about the mission and purpose of the University

• The Board’s actions are aimed at the University’s mission and achieving its strategic goals

• The Board effectively evaluates the President
More Successes

• The Board understands the fiscal conditions of the University

• The Board recognizes the positive accomplishments of the University

• The Board promotes an environment where Board members feel engaged, respected, and empowered to raise issues for discussion
Perfect Scores!

- The Board adheres to a code of ethics

- Board members avoid conflicts of interest and the perception of conflicts of interest
Opportunities

• Clear expectations of individual Board members

• Continued focus on Florida’s higher education needs

• Continued focus on aligning the University’s mission and goals to be sufficiently responsive to current and future higher education and workforce needs
More Opportunities

• Focus on strategic and accountability plans

• Thorough discussion and exploration of different perspectives in reaching decisions

• Increased advocacy by Board members to state and federal officials

• Board member orientation
Information Item

The Collegiate School at FSU Panama City Update
Updates for June 8, 2023
Enrollment

Enrollment Invitation Responses
• 102 students as of June 7, 2023

Wait List Applicants
• 3 applicants on the wait list
• Additional invites to be sent this week

Military Applicants
• Military Liaisons are distributing information to incoming families

Enrollment Statistics
• Application is open
• The military application for priority enrollment remains open throughout the year
School Administration

**MSID/District Number**
- Multiple meetings held with various Department of Education departments and representatives

**Human Resources**
- Faculty (English, Math, Science, Social Studies)
  - Offer letters being sent this week
- Administrative Specialist, Admissions Coordinator, and Student Services Specialist
  - Offer letter being sent this week
- Accounting Specialist
  - Interviews were conducted on Friday, June 2
- School Resource Officer (SRO)
  - Interviews were conducted on Monday, June 5

**FSU eMarket Program**
- Site development in progress
Curriculum and Instruction

Dual Enrollment
• TCS and FSU Articulation agreement should be ready for the June Board meeting

Assessment and Testing
• FOCUS implementation in progress (Student Information System)
• Canvas implementation in progress
• Accuplacer assessments begin Thursday, June 7 for all incoming 9th grade students

Curriculum
• Once final faculty positions are determined, faculty input will be used to determine the curriculum based on best practices and the latest research

Extracurricular Activities
• Space Force ROTC application provided to appropriate parties
• National Beta Club application in progress
• Debate and Civics Club request in progress
• Molecular 3D model field study ready to be submitted for review
Governance

Board Meeting Schedule
• Meetings scheduled for the fourth Tuesday of each month at 10:00am CST
• Meetings to be conducted monthly for the next four months

Legal and Audit Services
• Requests for legal and audit services for The Collegiate School are in progress
• Applications for additional board members are in progress
Facilities

Technology
• Technology orders are underway
• Microsoft tenant for the school in progress, partnering with the ITAPP group for consultation in technology and device decisions

Furniture and Fixtures
• Furniture order for all offices and classrooms in process
• Furniture to arrive in June and July

Facility
• Phase 1 of the building received the Temporary Certificate of Occupancy
Student Success Family Meetings (Advising and Course Selection for Fall)
• Beginning in June once Student Services Specialist is in place

Parent Teacher Organization
• Organizational meeting scheduled for June 27

Freshman Class Commissioning
• Special Commissioning Ceremony scheduled for July 27

Grand Opening and Orientation
• August 8

First Day of School
• August 10
Information Item

SACSCOC Reaffirmation Update
Governance Committee
SACSCOC Status Update
June 15, 2023

Reaffirmation with SACSCOC

- The university’s Compliance Certification Report is due on September 8, 2023
- Draft report was provided to President McCullough and Provost Clark in early May
  - 629+ pages, over 3500 pieces of evidence
  - Addresses compliance with standards including, but not limited to, student achievement, institutional planning and effectiveness, faculty, educational programs, financial and physical resources, governance, academic and student support services, distance education
  - Addresses compliance at the university’s branch campuses in Panama City, Florida and Republic of Panama; the off-campus instructional site in Sarasota as well as compliance for distance education
- Significant work remains, particularly in the areas of faculty standards and student complaints

Switch in Accreditors

- FSU is triggered by state law to change accreditors following the SACSCOC reaffirmation, which occurs in December 2024
- Two representatives attended the Higher Learning Commission’s workshop for Florida institutions and annual conference in March
  - University will need to continue SACSCOC accreditation processes, while pursuing initial accreditation with another accreditor
  - Lengthy process of several years before accreditation with a new accreditor would be finalized
- A reminder: institutions must notify and get prior approval from USDOE to change accreditors
ACTION ITEM I
TO: President Richard McCullough

FROM: Carolyn Egan  
Vice President for Legal Affairs and General Counsel

DATE: June 12, 2023

SUBJECT: Request for Approval: Nominations to the Board of Trustees of the FSU International Programs Association, Inc.

In accordance with Florida law, university’s direct support organizations must seek confirmation by the Board of Trustees of appointments to their respective governing boards. Each of the proposed nominees have been vetted by the appropriate DSO and supporting information, including biographical data, is included. This nomination is for consideration by the FSU Board of Trustees:

- Mr. David A. Rancourt
- Dr. Billy Close
- Professor Mark Ziegler
- Provost James Clerk
February 19, 2022

David Rancort
Champion Companies
8297 Champions Gate Blvd. #380
Champions Gate, FL 33896

Dear David,

I am pleased to invite you to continue serving on The Florida State University International Programs Association, Inc. Board for another three-year period beginning October 1, 2021, through October 1, 2024.

The members of the Board of Directors attend an annual meeting and other special meetings, as may be required. The board members work to support and manage the affairs of the International Programs organization and vote on matters of strategic importance.

Based on your acceptance of this appointment, Dr. Jim Pitts, Director of the Office of International Programs will contact you regarding meeting dates and times.

I appreciate your willingness to serve on this board.

Best,

Richard McCullough
President

cc: Jim Pitts, Director
    Office of International Programs
David A. Rancourt

David holds a Bachelor of Science in Economics from FSU and a Master of Arts in Political Science from the University of Florida with a certificate in political campaigning. David served in the U.S. Army, Florida National Guard and was awarded the Distinguished Honor Graduate of his Company in basic training.

He began his professional career in the world of campaign politics, serving as campaign manager for Congressman Mike Bilirakis and for Jim Smith. He also worked for State Senator Jack Latvala serving in later years as his Senior Advisor. David also has served as an appointee in Florida state government at several high-level management positions including Florida State Election Director, Deputy Secretary of State, Appointments Director for Governor-Elect Jeb Bush’s transition effort and as Governor Bush’s first Deputy Chief of Staff. He also served a four-year term on the Florida Elections Commission, adjudicating alleged violations of campaign finance laws in Florida. David left government service to launch a new advocacy firm, co-founding Southern Strategy Group. As the Managing Partner of Southern Strategy Group’s Tallahassee office during its first 10 years of operation as well as one of two leaders of its national expansion effort, David led the company to become America’s largest, most prominent, and powerful lobbying firm with offices throughout the US.

David is deeply devoted to many philanthropic efforts. He is a past national Chairman of the Florida State University Seminole Boosters, served four years on the Board of Directors of the Florida Gubernatorial Fellows Program, three as its chairman, and has and continues to serve on the Board of Directors of the FSU Panama Campus and the FSU International Programs, which highlights his passion and support of cultural exchanges and international education exchange. David also served as Vice President of the Board of Directors of The Florida Center for Performing Arts and Education. David is passionate about sports, particularly youth sports and the positive impact they have on young lives and has spent many years coaching, volunteering, and fundraising for sports programs.

David is currently a PhD candidate at the University of Bucharest, Romania, College of Philosophy in the Applied Ethics Program, in conjunction with the Berlin-based Institute for Cultural Diplomacy (ICD). David subscribes to a Kantian view on international business and the political influences that affect business with a belief that all cultures and states must be respected and evolve at their own, self-determined pace. David is a Florida resident who travels extensively throughout the world, having visited 58 different countries at last count.
February 19, 2022

Dr. Billy Close  
Florida State University  
College of Criminology and Criminal Justice  
Criminology and Criminal Justice Building  
112 S. Copeland Street, Rm 305  
Tallahassee, Florida 32306-1273

Dear Billy,

I am pleased to invite you to continue serving on The Florida State University International Programs Association, Inc. Board for another three-year period beginning October 1, 2021, through October 1, 2024.

The members of the Board of Directors attend an annual meeting and other special meetings, as may be required. The board members work to support and manage the affairs of the International Programs organization and vote on matters of strategic importance.

Based on your acceptance of this appointment, Dr. Jim Pitts, Director of the Office of International Programs will contact you regarding meeting dates and times.

I appreciate your willingness to serve on this board.

Best,

Richard McCullough
President

cc: Jim Pitts, Director  
    Office of International Programs
Dr. Billy Close

Dr. Billy Close is currently an Assistant Professor and Director of Service Learning and Mentoring in the College of Criminology & Criminal Justice at Florida State University. His current research interests include Racial and Ethnic Differences in Traffic Stops and Driver Treatment, as well as the general areas of Theory & Dynamics of Minority Criminality, Race, Sports & Crime, Mentoring Strategies for African American Youth, Ethnicity and Methodology, Black Crimmythology, Conflict Reduction, and Multiculturalism. Dr. Close is married to Fran T. Close, Ph.D. who is currently an Associate Professor in the Institute of Public Health and the College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences at Florida A&M University. They have three daughters, Nia Sekayi, Nataki Adia and Nyla Imani.

POSITIONS HELD

Assistant Professor, College of Criminology & Criminal Justice, Florida State University, August 1997-present

Faculty Associate, African - American Studies Program, Florida State University, 1994 - present

Summer Faculty Associate, Florida State University Center for Academic Retention and Enhancement (C.A.R.E.), 2003-present

President and Founder, Beyond The Athlete®, Inc. 2005-present

Adjunct Professor, Department of Sociology & Criminal Justice, Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University, Spring 2004

Director, Florida State University Community/University Partnership Program/Brotherhood of Pride Academy for Young Black Males, May 1992-2007

Assistant Director, Black Studies Program, Florida State University, August 1994 – August 1998

Acting Director, Black Studies Program (Fall/Summer 1995, Fall 1996)

Program Director/Coordinator, Florida State University Summer Black Graduate Orientation Program 1989-2004

Graduate Research/Teaching Assistant, Black Studies Program at Florida State University, October 1988-1994

Research Consultant, Supreme Court of the State of Florida's Racial and Ethnic Bias Study Commission, May 1989-December 1991

Administrative Assistant in charge of data processing for the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports, May 1988-October 1988

Head Men’s Track & Field Coach, Lincoln High School, Tallahassee, FL, 1988
February 19, 2022

Professor Mark Zeigler  
Florida State University  
College of Communication & Information  
4100 University Center, Building C  
Tallahassee, FL 32306-2651

Dear Mark,

I am pleased to invite you to continue serving on The Florida State University International Programs Association, Inc. Board for another three-year period beginning October 1, 2021, through October 1, 2024.

The members of the Board of Directors attend an annual meeting and other special meetings, as may be required. The board members work to support and manage the affairs of the International Programs organization and vote on matters of strategic importance.

Based on your acceptance of this appointment, Dr. Jim Pitts, Director of the Office of International Programs will contact you regarding meeting dates and times.

I appreciate your willingness to serve on this board.

Best,

Richard McCullough  
President

cc: Jim Pitts, Director  
Office of International Programs
Mr. Mark Zeigler
School of Communication, Teaching Professor, 1993-2023
College of Business, Teaching Professor, 2023-Present
University Distinguished Teacher Award, 2009
Circle of Gold, Alumni Association
University Athletics Committee, 2010-Present
Head Marshall for University Commencement, 2009-Present
Bryan Hall Faculty Director, 2020-2023
Interim Director, FSU London Program, 2004 and 2005, Summer

Education
- BS, 1985; Stetson University, Psychology
- MS, 1989; Florida State University, Educational Leadership
- ABD; Florida State University, Speech Communication

Research Interests
Communication and Grief Counseling, Professional Presentations

Teaching Interests
Fundamentals of Speech, Public Speaking, Contemporary Human Communication
March 28, 2023

Dr. James Clark, Ph.D.
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs
Office of the Provost
212 Westcott Building
222 S. Copeland Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32306-1310

Dear Provost Clark,

I am pleased to invite you to serve on The Florida State University International Programs Association, Inc. Board for a three-year period beginning March 28, 2023, through September 30, 2026.

This appointment is subject to approval by the Florida State University Board of Trustees. I will be seeking that approval at the June 15, 2023, board meeting. Until the board acts on the appointment, you may sit in this board capacity.

The members of the Board of Directors attend an annual meeting and other special meetings, as may be required. The board members work to support and manage the affairs of the International Programs organization and vote on matters of strategic importance.

Based on your acceptance of this appointment, Dr. Jim Pitts, Director of the Office of International Programs will contact you regarding meeting dates and times.

I appreciate your willingness to serve on this board.

Best,

Richard D. McCullough, Ph.D.
President

cc: Jim Pitts, Director
Office of International Programs
James J. Clark, LCSW, Ph.D. is the Provost and Executive Vice President of Florida State University. He graduated from Siena College (B.A. 1980), the University of Kentucky College of Social Work (MSW 1983) and the University of Chicago (Ph.D. 1995).

From 2015-2021 he served as Dean of the College of Social Work at Florida State University where he helped develop and advance five nationally recognized centers and institutes. Prior to that he served for three years as the Director of the School of Social Work at the University of Cincinnati, as well as Associate Director for Research and as a faculty member at the University of Kentucky (UK) from 1991-2012. Clark co-founded the UK Center on Trauma & Children, a nationally recognized clinical research center.

He has published papers and book chapters in the areas of translational, evidence-based behavioral health, forensic mental health, child and adolescent traumatic stress, criminal justice, ethics and accountability, and psychobiography and the study of lives. He has produced two books. The first focuses on professional ethics, decision-making, and accountability. The second is a co-edited volume, Tell the Client’s Story: Mitigation in Criminal and Death Penalty Cases, published by the American Bar Association.

Clark is married to Elizabeth Croney, a social worker and entrepreneur. They have three adult daughters, Cameron, Meg, and Pearson, who recently wed Pierre Tribolet.
ACTION ITEM II
TO: President Richard McCullough

FROM: Carolyn Egan
Vice President for Legal Affairs and General Counsel

DATE: June 12, 2023

SUBJECT: Request for Approval: Nominations to the Board of Directors of the FSU College of Business Student Investment Fund

In accordance with Florida law, university’s direct support organizations must seek confirmation by the Board of Trustees of appointments to their respective governing boards. The following nominee has been vetted by the appropriate DSO and supporting information, including biographical data, is included. This nomination is for consideration by the FSU Board of Trustees:

- Diahann Lassus
May 19, 2023

Diahann Lassus
227 40th Avenue South
Jacksonville, FL 32250

Dear Ms. Lassus,

As president of the Florida State University, I hereby reappoint you to serve as a board member of the College of Business Student Investment Fund. Your service on this board is for a three-year term.

Sincerely,

Richard D. McCullough, Ph.D.
President

cc: Dean Michael D. Hartline
Diahann W. Lassus

Diahann W. Lassus, CFP®, CPA/PFS recently retired as managing principal at Peapack Private Wealth Management.

Prior to Peapack Private, Lassus was the president and co-founder of Lassus Wherley, a subsidiary of Peapack-Gladstone Bank. She also was the chief investment officer (CIO) of Lassus Wherley, as well as the director of the investment group and chair of the Investment Committee. At Lassus Wherley, she and her team took the time to learn what was important to clients and learned about their needs and wants. They put their clients’ interests ahead of their own. Financial advice was provided only after obtaining a complete understanding of clients’ circumstances. Lassus and her team analyzed their clients’ unique situations and sought to educate them, so they understand their financial choices. Operating with these principles helped assist their clients in building more secure financial futures. In the process, she and her team provided clients the peace of mind that comes from knowing they are dealing with people who understand and care about them. For more than 30 years, Lassus and her team provided comprehensive financial planning, investment management, tax preparation, trust services and family office support through the Lassus Wherley’s offices in New Providence, N.J. and Bonita Springs, Fla.

Prior to founding Lassus Wherley, Lassus held positions in accounting and line operations for Blue Cross Blue Shield, Xerox Corporation and AT&T from 1970 to 1984. She was the field operations manager for the 1984 Summer Olympic Games in Los Angeles.

She is presently a member of the Individual Development Committee, Financial Planning Foundation; inaugural CNBC Digital Financial Advisor Council; Inaugural Commission on Standards, CFP Board of Directors; Board of Governors of the Florida State University (FSU) College of Business; and the FSU Foundation Board of Trustees. Lassus is a member of the Financial Planning Association, American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and New Jersey Society of Certified Public Accountants. She has been named one of the Top 100 Most Influential Financial Advisors, Investopedia; a Multiyear (2012-2020) Five-Star Wealth Manager, Five Star Professional; named one of the 30 Most Influential and received the Robert J. Underwood Distinguished Service Award from the National Association of Personal Financial Advisors (NAPFA); among the 25 people who have shaped the advice business, InvestmentNews; and on the list of Worth Magazine’s Top Financial Advisors seven times beginning with the first list in 1994. Lassus has appeared on NBC’s The Today Show, Nightly Business Report and CNBC Closing Bell.

Lassus holds a Bachelor of Science in Management from Florida State University and an MBA from the University of North Florida. She is a Certified Public Accountant, New Jersey State Board of Accountancy; Personal Financial Specialist, American Institute of Certified Public Accountants; and Certified Financial Planner™ professional, CFP® Board of Standards.
TO: President Richard McCullough

FROM: Carolyn Egan 🇺🇸
Vice President for Legal Affairs and General Counsel

DATE: June 12, 2023

SUBJECT: **Request for Approval:** Nominations to Board of Directors of the FSU Research Foundation, Inc.

In accordance with Florida law, university’s direct support organizations must seek confirmation by the Board of Trustees of appointments to their respective governing boards. Each of the proposed nominees have been vetted by the appropriate DSO and supporting information, including biographical data, is included. This nomination is for consideration by the FSU Board of Trustees:

- Mr. Ricardo Schneider
- Mr. Kim Williams
October 15, 2022

Mr. Ricardo Schneider
President & CEO
Danfoss Turbocor Compressors
1769 E. Paul Dirac Drive
Tallahassee, FL 32310

Dear Ricardo,

It is my pleasure to reappoint you to the Florida State University Research Foundation, Inc., Board of Directors. The term of your appointment shall be three years in duration.

I appreciate your willingness to serve the University and the Research Foundation and I look forward to continuing to work with you.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Richard D. McCullough, Ph.D.
President
Chairman of the Board of Directors,
Florida State University Research Foundation
Ricardo Schneider

Ricardo Schneider is President & CEO of Danfoss Turbocor, a Tallahassee based company that designs and produces a family of revolutionary centrifugal oil-free high efficiency compressors for Commercial Air Conditioning systems. Ricardo holds a B.Sc. in Mechanical Engineering and a M.S. from UFRGS-Brazil, and International Management education from INSEAD, London, and Executive education from Harvard Business School, where he has been an active Alumni Member since 2005. He joined the Danfoss Group in 1993, holding several different positions in three different countries. He is currently Global Vice President of Danfoss Air Conditioning leading the organization to succeed in the competitive global air conditioning market by growing the business by 4 times in less than 5 years. This success was achieved by executing innovative strategies on product development and acquisitions to address global climate and energy challenges while increasing market share and profitability for Danfoss. Ricardo has been an active member of Air Conditioning, Heating and Refrigeration Institute (AHRI) since 2000, holding a Chairman position of the Automatic Controls Section from 2006 to 2008 and member of Board of Directors. Ricardo has Papers published at the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE).
October 15, 2022

Mr. Kim Williams  
Marpan  
222 E. Pershing Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32301

Dear Kim,

It is my pleasure to reappoint you to the Florida State University Research Foundation, Inc., Board of Directors. The term of your appointment shall be three years in duration.

I appreciate your willingness to serve the University and the Research Foundation and I look forward to continuing to work with you.

Sincerely,

Richard D. McCullough, Ph.D.  
President  
Chairman of the Board of Directors,  
Florida State University Research Foundation
Kim Williams

Marpan, from garbage container rental and Construction debris hauling to safety equipment, from American flags to a million-dollar inventory of light bulbs, Marpan is in the service and supply business.

Kim's career at Marpan, his family's business, began as a part time employee while attending Tallahassee Community College in 1968. He has served as President of the company since 1985. As an owner/developer of commercial real estate, he is managing partner of the Heritage at Commonwealth, Hamilton Industrial Park and Commerce Industrial Center.

He has a long history of community involvement. A founding board member and past President of Southside Business Association. He is a past Chair of the Tallahassee Chamber and was the 2006 recipient of the Godfrey Smith Past-Chair award. He served 8 years on the Board of the Tallahassee Housing Authority and one year on the Board of Goodwill. He is currently a Board member of Tallahassee Memorial Healthcare, Capital City Bank, The Florida Center for Performing Arts and Education, an organization dedicated to building a Performing Arts Center in Tallahassee, Florida State University Research Foundation and Chair of the Economic Development Council.

As a native Tallahasseean, Kim is committed to encouraging economic growth so that our children and our graduates will be able to find opportunity here, while maintaining our quality of life. His wife Mayda recently sold her business, Target Copy, to her daughter Tracey Cohen. Kim and Mayda have 4 children, Matthew, Johanna, Tracey and Andrew and two grand-daughters Molly and Lily.
ACTION ITEM IV
TO: President Richard McCullough

FROM: Carolyn Egan
Vice President for Legal Affairs and General Counsel

DATE: June 12, 2023

SUBJECT: Request for Approval: Nominations to the Board of Directors of the FSU Magnet Research and Development, Inc.

In accordance with Florida law, university’s direct support organizations must seek confirmation by the Board of Trustees of appointments to their respective governing boards. Each of the proposed nominees have been vetted by the appropriate DSO and supporting information, including biographical data, is included. This nomination is for consideration by the FSU Board of Trustees:

- Dr. Mark Bird
- Dr. Greg Boebinger
- Mr. Iain Dixon
September 25, 2022

Dr. Mark Bird  
Florida State University  
National High Magnetic Field Laboratory  
1800 E. Paul Dirac Drive  
Tallahassee, FL 32310

Dear Dr. Bird,

It is my pleasure to reappoint you to the Florida State University Magnet Research and Development, Inc., Board of Directors effective September 25, 2022, for a four-year term.

I appreciate your willingness to continue to serve the University and the FSU Magnet Research and Development, Inc., and I look forward to our continued work together on the board.

Sincerely,

Richard D. McCullough, Ph.D.  
President  
Chairman of the Board of Directors,  
Florida State University Magnet Research and Development, Inc.
Dr. Mark D. Bird

Scholar / Scientist
Director, Magnet Science & Technology
Magnet Science & Technology, Administration

Dr. Bird has been a with the NHMFL since its 1992 inception. He began his tenure in Tallahassee as an assistant scholar/scientist. By 1999, he was MS&T’s head of engineering services, and in 2003, he became the department’s head of engineering analysis. He stepped into the interim director role last year after John Miller left to head up the magnet system team for the U.S. International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor (ITER) Project Office.

During his time at the lab, Bird has created the resistive magnet group and led the development of the high field resistive magnets and the “Florida-Bitter” magnet technology. Florida-Bitter magnets have become the international standard for high field resistive magnets.

Educational Background:

1992, Ph.D., Mechanical Engineering, Stanford University
1989, M.S., Mechanical Engineering, Stanford University
1988, B.S. with High Honors, Mechanics, Michigan State University

Professional Experience:

May 2007 - present, Director, Magnet Science and Technology, NHMFL
May 2006 - present, Head of Engineering Analysis, MS&T
1992 - present, Resistive Magnet Program Leader, MS&T
2000 - present, Scholar/Scientist, MS&T
2006 - April 2007, Interim Director, Magnet Science and Technology, NHMFL
2003 - 2005, Interim Head of Engineering Analysis, MS&T
1999 - 2001, Head of Engineering Services, MS&T
1996 - 2000, Associate Scholar/Scientist, MS&T
1992 - 1995, Assistant Scholar/Scientist, MS&T

Awards, Honors & Service:

Florida State University's Distinguished University Scholar Award (2010)
October 15, 2022

Dr. Greg Boebinger
Florida State University
National High Magnetic Field Laboratory
1800 E. Paul Dirac Drive
Tallahassee, FL 32310

Dear Dr. Boebinger,

It is my pleasure to reappoint you to the Florida State University Magnet Research and Development, Inc., Board of Directors effective December 1, 2022, for a four-year term.

I appreciate your willingness to continue to serve the University and the FSU Magnet Research and Development, Inc., and I look forward to our continued work together on the board.

Sincerely,

Richard D. McCullough, Ph.D.
President
Chairman of the Board of Directors,
Florida State University Magnet Research and Development, Inc.
Dr. Gregory Boebinger

Professor, Director of NHMFL, Ph.D. MIT, 1986

Dr. Gregory S. Boebinger received bachelor’s degrees in physics, Electrical Engineering and Philosophy in 1981 from Purdue University. With a Churchill Scholarship, he traveled to the University of Cambridge for one year of research under Professor Sir Richard Friend, studying the temperature dependent structural changes in one-dimensional organic superconductors.

Dr. Boebinger received his Ph.D. in Physics in May 1986 from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he held Compton and Hertz Foundation Fellowships. His thesis research utilized high magnetic fields and ultra-low temperatures to study the fractional quantum Hall effect with Nobel Laureates Horst Stormer and Dan Tsui. Dr. Boebinger spent a year as a NATO Postdoctoral Fellow in Paris at the Ecole Normale Superieure studying other quantum behaviors of electrons in quantum wells.

In 1987, Dr. Boebinger joined the research staff at Bell Laboratories and established a unique pulsed magnetic field facility for physics research on semiconductors, f-electron compounds, and superconductors in magnetic fields up to 60 teslas, more than one-million times the Earth’s magnetic field. For this research, he was named a Fellow of the American Physical Society in 1996.

In 1998, Dr. Boebinger became head of the pulsed magnet laboratory at Los Alamos National Laboratory, one of the three campuses of the National High Magnetic Field Laboratory (MagLab). There he continued his research on the high-temperature superconductors, using the intense pulsed magnetic fields to suppress superconductivity.

In 2004, Dr. Boebinger moved to Florida State University to become director of the MagLab, with responsibility for all three campuses: the headquarters at Florida State University, the pulsed magnet laboratory at Los Alamos National Laboratory, and the ultra-low temperature and magnetic resonance imaging laboratories at the University of Florida. The MagLab is the world leading magnet laboratory that develops and operates high magnetic field facilities that scientists use for research in physics, biology, bioengineering, chemistry, geochemistry, biochemistry, materials science, and engineering.

Dr. Boebinger’s research continues to focus on high-temperature superconductivity, and he maintains laboratories and close collaborations with colleagues at Los Alamos National Laboratory.
September 25, 2022

Mr. Iain Dixon  
Florida State University  
National High Magnetic Field Laboratory  
1800 E. Paul Dirac Drive  
Tallahassee, FL 32310

Dear Mr. Dixon,  

It is my pleasure to reappoint you to the Florida State University Magnet Research and Development, Inc., Board of Directors effective September 25, 2022, for a four-year term.

I appreciate your willingness to continue to serve the University and the FSU Magnet Research and Development, Inc., and I look forward to our continued work together on the board.

Sincerely,

Richard D. McCullough, Ph.D.  
President  
Chairman of the Board of Directors,  
Florida State University Magnet Research and Development, Inc.
Iain R. Dixon

National High Magnetic Field Laboratory, Florida State University (since 1993)

**Position:** Faculty Research III, Engineering Analysis Leader, Magnet Science & Technology Group

**Education:** Old Dominion University, MS & BS Engineering Mechanics & Minor Mathematics, 1991

**Research Interests/Areas of Expertise:**
Large scale, high field magnet design and analysis (structural, electro-magnetic, thermal) – finite element analysis. LTS magnet fabrication and technology development. Nb3Sn cable-in-conduit conductors and hybrid magnet systems. High field HTS magnets.