



Full Board
August 28, 2023
Zoom

MINUTES

1. Call to Order and Chair's Remarks

Board Chair Roger Tovar convened the meeting of the Florida International University Board of Trustees at 8:30 AM on Monday, August 28, 2023.

General Counsel Carlos B. Castillo conducted roll call of the Florida International University Board of Trustees and verified a quorum. Present were Roger Tovar, *Board Chair*; Carlos A. Duarte, *Board Vice Chair (joined after roll call)*; Cesar L. Alvarez; Jose J. Armas; Noël C. Barengo; Dean C. Colson; Alan Gonzalez; Francis A. Hondal; Natasha Lowell; Chanel T. Rowe *(joined after roll call)*; Marc D. Sarnoff; and Alexander P. Sutton.

Trustee Gene Prescott was excused.

Board Chair Tovar welcomed all Trustees and members of the University administration. He also welcomed the University community accessing the meeting via the webcast.

Board Chair Tovar stated that the Board of Trustees approved four (4) Linking Industry to Nursing Education (LINE) Fund Proposals at its July 25, 2023 meeting. He added that, subsequently, the Florida Board of Governors (BOG) informed the State University System nursing programs that additional funding was still available and extended the deadline for submissions. Board Chair Tovar added that today's Board of Trustees meeting was scheduled to review one (1) additional 2023-2024 LINE Fund Proposal. He noted that the Board's Bylaws, namely, Section 6.9, provide that the Board Chair may, in consultation with the President, allow an item to be presented to the Full Board without prior consideration by a Board committee when circumstances warrant. Board Chair Tovar added that, similar to the July 25, 2023 Board meeting, proceeding directly to a Full Board meeting without a prior Committee Meeting provides the most expeditious and efficient means by which to review the time-sensitive agenda item.

2. Public Appearances

There were no public appearances.

3. Action Item

3.1 Linking Industry to Nursing Education (LINE) Fund Proposal, 2023-2024

Provost and Executive Vice President Elizabeth M. Bejar presented the LINE Fund proposal for Board review. She explained that the request pertains to an additional \$100,000 from Nicklaus Children's Hospital for the support of an additional 10 generic Bachelor of Science and Nursing

(BSN) students who will have a commitment with Nicklaus Children's Hospital (NCH) for their clinical placements in pediatrics and their clinical practicum. She explained that LINE matching funds, if available, would double the NCH financial investment to \$200,000 and increase the number of students to 20. Provost Bejar added that said student awards are intended to increase students' commitment to work for NCH facilities for two (2) years. She noted that the financial support will facilitate identifying qualified nursing students who are interested in working within the NCH system and would facilitate retention of students participating in the Nicklaus Children's Nurse Scholars Program. She indicated that NCH would commit to investing time and resources into onboarding and orienting new graduates and providing professional development to said new registered nurses. Provost Bejar pointed out that the current request is consistent and additional to the request that was approved by the Board of Trustees at its July 25, 2023 meeting. She presented a photo of 66 Accelerated Option BSN program students who began the cohort with the support of LINE funding approved in the prior cycle.

A motion was made and unanimously passed that the FIU Board of Trustees approve the following 2023-2024 Linking Industry to Nursing Education (LINE) Fund Proposal:

- Nicklaus Children's Hospital \$100,000

4. New Business

Board Chair Tovar remarked on the success of the FIU women's and men's soccer teams.

Board Chair Tovar commented on the recently-released *Washington Monthly's annual College Guide and Rankings* where FIU was ranked among the top 20 universities in the nation. He added that FIU ranked 19th among all universities and 6th among public universities and is the No. 1 university in Florida. He noted that FIU is in the top 20 with Ivy League and other prestigious schools, including Harvard and Stanford. Board Chair Tovar indicated that the ranking is particularly significant because the Florida Board of Governors includes the ranking among its criteria for recognizing a state university as preeminent. He thanked the Board of Trustees for its leadership and commitment and recognized the work of the administration, faculty, staff, students, and alumni.

5. Concluding Remarks and Adjournment

With no other business, Board Chair Roger Tovar adjourned the meeting of the Florida International University Board of Trustees Full Board on Monday, August 28, 2023, at 8:41 AM.