



**Full Board Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, February 1, 2022  
Live and Virtual Meeting**

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**I. Call to Order and Roll Call**

Chair Anthony Barbar convened the full board meeting of the Florida Atlantic University Board of Trustees with the following members participating:

Mr. Brent Burns, Mr. Piero Bussani, Mr. Daniel Cane, Mr. Shaun Davis, Dr. Kimberly Dunn, Mr. Earnie Ellison, Mrs. Barbara Feingold, Mr. Brad Levine, Ms. Elycia Morris, Mrs. Sherry Murphy, Mr. Maxwell Simonson and Mrs. Linda Stoch.

The following university officials participated: Dr. John Kelly, University President; Mr. David Kian, VP Legal Affairs, and Mr. Andrew LaPlant, Board of Trustees Operations.

**Roll was taken and a quorum was present.**

**II. Chair's Report**

Chair Barbar reported he and President Kelly have been travelling to Tallahassee. They are visiting with legislators and professional staff. Chair Barbar recognized FAU professor Eric Shaw for his \$2 million gift to athletics. FAU has three football players in the Super Bowl. The president's gala is on April 2. National Signing Day is February 2 with an event to celebrate.

**III. President's Report**

President Kelly introduced Dr. Julie Pilitsis, the new Dean of the Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine. Dr. Pilitsis gave some background remarks to the trustees. Dr. Kelly updated the trustees on some of the position searches going on.



**c. Added New Business Item - Approval of Amended Carryforward Spending Plan**

**A motion was made and seconded to approve the Amended Carryforward Spending Plan. With no further discussion or amendments, the motion passed unanimously.**

**VII. BOT Member Comments**

Trustee Morris welcomed the new trustees. She would like follow-up on the mental health discussion from the June meeting and for the trustees to hold themselves and the administration more accountable. Trustee Bussani thought the materials and presenters were all well prepared. The pandemic has changed things permanently in higher education. Our team will have to build the muscle to “look around the corner,” whether it’s online or distance learning. This is something he will be focused on. Trustee Simonson updated the trustees on student endeavors. Student Government went to Tallahassee to lobby for Bright Futures. Trustee Dunn was inspired by the new BOG chair Brian Lamb’s “State of the System” address. He emphasized the freedom of expression and that state universities remain a place where faculty, staff and students can engage in the open exchange of knowledge and ideas. He also noted that if the State University System (SUS) was on the stock market, we would all buy stock in the SUS. Trustee Dunn said the faculty have a strong commitment to excellence and making sure our stock price goes up. Trustee Burns reiterated that we are all going through these workforce issues that President Kelly mentioned, and we should “future proof” the University. Trustee Levine agreed with Trustee Burns. He felt this is FAU’s opportunity to step up and serve this community well. Trustee Davis wants to continue to support the strategic plan of the university and the research mission. Trustee Ellison wants to not just pump out students, but to make a contribution to people’s lives. Trustee Feingold welcomed Trustee Stoch. She noted that FAU has come far in a short amount of time. Trustee Feingold spoke about Holocaust Remembrance Day in the wake of anti-Semitic events in Orlando. She stressed that free speech does not include hate speech. Trustee Stoch thanked everyone for the warm welcome. She is