



FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Governance Committee

MEETING MINUTES

Approved 9.12.24

Thursday, June 20, 2024

2:30 PM

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

Committee Members Present: Committee Chair Bob Sasser, Board Chair Peter Collins, Trustee John Thiel

Committee Members Absent: Trustee Vivian de las Cuevas-Diaz

Committee Staff: Carolyn Egan, Vice President for Legal Affairs & General Counsel

Also in attendance: Trustee Maximo Alvarez, Trustee Kathryn Ballard, Trustee Bridgett Birmingham, Trustee Jackson Boisvert, Trustee Jorge Gonzalez, Trustee Drew Weatherford, President Richard McCullough and University Vice Presidents and staff (Zoom and in-person)

- I. Call to Order and Welcome** – As the previous Florida State University (FSU) Board of Trustees (BOT) consecutive committee meeting concluded early, the Governance Committee was called to order at 1:09 p.m. by Committee Chair Sasser. Prior to Board Chair Collins joining via Zoom, there was not a quorum; after he joined, there was a quorum.
- II. Approval of Minutes** – The draft minutes from the January 31, 2024, meeting of the Governance Committee were approved without change.
- III. Action Items for Consideration of Recommendation to the Board of Trustees** - Committee Chair Sasser noted that all of the action items are nominations to FSU direct support organizations (DSOs). The committee members may have seen some of the nominations at other BOT committee meetings earlier in the day. Committee Chair Sasser stated that biographical information on the nominees had been shared with the Trustees. The candidates have been vetted and meet the necessary qualifications. They have been appropriately nominated and are willing to serve. For those that are reappointments, the nominations are within the reappointment process and term limits specified in the applicable DSO bylaws. The nominations are within the board size limits specific to the relevant DSO. All nominees will serve only on one board. All steps within the applicable bylaws have been followed and, if approval is required by the DSO board, the nominations have been properly

approved by the DSO board. The nominations have also been reviewed and approved by the President.

- a. **Action Item I: Request for Approval: Nominations to the Board of Directors of the FSU International Programs Association, Inc.** - The four nominations to the FSU International Programs Association, Inc. were approved.
- b. **Action Item II: Request for Approval: Nominations to the Board of Directors of the Seminole Boosters** - The 12 nominations to the Seminole Boosters were approved.
- c. **Action Item III: Request for Approval: Nominations to the Board of Directors of the FSU Alumni Association, Inc.** - The three nominations to the FSU Alumni Association, Inc. were approved.
- d. **Action Item IV: Request for Approval: Nominations to the Board of Directors of the Ringling Foundation, Inc.** – The five nominations to the Board of Directors of the Ringling Foundation, Inc. were approved.
- e. **Action Item V: Request for Approval: Nomination to the Board of Directors of the Magnet Research and Development, Inc.** – The one nomination to the Board of Directors of the Magnet Research and Development, Inc. was approved.
- f. **Action Item VI: Request for Approval: Nomination to the Board of Directors of the FSU Research Foundation, Inc.** – The one nomination to the Board of Directors of the FSU Research Foundation, Inc. was approved.
- g. **Action Item VII: Request for Approval: Nomination to the Board of Directors of the FSU Athletics Association, Inc.** – The one nomination to the Board of Directors of the FSU Athletics Association, Inc. was approved.
- h. **Action Item VIII: Request for Approval: Nominations to the Board of the Trustees for the FSU Foundation, Inc.** – The three nominations to the Board of Trustees for the FSU Foundation, Inc. were approved.

IV. Informational Items and Standing Updates

- a. **President's Evaluation – Review Summer Timeline** – Committee Chair Sasser explained that the timeline for the President's evaluation would be similar to last year's. The evaluation process is being discussed on June 20, 2024. The President will provide a self-appraisal by July 26, 2024, which will be shared with the Trustees. The Trustees will submit completed evaluation rating forms (which are the same forms that were used last year) to Chair Collins by August 9, 2024. The forms seem to work well and provide lots of opportunities for comments from the Trustees. Committee Chair Sasser noted that some of the goals for the President are multi-year and cannot be completed in one year. Board Chair Collins will then take the individual evaluations submitted by the Trustees, consolidate them, and provide a summary, which will be discussed with the President and with the Trustees, who will formally approve the evaluation at the September 12-13, 2024, BOT meeting. This is basically the process that was used last year, which seemed to work. Committee Chair Sasser noted that the Trustees will be provided the President's goals for 2023-2024, a copy of the President's self-appraisal, and the evaluation rating form to aid them in completing their evaluation.

- V. **Open Forum for Committee Members** – Committee Chair Sasser and Trustee Thiel congratulated the FSU Baseball team and coaches on an outstanding season.

- VI. **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 1:22 p.m.