

**Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University  
Board of Trustees**



**MEETING MINUTES**

**September 12, 2017**

Chair Kelvin Lawson called the meeting to order. Attorney Barge-Miles called the roll and a quorum was established. The following trustees were present: Justin Bruno, Matthew Carter, Thomas Dortch, Bettye Grable, David Lawrence, Kelvin Lawson, Harold Mills, Kimberly Moore, Belvin Perry, Craig Reed, Nicole Washington, and Robert Woody.

Chair Lawson indicated that the Board had one action item, which was the president's employment agreement. He then recognized Trustee Dortch for a report from the Presidential Leadership Committee. Trustee Dortch shared that the committee met on September 7, 2017. The committee recommended to the Board that it extend the contract of interim president Dr. Larry Robinson for one-year, expiring September 14, 2018. Trustee Dortch then moved for approval of the extension of Dr. Robinson's contract for one-year. It was seconded by Trustee Woody. In response to a question, Chair Lawson clarified that this motion would not preclude the Board of Trustees from making a decision regarding the selection of the permanent president during that one-year period. Following a brief discussion, the motion carried. Trustee Woody then requested a roll call vote:

Bruno	yes
Carter	yes
Dortch	yes
Grable	yes
Lawrence	yes
Lawson	yes
Mills	yes
Moore	yes
Perry	yes
Reed	yes
Washington	yes
Woody	yes

The Board was then informed that their planned trip to view the University's property in Brooksville needed to be postponed due to the results of Hurricane Irma. President Robinson expressed concerns regarding the accessibility and safety of a visit to the property. It was decided that a final decision would be made after additional information was received.

President Robinson then provided an update regarding the effects of Hurricane Irma on the University. He said that the campus experience very little damage from the storm. He stated that FAMU opened a shelter for its students and served as a staging area for the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Chair Lawson requested that staff provide an agenda for the upcoming weekend.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned.