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BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Monday, August 25, 2025
Emmerson Hall President's Ballroom
University of Florida, Gainesville, FL
Time Convened: 11:02 a.m.
Time Adjourned: 11:50 a.m.

Board Members Present
Morteza "Mori" Hosseini (Board Chair), Rahul Patel (Board Vice Chair), David L. Brandon, Richard P. Cole, Christopher T. Corr, Blake E. Cox, Jed V. Davis, L. Amelia Dempere, Daniel T. O'Keefe, Marsha D. Powers, Fred Ridley, and Patrick O. Zalupski.

Others Present
Kent Fuchs, Interim President; Scott Angle, Senior Vice President for Agriculture and Natural Resources; Chuck Clemons, Vice President for Government and Community Relations; Melissa Curry, Vice President for Human Resources; Ryan Fuller, Vice President and General Counsel; Joe Glover, Interim Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs; Colt Little Vice President for Construction, Facilities, and Auxiliary Operations; Maria Gutierrez Martin, Vice President for Advancement; Stephen Motew, UF Health President and System Chief Executive Officer; David Norton, Vice President for Research; Steve Orlando, Interim Vice President for Strategic Communications and Marketing; Mary Parker, Vice President and Chief Enrollment Strategist; Brandi Renton, Vice President for Business Affairs; Scott Stricklin, Director of Athletics; Heather White, Vice President for Student Life; Dr. Donald Landry; members of the University of Florida community, and the public.

1.0 Call to Order and Welcome
Board Chair Mori Hosseini welcomed everyone in attendance and called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m.

2.0 Verification of Quorum
Vice President and General Counsel Ryan Fuller verified a quorum with all members present, except Trustee Heavener, who had an excused absence.

3.0 Public Comment
Vice President and General Counsel Ryan Fuller informed the Board there were no public comments.

4.0 Action Items

BT1 Foreign Influence Annual Report

General Counsel Ryan Fuller advised that Board of Governors Regulation 9.012 requires University Board of Trustees to annually submit a report on programs, agreements, partnership and contracts between the State Universities and any colleges, universities or foreign principals based in a country of concern. The annual report is due in September. Last year was the first annual report and it included some of 2024 beyond the fiscal year so as a result it has some duplicative entries. For this year, there are only two new agreements in the report. One is an agreement with a study abroad vendor based in China. The International Center did not originally realize this vendor was in a foreign country of concern. Once this was discovered, the agreement was terminated, therefore it is included in the report but has already been terminated. The second agreement is a vendor that provides packaging for biotechnology-based products, this is also based in China. The College of Medicine did not realize this vendor was a foreign country of concern. Once this was discovered the agreement was terminated. Both of these will be in the report as terminated. There are no other new items in the report.

Board Chairman Hosseini asked if there were any questions or discussion. He then asked for a motion to approve BT1, which was made by Trustee O'Keefe and seconded by Trustee Brandon. Chairman Hosseini asked if there was any further discussion and then asked for all in favor of the motion and any opposed and the motion was approved unanimously.

BT2 Leadership

Chairman Hosseini introduced Dr. Donald Landry. Dr. Landry is the Hamilton Southworth Professor at Columbia University Irving Medical Center. He is currently the director of the Center of Human Longevity and the President of the American Academy of Sciences and Letters and an Emeritus Chair of the Department of Medicine. He founded and directed the Division of Experimental Therapeutic and is the past chief of the Division of Nephrology. Dr. Landry completed his PhD in organic chemistry at Harvard University, obtained his MD from Columbia University and completed his residency in internal medicine at Harvard. Chairman Hossieni asked Dr. Landry to talk about himself and why he wants to join the University of Florida as Interim President. Dr. Landry expressed this was a lifetime opportunity to serve at a preeminent University. Dr. Landry fielded questions from the Board of Trustees covering the following topics:

- UF's rigorous post-tenure review process;
- Its vital relationship with the City of Jacksonville and the development of UF's campus there;
- Its growth of the Hamilton School, an international destination for scholars in the fields of western civilization and the classics;
- Its land-grant mission that serves key industries and every county across the State;
- UF's push toward a $1.5 billion research enterprise and the launch of its $7 billion capital campaign;
- The transformational overhaul of its student housing facilities and the construction of its new College of Arts and College of Dentistry buildings;

- Its efforts to enhance the student experience and recruit and retain world-class faculty and staff;
- UF's support for its vibrant Division 1 athletics program and its rising medical center and hospital system;
- UF's valuable relationship with the legislature, the governor, industry leaders and other stakeholders key to UF's success; and
- Its rise in the rankings and consistent place among the top public research universities in the country.

Board Chairman Hosseini asked if there were any questions or discussion. VP and General Counsel Ryan Fuller stated that the proposed action on the table is to vote to approve Dr. Landry as the Interim President with an effective date of September 1, 2025 or as the Board Chair and Dr. Landry agree upon and to also delegate authority to the Board Chairman to finalize an agreement with Dr. Landry. Chairman Hosseini asked if there was a motion to approve, which was made by Trustee Brandon and seconded by Trustee Powers. Chairman Hosseini asked if there was any further discussion and then asked for all in favor of the motion and any opposed the motion was approved unanimously.

Chairman Hosseini congratulated Dr. Landry and welcomed him to the University of Florida.

5.0 New Business
There was no new business for discussion**.**

6.0 Adjourned
There being no further discussion, Board Chair Mori Hosseini adjourned the meeting at 11:50am.