



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 26, 2023

Virtual Meeting

University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

Time Convened: 3:30 p.m.

Time Adjourned: 3:52 p.m.

Board members present:

Morteza “Mori” Hosseini (Board Chair), Richard P. Cole, James W. Heavener, Daniel T. O’Keefe, Rahul Patel (Board Vice Chair), Marsha D. Powers, Fred S. Ridley, Danaya C. Wright, and Anita G. Zucker

Others present:

Ben Sasse, President; Joseph Glover, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs; J. Scott Angle, Senior Vice President for Agriculture and Natural Resources; Elias Eldayrie, Vice President and Chief Information Officer; Mark Kaplan, Vice President for Government and Community Relations and University Secretary; David Nelson, Senior Vice President for Health Affairs and President of UF Health; Steve Orlando, Interim Vice President for Strategic Communications and Marketing; Curtis Reynolds, Vice President for Business Affairs; 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 3:30 p.m.

2.0 Verification of Quorum

Vice President and University Secretary Mark Kaplan verified a quorum noting Trustees Corr, Green, and Zalupski were unable to attend the meeting.

3.0 Public Comment

Vice President and University Secretary Mark Kaplan informed the Board there were no public comments to come before the Board.

4.0 Action Item

BT1 Tenure Upon Hire (AFSSPRSC Committee)

Board Chair Hosseini asked Board Vice Chair and AFSSPRSC Committee Chair Patel to convene the AFSSPRSC Committee to review the candidates and vote on the BT1 Tenure Upon Hire action item prior to the Board.

Board Vice Chair and Committee Chair Patel asked Provost Glover to verify a quorum. Provost Glover verified a quorum noting Trustee Green was unable to attend.

Provost Glover reviewed the 13 tenure upon hire candidates before the committee for approval. Candidates include:

- Dr. Changcheng Song – Warrington College of Business, Associate Professor, Department of Finance, Insurance and Real Estate
- Dr. Jane Bambauer – College of Journalism and Communications (joint appointment with Levin College of Law), Professor, Department of Journalism
- Dr. Volker Sorger – Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering, Professor, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering
- Dr. Jeffrey Collins – Hamilton Center for Classical and Civic Education, Professor
- Dr. Karl Gunther – Hamilton Center for Classical and Civic Education, Associate Professor
- Dr. David McPherson – Hamilton Center for Classical and Civic Education, Professor
- Dr. Ana Siljak – Hamilton Center for Classical and Civic Education, Associate Professor
- Mr. Derek Bambauer – Levin College of Law, Professor of Law
- Dr. Christopher Bradley – Levin College of Law, Professor of Law
- Mr. Julian Cook, III – Levin College of Law, Professor of Law
- Dr. Elizabeth Katz – Levin College of Law, Professor of Law
- Dr. Zachary Kaufman – Levin College of Law, Professor of Law
- Dr. Xin Wang – Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, Associate Professor, Department of Microbiology and Cell Science

Trustee Wright noted that there was a different selection and vetting process for the 4 tenure upon hire candidates for the Hamilton Center. Provost Glover stated the 4 candidates were selected by the outgoing Hamilton Center Director and cognate departments were encouraged to interact with the candidates through talks. Chairman Hosseini stated the Hamilton Center was created by law and the Board decided that faculty candidates for the Center would be approved in the following order: the center, the provost, the president, and the Board. Provost Glover agreed and added these candidates still go through a thorough selection and vetting process and he personally reviewed all the dossiers and signed off on offer letters for all the candidates. Trustee Wright noted she supports the 4 Hamilton Center candidates.

Trustee Wright added there is an unusually high number of Levin College of Law tenure upon hire candidates, but she supports those law candidates as well.

Board Vice Chair and Committee Chair Patel asked for any questions or further discussion. He then asked for a motion to approve Action Item BT1 for recommendation to the Board for its approval, which was made by Trustee O’Keefe and a second, which was made by Trustee Wright. Board Vice Chair and Committee Chair Patel asked for further discussion, and then asked for all in favor of the motion and any opposed, and the motion was approved unanimously.

There being no further discussion, Board Vice Chair and Committee Chair Patel adjourned the committee meeting at 3:48 p.m.

BT1 Tenure Upon Hire (Full Board)

Board Chair Hosseini asked if anyone would like to pull out any candidate to discuss and vote on separately. Hearing none, he asked President Sasse if he approves the 13 candidates for tenure upon hire. President Sasse stated he approves and supports the recommendations.

Board Chair Hosseini asked for any questions or further discussion. He then asked for a motion to approve Action Item BT1, which was made by Trustee Cole and seconded by Trustee Wright. Board Chair Hosseini 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.

Trustee Cole noted Laura Rosenbury has done a fantastic job as Dean for the Levin College of Law.

6.0 Adjourn

There being no further discussion, Board Chair Hosseini adjourned the meeting at 3:52 p.m.