



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 31, 2022

University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

Time Convened: 9:33 a.m.

Time Adjourned: 10:31 a.m.

Board members present:

Morteza “Mori” Hosseini (Board Chair), David C. Bloom, David L. Brandon, Cooper L. Brown, Richard P. Cole, Chris 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; Chris Cowen, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer; Elias Eldayrie, Vice President and Chief Information Officer; Joseph Glover, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs; Amy Hass, Vice President and General Counsel; Edward Jimenez, CEO UF Health Shands; Mark Kaplan, Vice President for Government and Community Relations and University Secretary; Charlie Lane, Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer; Marsha McGriff, Chief Diversity Officer and Senior Advisor to the President; Thomas Mitchell, Vice President for Advancement; D’Andra Mull, Vice President for Student Life; David Nelson, Senior Vice President for Health Affairs; David Norton, Vice President for Research; Mary Parker, Vice President 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; and members of the University of Florida Community, and the public.

1.0 Call to Order and Welcome

Board Chair welcomed everyone in attendance and called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m.

2.0 Verification of Quorum

Vice President and University Secretary Kaplan verified a quorum with all members present.

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 Election of Board Officers

Chair Hosseini advised the Board that elections for the Chair and Vice Chair would be held at today’s meeting rather than in April to allow for a smooth process in the search for a new President. Vice President and General Counsel Hass advised the Board that a procedural action

was required for the suspension of a portion of section 4.2 of the Board of Trustees bylaws with respect to election date of the Chair and Vice Chair. Board Chair Hosseini asked for any questions or further discussion. He then asked for a motion to approve suspension of section 4.2 of the bylaws for purposes of election date only of the Chair and Vice Chair, which was made by Trustee Corr and a second, which was made by Trustee O'Keefe. Chair Hosseini asked for further discussion, and then called for a vote. The motion was approved unanimously.

Vice President and General Counsel Hass stated the board will vote on the board chair, vice chair elections for terms effective July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2024.

Vice Chair Tom Kuntz noted the effort put forth and results that have occurred under Chair Hosseini's leadership including Faculty 500, AI funding, major student projects, major initiatives in south florida, Top 5. He has worked with Chair Hosseini over a decade partnering with him at the Board of Governors and now Board of Trustees. During his time at the Board of Governors they reached the #1 ranked system in the nation. His dedication to UF and higher education is pheonomenal. Our work as a board is a team effort but we need the right leader leading this team. We are fortunate to have Chair Hosseini as chair, especially during this critical time with the presidential search coming up. It is my pleasure and honor to re-elect Chair Hosseini to serve for the 2022-2024 term. Trustee Bloom seconded the nomination. He echoed Vice Chair Kuntz's comments. He commented it is obvious to anyone how much this board has accomplished in the last few years. Faculty are well aware of how much the Chair has done to expand salaries and childcare. He has spent a monumental amount of time, energy, commitment, and dediciation to the university. On behalf of the faculty, thank you.

Trustee Corr added that we have reached new heights with President Fuchs and Chair Hosseini and we are positioned to reach higher. The next leg will not be easy and we need leadership continunity as the board discussed last year. We are thankful to be in a unique, stronger position and there is no one better equipped to lead. Chair Hosseini's energy, tireless dedication and passion are why he is giving his strong support of this nomination.

Trustee Brown agreed with the results that Vice Chair Kuntz noted. Chair Hosseini brings results to the table, getting to Top 5, more buildings, growth in south Florida, and work done in Tallahassee. He has tirelessly fought for students, faculty, and staff. Trustee Brown offered his support for another term.

Trustee Heavener added his support for another term for Chair Hosseini. He commented Chair Hosseini works full time on UF in addition to his own businesses. He is in strong support for Chair Hosseini to serve a second term. He thanked Chair Hosseini for working relentlessly on behalf of UF.

Trustee Cole echoed all the other comments and added his support.

Trustee O'Keefe also added his favorable support. He commented that his leadership, integrity, commitment, and time spent all leads to results. We couldn't find a better chair.

Trustee Ridley also added his favorable support. He commented he has never dealt with anyone with a greater level of character and passion for UF. He provides the continuity in leadership and his ability to advocate for UF is unmatched.

Trustee Zucker expressed her support and commented in light of the conversation, that the matter should be called for the question.

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.

The discussion turned to the Vice Chair nomination. Chair Hosseini commented that Vice Chair Kuntz is a great partner. He has brought so much to the board with his expertise in finance.

Trustee Patel congratulated Chair Hosseini on his reelection. He noted the great partnership that exists between Chair Hosseini and Vice Chair Kuntz. Not only is the partnership great but there would be a great continuity in leadership. Together, Vice Chair Kuntz and Chair Hosseini will best position UF for success. Trustee Patel moved to formally reelect Tom Kuntz as the board vice chair.

Trustee Zucker seconded the motion. She thanked Vice Chair Kuntz for his leadership and dedication. She reiterated the need to maintain consistency at this important time.

Trustee Heavener agreed with the previous comments and added his favorable support. He noted under One UF, Vice Chair Kuntz has consolidated all the financials and added to all of the board's understanding of what their fiscal responsibilities are.

Trustee Corr agreed with the comments and added his favorable support. He noted Chair Hosseini and Vice Chair Kuntz are a dynamic team.

Trustee O'Keefe congratulated Chair Hosseini on his reappointment. He thanked Vice Chair Kuntz for helping all the trustees be better. He has done a great job managing the organization's financials.

Trustee Patel moved to reelect Trustee Tom Kuntz to another term as Vice Chair, and Trustee Zucker seconded the motion. 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.

President Fuchs added his gratitude to the full board. He is convinced the next 2 to 2 ½ years will be incredible. He is excited about the future.

Chair Hosseini then provided his comments regarding the reelection. He shared his appreciation working with this board and that he is grateful for the time put in by this team. He touched on the cohesiveness of the board in helping the students get the best education and the faculty for having the best opportunities. He stated the board is the strength of the university.

Vice Chair Kuntz added his congratulations to Chair Hosseini and thanked the board for the vote of confidence in him. UF is an amazing place and he is proud and honored to serve.

Chair Hosseini then spoke briefly about the presidential search. He stated the biggest job of the trustees will be selecting the next president. The search will begin in March when the Chair will name a 15-member search committee, consistent with Board of Governors regulation. He thanked President Fuchs for his great work stating he was grateful to the President for his willingness to continue to serve until a successor is found and recognized that President Fuchs would finish his career doing what he most loves, which is teaching our students in the classroom and that he will do so here at UF.

BT2 Campus Development Agreement

Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer Charlie Lane provided an update on the Campus Development Agreement. He reminded the board that the plan is updated every five years. The plan originally approved in 2015, was based on a 2015-2025 master plan. In December 2020, the Board adopted a 2020-2030 master plan. The three-part agreement met statutory deadlines of February 8 that included the city and county approval.

Board Chair Hosseini asked for any questions or further discussion. He then asked for a motion to approve Board Action Item BT2, which was made by Trustee Zucker and seconded by Trustee Brandon. Board Chair Hosseini asked for further discussion, after which he asked for all in favor of the motion and any opposed, and the motion was approved unanimously.

BT3 Transportation and Parking Services Bond Covenant Budget

Vice President for Business Affairs Curtis Reynolds provided an update on the action item. Chair Hosseini asked Vice Chair Tom Kuntz and Senior Vice President Chris Cowen if they agreed with the budget proposed. SVP Cowen agreed.

Board Hosseini asked for any questions or further discussion. He then asked for a motion to approve Board Action Item BT3, which was made by Trustee Brandon and seconded by Trustee O'Keefe. Board Chair Hosseini asked for further discussion, after which he asked for all in favor of the motion and any opposed, and the motion was approved unanimously.

BT4 Chemical Engineering Building Repairs

Vice President for Business Affairs Curtis Reynolds provided an update on the action item. The Chemical Engineering Building has interior structural concerns and mechanical system air quality issues which require a final design for correction of the deficiencies at an estimated cost of \$7 million. SVP Cowen added they are finalizing the funding plan for the critical repairs. Trustee Brandon echoed these comments and his support of the request.

Board Hosseini asked for any questions or further discussion. He then asked for a motion to approve Board Action Item BT4, which was made by Trustee Zucker and seconded by Trustee Cole. Board Chair Hosseini asked for further discussion, after which he asked for all in favor of the motion and any opposed, and the motion was approved unanimously.

BT5 Collective Bargaining Amendment

Vice President and General Counsel Amy Hass provided an update on the action item, an amendment to the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the University of Florida Board of Trustees and the University Police officers, sergeants and lieutenants. The amendments focused on increases in base pay designed to bring pay more in line with the relevant market.

Board Chair Hosseini asked for any questions or further discussion. He then asked for a motion to approve Board Action Item BT5, which was made by Trustee Zucker and seconded by Trustee Cole. Board Chair Hosseini asked for further discussion, after which he 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. Board Chair Hosseini thanked the President and the Cabinet for their support for the Board. He stated the Board was looking forward to the recommendations of the Subcommittee on Mental Health in April to be provided by Trustee Brown.

6.0 Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:31 a.m.