

# FLORIDA **A&M** UNIVERSITY

## **Board of Trustees Governance Committee Minutes March 6, 2024**

Trustee Stone called the Governance Committee to order, and the following committee members were in attendance and established a quorum: Trustees John Crossman, Natlie Figgers, Kelvin Lawson, Belvin Perry, Kenny Stone, Craig Reed, and Michael White.

The first action was approval of the minutes for the December 6, 2023 meeting. Trustee Lawson moved approval of the minutes. The motion was seconded by Trustee Reed and was approved unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was approval of a revision to the Board of Trustees Operating Procedures, Article 4, Sections 4.1 and 4.2. Trustee Stone recognized Deputy General Counsel Iris Elijah who explained the proposal. She shared that although Intercollegiate Athletics was placed in a standing committee during the Board's December meeting, there was concern that it should have its own committee. The proposal was to undo the action that was taken in December 2024. The Committee had a lengthy discussion regarding the need for either a special committee or a permanent committee for Intercollegiate Athletics. At the conclusion of the discussion, it was clear that the Committee desired a separate committee regarding athletics. Trustee Lawson moved that the Committee leave athletics within the DSO Committee and that the committee allow the chair, at her discretion, to establish a special committee on athletics. Later, she would determine if that special committee needed to continue to exist or move to a standing committee at her discretion. The motion was seconded by Trustee Perry. Trustee Lawson then rescinded the motion. Trustee Perry offered a motion to amend the Operating Procedures removing Intercollegiate Athletics from the Direct Support Organizations/Intercollegiate Athletics Committee. The motion died for the lack of a second. Because no action was taken, the Operating Procedures remain unchanged.

Chair Harper addressed the concerns of the Committee and shared that she planned to appoint a special committee for Intercollegiate Athletics. She stated that the special committee would focus on the future of athletics based on the Committee's discussion. The committee would be charged with establishing an operating model that would take Athletics into the next phase, which would include monetization around media rights and marketing, including engagement with the DSO's. Chair Harper also shared that there is nothing to preclude the Board from establishing a permanent Athletics committee in the future, if necessary.

Trustee Stone shared that the final agenda topic was information regarding the timelines for the submission of the president's goals, completion of the president's evaluation and the board self-evaluation.

Chair Harper reminded the Committee that the Board would discuss the 2025-2026 Legislative Budget Request during the full Board meeting on April 17, 2024.

With there being no further business for the Committee, the meeting adjourned.