



## **BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**September 27, 2021**

**Virtual Meeting**

**University of Florida, Gainesville, FL**

**Time Convened: 12:00 p.m.**

**Time Adjourned: 12:40 p.m.**

### **Board members present:**

Morteza “Mori” Hosseini (Board Chair), David C. Bloom, David L. Brandon, Cooper L. Brown, Richard P. Cole, Christopher T. Corr, James W. Heavener, Thomas G. Kuntz (Board Vice Chair), Daniel T. O’Keefe, Rahul Patel, Marsha D. Powers, Fred S. Ridley, and Anita G. Zucker.

### **Others present:**

W. Kent Fuchs, President; J. Scott Angle, Vice President for Agriculture and Natural Resources; Chris Cowen, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer; Elias Eldayrie, Vice President and Chief Information Officer; Jodi Gentry, Vice President for Human Resources; Amy Hass, Vice President and General Counsel; Mark Kaplan, Vice President for Government and Community Relations and University Secretary; Charlie Lane, Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer; David Norton, Vice President for Research; Mary Parker, Vice President for Enrollment Management and Associate Provost; Nancy Paton, Vice President for Strategic Communications and Marketing; Winfred Phillips, Executive Chief of Staff; Curtis Reynolds, Vice President for Business Affairs; Scott Stricklin, Director of Athletics; members of the University of Florida community, and the public.

### **1.0 Call to Order and Welcome**

Board Chair Hosseini welcomed everyone in attendance and called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

### **2.0 Verification of Quorum**

Vice President and University Secretary Kaplan verified a quorum.

### **3.0 Public Comment**

Vice President and General Counsel Amy Hass informed the Board there was no public comment to come before the board.

### **4.0 Action Items**

#### **BT1 Research Institute Approval**

Board Chair Hosseini indicated that the first action item will not take place because they are still working on the details of the research institute agreement. He highlighted the collaborative high-

level progress being done on this deal between the university, the research institute, and the state, and the efforts of Herbie Wertheim in bringing this opportunity to UF. He indicated UF's vision for growth and being the number one bio-medical research enterprise in the world. He thanked President Fuchs, SVP Nelson, VP Hass, and VP Norton for the great work being done and emphasized the significance of this agreement to the university and state.

### **BT2 Tenure Upon Hire**

Trustee Rahul Patel introduced action item BT2 and asked Vice President David Norton and Vice President Scott Angle to review the candidates in Provost Glover's absence. They indicated two candidates have met the criteria for tenure and have been recommended to receive tenure, including Dr. Andra Johnson ( College of Agricultural and Life Sciences-IFAS Professor, School of Forest, Fisheries and Geomatics Sciences, Dean, UF/IFAS Extension and Director of the Florida Cooperative Extension) and Dr. Thomas P. Burris (College of Pharmacy-Professor, Department of Pharmacodynamics and Director of University of Florida Genetics Institute). The Board Chair asked for a motion to approve Action Item BT2 which was made by Trustee Brandon, and a second, which was made by Trustee Zucker. Board Chair Hosseini asked for further discussion, and then asked for all in favor of the motion and any opposed, and the motion was approved unanimously.

### **BT3 Fixed Capital Outlay Budget**

Vice President for Business Affairs Curtis Reynolds reviewed the 2022-2023 Fixed Capital Outlay Budget Request which The Board of Governors Regulation 14.003 requires each university to prepare and submit an annual Fixed Capital Outlay (FCO) budget approved by the University Board of Trustees. This budget will be considered at the November Board of Governors meeting in accordance with the guidelines as set forth in regulation 14.003. He indicated that all of the projects listed have been previously approved by UF's Board of Trustees. The Board Chair asked for a motion to approve Action Item BT3 which was made by Trustee Brandon, and a second, which was made by Trustee O'Keefe. Board Chair Hosseini asked for further discussion, and then asked for all in favor of the motion and any opposed, and the motion was approved unanimously.

### **5.0 New Business**

There was no new business to come before the Board.

### **6.0 Adjourn**

There being no further discussion, Board Chair Hosseini adjourned the meeting at 12:40 p.m.