

**New College of Florida Board of Trustees  
Sudakoff Conference Center  
Minutes for October 3, 2023**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Chair Debra A. Jenks started the pledge.

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 2:03 p.m. and a quorum was established.

**Trustees Present:** Debra A. Jenks (Chair), Ron Christaldi (Vice Chair), Ryan Anderson, Mark Bauerlein, Joe Jacquot, Lance Karp, Grace Keenan, Charles Kesler, Sarah Mackie, Christopher Rufo, and Matthew Spalding.

**Acknowledgment of Notice of Meeting**

Interim Chief of Staff Christie Fitz-Patrick confirmed the meeting had been duly noticed.

**Call for Public Comment**

Public comment process ensued. The following members of the public provided comments: Kathleen Coty, Shanon Ingles, Jono Miller, Rodrigo Díaz, Mike Sanderson, and Ruth Folit.

**Consent Agenda**

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

Trustee Reid requested that the following consent agenda items be removed:

- Approval of Minutes for the August 10, 2023, BOT Meeting
- University E&G Carryforward Spending Plans FY 2023-24
- New College Foundation FY 23-24 Budget
- Approval of 2023 New College Equity Report

A motion to approve the remaining items on the consent agenda was made by Trustee Karp, seconded by Trustee Bauerlein, and was approved by voice vote unanimously.

Consent agenda action items approved were as follows:

- End of the Year Reporting - 2022-2023 E&G Carryforward Spending Plan
- University Fixed Capital Outlay Budget FY 2023-24
- Approval of incoming New College of Florida Foundation, Inc Board of Directors
- Winter Break Authorization

**Approval of Minutes for the August 10, 2023, BOT Meeting**

Trustee Reid requested a modification to the language in the minutes.

Trustee Christaldi moved for approval of the August 10, 2023 minutes with the change that Trustee Reid articulated, seconded by Trustee Karp and approved by voice vote unanimously.

### **University E&G Carryforward Spending Plans FY 2023-24**

Trustee Reid raised questions regarding the budget as it relates to athletics. Chair Jenks requested that VP Kinsley approach the podium to discuss the numbers and he explained the process of how the E&G is allocated.

A motion was moved by recommendation of the Finance and Administration Committee, seconded by Trustee Karp, and approved by voice vote with Trustee Reid voting nay.

### **New College Foundation FY 23-24 Budget**

Trustee Reid raised questions regarding the foundation budget.

A motion was moved by recommendation of the Finance and Administration Committee, seconded by Trustee Anderson, and approved by voice vote with Trustee Reid voting nay.

### **Approval of 2023 New College Equity Report**

Trustee Reid raised a question and requested a modification to the 2023 New College Equity Report.

Trustee Karp moved for approval of the 2023 New College Equity Report subject to the requested technical revisions, seconded by Vice Chair Christaldi and was approved by voice vote unanimously.

### **Manatee County Donation 9 Acre Parcel to New College of Florida**

Chair Jenks requested Bill Galvano, General Counsel to present the Manatee County Donation 9 Acre Parcel to New College of Florida. He explained that this vote is to authorize the President to engage in discussion with the county attorney to enter into a donation agreement.

Questions and a discussion ensued.

Chair Jenks called for a motion to authorize the New College of Florida President to secure a donation agreement with Manatee County for a 9 Acre Parcel of land. A motion was made by Trustees Karp, seconded by Trustee Anderson and approved by voice vote unanimously.

### **Presidential Candidate Selection**

Chair Jenks invited Governor Alan Levine from the Florida Board of Governors to say a few words regarding the Presidential Search Process. He commended the process, emphasizing its transparency and thoughtful construction. Additionally, Chair Jenks invited Presidential Search Committee Chair Spalding to give an overview of the search process.

Chair Jenks called for a motion to select by roll call vote the final candidate with whom to negotiate an employment contract for president of New College of Florida. A motion was made by Trustee Karp and was seconded by Trustee Rufo.

A discussion ensued.

Trustee Reid suggested that it is premature for the board to move on a vote on any candidate at this point and moved to delay any further vote on the presidential candidates and that the board convene a committee to review the process and decide whether additional discussions and presentations should be held with the three candidates so that the campus hear from and interact with them or whether the search ought to be reopened.

The General Counsel stated that the motion is out of order due to the pending motion.

Trustee Reid moved to table the current motion to vote, seconded by Trustee Keenan, and did not pass by voice vote, with Trustees Reid and Keenan voting yes.

A roll call vote was taken with Chair Jenks, Vice Chair Christaldi, Trustee Anderson, Trustee Bauerlein, Trustee Jacquot, Trustee Karp, Trustee Kesler, Trustee Mackie, Trustee Rufo, and Trustee Spalding voting for Richard Corcoran, Trustee Keenan voting for Tyler Fisher, and Trustee Reid voting for Robert Gervasi. Richard Corcoran received the majority vote, being chosen as the final candidate to engage in negotiations with the board or the board's designee to come together with an employment contract that will be brought back before the board.

Chair Jenks designated Vice Chair Ron Christaldi to negotiate the employment contract with Richard Corcoran pursuant to the Board of Governors regulation 1.002(1)(b).

### **New Business**

Chair Jenks requested VP of Legal Affairs David Brickhouse to present the New College of Florida Textbook and Instructional Materials Affordability Annual Report for Fall 2022 and Spring 2023.

Chair Jenks called for a motion to approve the New College of Florida Textbook and Instructional Materials Affordability Annual Report for Fall 2022 and Spring 2023. A motion was made by Trustee Karp, was seconded by Trustee Bauerlein and approved by voice vote unanimously.

Trustee Reid moved to approve a statement in support of Hispanic Heritage Month and was seconded by Trustee Keenan.

Trustee Rufo called for a discussion.

Trustee Spalding requested to amend the motion, asking that this matter be sent to the administration at their discretion with instructions to act appropriately, was seconded by Trustee

Jacquot, approved by voice vote with Vice Chair Christaldi, Trustee Reid, and Keenan voting nay.

The original motion as amended was approved by voice vote unanimously.

**Adjournment**

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christie Fitz-Patrick  
Chief of Staff/ BOT Liaison