



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, July 18, 2024

Virtual Meeting

University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

Time Convened: 6:30 p.m.

Time Adjourned: 6:49 p.m.

Board members present:

Morteza “Mori” Hosseini (Board Chair), David L. Brandon, John E. Brinkman, Richard P. Cole, Christopher T. Corr, Sarah D. Lynne, Daniel T. O’Keefe, Rahul Patel (Board Vice Chair), Marsha D. Powers, Fred S. Ridley, Patrick O. Zalupski, and Anita G. Zucker.

Others present:

Ben Sasse, President; Melissa Curry, Vice President for Human Resources; Dan Dillon Jr., Vice President for Marketing and Senior Advisor; Kurt Dudas, Vice President/Jacksonville Lead; Elias Eldayrie, Vice President and Chief Information Officer; Amy Hass, Vice President and General Counsel; Taylor Jantz, Chief Financial Officer; Mark Kaplan, Vice President for Government and Community Relations and University Secretary; Stephen Motew, UF Health President and System Chief Executive Officer; David Nelson, Senior Vice President for Health Affairs; David Norton, Vice President for Research; Mary Parker, Vice President and Chief Enrollment Strategist; Raymond Sass, Vice President for Innovation and Partnerships; Penny Schwinn, Vice President for PK-12 and Pre-Bachelors Programs; James Wegmann, Vice President for Communications; Heather White, Vice President for Student Life; members of the University of Florida community, and the public.

1.0 Call to Order and Welcome

Board Chairman Mori Hosseini welcomed everyone in attendance and called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2.0 Verification of Quorum

Vice President and University Secretary Mark Kaplan verified a quorum with all members present, except Trustee Heavener who had an excused absence.

3.0 Action Item

Board Chairman Hosseini welcomed and thanked everyone for being on the call. He then turned the meeting over to President Sasse. President Sasse stated his wife Melissa has had previous health issues but was recently diagnosed with epilepsy and has been struggling with a new batch of memory issues. He resigned effective July 31, 2024, and requested the Board initiate a search for a new president so he can focus on his wife, family, and rebuilding stable household systems. He stated his love for the university and Gator Nation. He will remain on faculty and looks forward to teaching and serving. He expressed his thanks to Board Chairman Hosseini and the Board.

Board Chairman Hosseini and Trustees applauded him for putting his family first and extended prayers to him and his family. Additionally, they expressed thanks to the President for his tireless dedication to the university, including how he expertly handled the events after October 7th with the Jewish communities and protecting First Amendment rights. Trustees also thanked Board Chairman Hosseini for his leadership.

Board Chairman Hosseini asked for a motion to accept President Sasse's resignation, which was made by Vice Chair Patel and seconded by Trustee Cole. Vice Chair Patel included as a part of the motion that the Board delegate authority to the Board Chair to provide assignments and responsibilities to Dr. Sasse through his end date. Board Chairman 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.

4.0 New Business

There was no new business to come before the Board.

5.0 Adjourn

There being no further discussion, Board Chairman Hosseini adjourned the meeting at 6:49 p.m.

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