

FLORIDA **A&M** UNIVERSITY
Board of Trustees

Governance Committee Minutes
Trustee Thomas Dortch, Chair
June 2, 2021

The Governance Committee met on Wednesday, June 2, 2021. A quorum was established, with the following committee members in attendance: Michael Dubose, Kimberly Moore, Belvin Perry, Kenny Stone, Nicole Washington, and Carrington Whigham. Trustee Thomas Dortch did not attend the meeting.

Trustee Moore chaired the meeting and shared that the first agenda item was approval of the March 4, 2021 committee meeting minutes. Trustee Perry moved approval of the minutes. The motion was seconded by Trustee Dubose and the motion was approved unanimously.

Next, the Committee heard an update from Mrs. Danielle McBeth, Director of Government Relations. Ms. McBeth shared the final budgetary allocations and policy provisions of interest to the University. She also highlighted federal funding and policy priorities.

Ms. McBeth shared that the Governor approved the budget, which included the following:

- \$162,650,514 Education and General allocation
- \$14,636,475 allocation for the FAMU-FSU College of Engineering
- \$1.6 million for the Brooksville Research Station
- \$1.5 million for the Peaden Education Center in Crestview
- 6% holdback was released
- Allocation for deferred maintenance

She then highlighted several bills that affect higher education, including the Foreign Influence bill requires disclosure when pursuing contracts with certain countries, mandates prior approval of cultural exchange, requires designation of a research integrity office to review all submitted material listed in a foreign applicant's application and requires an operational audit.

Ms. McBeth informed the Board that the 2022-2023 Legislative Budget Request is due to the Board of Governors on July 9, 2021. She shared that it can be submitted, pending the approval of the Board of Trustees.

Trustee Dubose inquired about funding for the Black Male College Explorer's Program. Ms. McBeth stated that it was not funded by the Legislature; however, the University plans to use \$198,000 of its General Revenue Funding to support the program.

With there being no further business, the meeting adjourned.