



FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, October 29, 2024
9:00 am

Zoom Meeting

Attended: Kathryn Ballard, Bridgett Birmingham, Jackson Boisvert, Vivian de las Cuevas-Diaz, Jorge Gonzalez, Jim Henderson, Justin Roth, Deborah Sargeant, Bob Sasser, John Thiel, and Drew Weatherford.

Absent: Maximo Alvarez, Peter Collins.

Also in attendance: President Richard McCullough, vice presidents and other staff.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Mr. Bob Sasser, Vice Chair

Vice Chair Sasser called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

Heather Mayo called the roll and confirmed a quorum.

Vice Chair Sasser asked for everyone to observe a moment of silent meditation.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

Vice Chair Sasser read the Ethics Conduct Policy.

III. NEW BUSINESS AND UPDATES

A. Office of Compliance & Ethics

Mr. Robert Large, Chief Compliance and Ethics Officer

Vice Chair Sasser asked Mr. Robert Large, Chief Compliance and Ethics Officer, to present the action item.

Mr. Large explained that this is a new reporting requirement created by a Florida Board of Governors regulation. It requires that each university's Board of Trustees report any grant programs, agreements, partnerships, and contracts with foreign countries of concern or any other foreign principal in one of those countries. This requirement does not require advance approval from the Board of Trustees or the Board of Governors, but it is an after-the-fact reporting requirement. Mr. Large informed the Trustees that the Board of Governors created this regulation last year, and it went into effect this year.

Mr. Large advised that Florida State University particularly has commodity purchases that fall within this reporting requirement, and a list of these purchases was provided to the Trustees prior to this meeting. Following the Board of Trustees and Board of Governors' approval of the report, the Board of Governors will forward the report to the Florida Legislature and Governor's Office.

Action Items:

- I. **Request for Approval:** Report of Grants, Agreements and Partnerships between FSU and Foreign Principals.

Vice Chair Sasser asked if there were any questions about the report. Trustee Roth asked for clarification regarding a specific purchase. Senior Vice President Clark and Mr. Large provided clarification.

Trustee Sargeant asked a question about an item, which Mr. Large clarified. Trustee Roth then had an additional question regarding a purchase, and Mr. Large answered Trustee Roth's question.

Vice Chair Sasser asked for a motion to approve the Report of Grants, Agreements, and Partnerships between FSU and Foreign Principals. Trustee Thiel moved to approve. Trustee Henderson seconded the motion, and the Report of Grants, Agreements, and Partnerships between FSU and Foreign Principals was unanimously approved by all present at the meeting.

IV. OPEN FORUM FOR BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Mr. Bob Sasser, Vice Chair

There was no further discussion.

Vice Chair Sasser reminded the Trustees about the upcoming Board of Trustees meetings in Tallahassee, FL November 20 – 21, 2024.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Bob Sasser, Vice Chair

Vice Chair Sasser adjourned the meeting at 9:16 a.m.