

**New College of Florida Board of Trustees
Sudakoff Conference Center
Minutes for February 28, 2023**

Prayer

Pastor Carl Dixon, Calvary Chapel Church conducted the prayer.

Pledge of Allegiance

Joshua Broyhill, New College Student, called for the pledge.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 p.m. and a quorum was established.

Trustees Present: Debra A. Jenks (Chair), Ron Christaldi (Vice Chair), Ryan Anderson, Mark Bauerlein, Lance Karp, Grace Keenan, Charles Kesler, Matthew Lepinski, Sarah Mackie, Christopher Rufo, Mary Ruiz, Matthew Spalding, and Eddie Speir

Acknowledgment of Notice of Meeting

Associate Vice President of Government Relations Christie Fitz-Patrick confirmed the meeting had been duly noticed.

Board of Governors Presentation

Governor Alan Levine presented the Board of Governors information and received questions from the Board.

Call for Public Comment

Public comment process ensued. The following members of the public provided comments: Sonia Howman, Mike Sanderson, David Gillman, Liz Leininger , David Land, Benjamin Casey, Betsy Braden, Jeanine Ashforth, Tamara Solum, Alisa Mitchell, Dani Johnson, Rev. Dr. John C. Dorhauer, Sam Sharf, Ruth Beltran, Kristen Miller, Jeremy Bicha, Sara Engels, Cynthia Shellabarger, Lisa Mejia (written provided), Jenny Wright, Olivia Paré, Jens Albiez, Joyce White, Shari Gorman, Debra Polito, Elizabeth Albiez, Rocio Ramirez Castro, Brendan Hersh, Diego Villada, Michael Penney, Wendy Armstrong, Alaska Miller, Tracy Fero, Eliana Salzhauer, Joshua Epstein, Matthew Senecal, Chloe Foder, Carol Lerner, Alana Armstrong-Penney, Arthur Miller, Ph.D., Robin Williams

Consent Agenda

The consent agenda was presented and a request was made by Chair Jenks that it be approved.

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made, seconded and discussion ensued on approving the minutes of the January 25, BOT Meeting and approving the minutes of the January 31, 2023, BOT Meeting. VC Christaldi asked whether the January 31 minutes provided to the Board included his changes as emailed. AVP Fitz-Patrick confirmed. Trustee Ruiz requested her Chair comments be added to the meeting minutes for January 31 and then questioned whether the January 25 minutes needed to be approved by the board since it was not an official meeting of the full board. After clarification from legal counsel was received it was determined the minutes were just recorded for a record of the public meeting. It was removed from the consent agenda. Following discussion, the consent agenda was approved unanimously.

Consent agenda action items approved were as follows:

- Approve Minutes of the January 31, 2023, BOT meeting
- Approve Minutes of the February 13, 2023, Special BOT Meeting
- Approve Minutes of the February 21, 2023, Special BOT Meeting

Informational Items provided to the Board for their review as part of the Consent Agenda include:

- Board of Trustees Committee Assignments

President's Report

Interim President Richard Corcoran provided his remarks. After remarks were provided, Chair Jenks asked General Counsel Bill Galvano to confirm what is the oversight of the Board for direct-support organizations. GC Galvano relayed the oversight is fully at the discretion of the board. Chair Jenks stated to the board for them to keep their calendars open in case a meeting needed to be called in reference to the New College Foundation, Inc. in the coming weeks.

Draft Policy on Implementation of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Changes

Brad Thiessen, Chief of Staff presented the draft policy on the implementation of diversity, equity and inclusion changes and received questions from the Board.

Following discussion, a motion was made to authorize the Interim President to follow through on the steps made in item one inclusive of eliminating the Office of Outreach and Inclusive Excellence, and making other personnel decisions as necessary in support of all laws and regulations, seconded and approved with 10 voting yes and 3 voting no. A second motion was made to authorize the Interim President to amend Section 5.2.2.1 of the Faculty Handbook to eliminate the request for "a statement regarding the candidate's contribution to, or approach to achieving diversity," seconded and approved with 10 voting yes and 3 voting no.

Status of the New College of Florida United Faculty of Florida Collective Bargaining Agreement

Chair Jenks stated, this item was deferred from the January 31 meeting to this meeting and she has taken discussion and consideration of the NCUFF Item off the Feb. 28th Board of Trustees agenda in accordance with legal guidance. Florida law requires that in conducting negotiations with the bargaining agent, the President or designee shall consult with and attempt to represent the views of the Board of Trustees. While the College's President and designated committee bargained in good faith with NCUFF, significant changes have occurred since the negotiations and tentative agreement on certain terms were reached. Accordingly, she directed New College's new Interim President Corcoran and the management committee to return to the bargaining table as quickly as possible after appropriate consultation. No action for the Board is needed at this time.

Updates to 2022-2023 Operating Budget

Chair Jenks requested Vice President of Finance and Administration Chris Kinsley present the revised operating budget for fiscal year 2022-23. VP Kinsley provided an overview of the changes.

Following discussion, a motion was made to approve the revised operating budget for fiscal year 2022-23, seconded and approved unanimously.

Adjournment

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned 4:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christie Fitz-Patrick
AVP Government Relations and BOT Liaison