

## **Board of Trustees**

Tuesday, March 8, 2022  
9:30 AM – 12:30 PM

### **MINUTES**

#### **I. Call to Order and Comments**

Chair Will Weatherford thanked everyone for participating and called the full Board of Trustees meeting to order.

Chair Weatherford made announcement regarding the ribbon cutting on March 31<sup>st</sup> for a new state of the art building in the Research Park and the Legislative Budget for the State of Florida.

Chair Will Weatherford asked Kiara Guzzo to call the roll.

#### **Kiara Guzzo Called the Roll**

Trustee Tim Boaz  
Trustee Sandra Callahan – Did not participate  
Trustee Mike Carrere  
Trustee Julia Cunningham  
Trustee Rogan Donnelly  
Trustee Mike Griffin  
Trustee Oscar Horton  
Trustee Lauran Monbarren  
Trustee Les Muma  
Trustee Shilen Patel  
Trustee Fredrick Piccolo  
Trustee Melissa Seixas  
Trustee Will Weatherford

Chair Weatherford welcomed new Trustee Rogan Donnelly.

the role of President & CEO, the culmination of his lifelong immersion in the business. Rogan holds a

- Nursing Expansion
- North Fletcher Property Recommendations
- The New Strategic Plan
- Fulbright Scholars - 7 USF faculty members earned recognition
- Athletics – Georgina Corrick’s accomplishments setting new USF program records and earning 4 AAC Pitcher of the week honors.
- USF Stadium

### **Update on USF Stadium Planning Process**

Michael Kelly, VP for Athletics and Jay Stroman, Sr. VP for Advancement presented. A power point was provided – *USF Board of Trustees On Campus Stadium* . The power point highlighted the following:

- Stadium Site Evaluation Criteria
- Advantages, Disadvantages and Conclusion.
- Enlarged Plan of Recommended Site
- 2026 Stadium Opening Project Schedule
- On Campus Stadium Potential Funding Sources

Vice Chair Mike Griffin thanked VP’s Kelly and Stroman for leading the stadium planning process initiative. A new stadium will not only add to the uniqueness of the USF environment but also create excitement adding to the community and student engagement.

Trustee Melissa Seixas made comments concerning the location of the stadium, the stakeholders and community engagement.

Trustee Les Muma commented that a new stadium will change USF for the better.

Trustee Mike Carrere questioned the location and visibility of the new stadium. He also had a question about the new athletic practice facility.

Chair Weatherford congratulated Coach Jeff Scott and his team for having the number one recruiting class in the nation as it relates to transfer students.

## **IV. New Business – Action Items (Minutes and Consent)**

### **a. FL 101 – Approval of Minutes**

Having no changes to the Minutes Chair Will Weatherford requested a motion for approval. Trustee Mike Carrere moved for approval with a second from Melissa Seixas. FL 101 – December 7<sup>th</sup> and February 21<sup>st</sup> minutes were approved.

### **b. Consent**

Chair Will Weatherford reported on behalf of the Governance Committee and commented that all items were thoroughly reviewed and recommended approval.

Vice Chair Mike Griffin reported on behalf of the Finance Committee and commented that all items were thoroughly reviewed and recommended approval.

UFF Representative Author Shapiro's comments concerned the bargaining session as well as the support of Interim President Law's candidacy in the USF Presidential Search.

*Governance Committee Approved Items*

**FL 102** – Approval of Amendments to USF Alumni Association Bylaws

**FL 103** – Approval of Amendments to USF Regulation 4.0108

**FL 104** – Approval of DSO Board Members USF Institute of Applied Engineering

**FL 105** – Approval of DSO Board Members for USF Research Foundation, Inc.

*Finance Committee Approved Items*

**FL 106** – Approval of Revisions to USF BOT 06-001, Board of Trustees Investment Policy

Having no changes to the consent agenda, Chair Weatherford requested a motion to approve which was given by Trustee Les Muma and seconded by Trustee Shilen Patel. The Consent Agenda FL 102- 106 was approved.

**V. New Business – Action Items**

**FL 107** – Expenditure Authorization Request

VP and CFO Nick Trivunovich presented.

Approval of updated Expenditure Authorization Request:

	<u><b>New Total</b></u>	<u><b>Increase</b></u>
SVC HVAC Replacement & Upgrades	\$2,100,000	\$550,000

The USF Policy for Delegations of General Authority and Signatory Authority requires the approval of

BOT Chair Will Weatherford presented.

At the January 2022 Board of Governors meeting, the Board approved the Civil Discourse Final Report.

To promote civil discourse in the State University System, the Board of Governors, the presidents of Florida's twelve public universities, adopted a "Statement of Free Expression" in 2019. The Board's Statement of Free Expression was endorsed by the twelve state universities as a vehicle to establish, maintain, and support a full and open discourse and the robust exchange of ideas and perspectives on all university campuses. Board of Governors Chair Syd Kitson established the Board's Civil Discourse Initiative during his January 2021 "State of the System" address.

Trustee Tim Boaz commented that he is certain that the Civil Discourse Final Report is something the USF faculty will strongly support.

Chair Weatherford acknowledged that we are a campus that provides a safe place for free expression.

Chair Weatherford requested a motion to approve, which was given by Trustee Les Muma and seconded by Trustee Tim Boaz. FL 108 was approved.

## **VI. New Business – Informational Items**

### **a. Update on USF Stadium Planning Process**

Stadium update was given earlier in the meeting.

### **b. Update on USF Presidential Search**

BOT Chair Will Weatherford and Vice Chair Mike Griffin provided an update on the USF Presidential Search.

Chair Weatherford thanked Vice Chair Mike Griffin for his leadership chairing and navigating the USF President's Search Committee. He also thanked the members of the committee, SP&A Executive Search Firm Consultant Alberto Pimentel and everyone who dedicated time and effort into the Presidential search. The Town Hall meeting participants were greatly appreciated as well.

The Chair reported that during the week of March 21<sup>st</sup> candidates Rhea Law and James Talley will

Trustee Tim Boaz encouraged the BOT members who serve on the USF Bargaining Committee to work with the Bargaining Team to negotiate a contract with the USF faculty and get an agreement in place.

Trustee Mike Carrere's question concerned the Vice President for Research and Innovation position. Are we currently in an active search?

Interim President Law and Board Chair Weatherford commented on a search for a VP for Research and Innovation will take place after the University's 8<sup>th</sup> president has been selected.

Chair Will Weatherford commented that Trustee Julia Cunningham is graduating this spring, and that this her last formal meeting. The Chair thanked Trustee Cunningham for her service.

Chair Weatherford commented that our state legislators are doing an incredible job on the University of South Florida's behalf.

### **VIII. Adjournment**

Having no further business Chair Will Weatherford adjourned the full Board meeting.