

**Special Board Meeting Minutes
December 17, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Kristin Harper, Chair

Chair Harper called the meeting to order. Trustees Brown, Figgers, Harper, Lawson, May, Perry, Stone, Washington and White were present. Trustees Crossman, Gibbons, and Reed joined the meeting late. Trustee Cliatt was absent due to a schedule conflict. A quorum was established.

There were no individuals who signed up for public comments.

The meeting focused on finalizing the process of selecting an executive search firm to identify and recruit candidates for the next University president, with a particular emphasis on compliance with Florida’s new law and the Board of Governors (BOG) Regulation 9.016 on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI). The process involved the search firms present, which included Greenwood Asher & Associates, Isaacson Miller, Myers McRae, Storbeck Search/Diversified Search Group, and TM2 Executive Search, being allowed a three-minute presentation to address a question about their position on diversity, equity, and inclusion per Florida’s new law and the BOG regulation on DEI. Renaissance Search and Russell Reynolds did not attend due to schedule conflicts. After the presentations with no further questions, the Board was instructed to recast their scores and submit them to the Board Liaison, Tola Thompson, for a final tally. The top three firms, Myers McRae, Storbeck Search/Diversified Search Group and Greenwood Asher & Associates, were identified. All the firms were thanked for their participation and compliance with Board of Governors Regulation 9.016 was ensured. The Board conducted a roll-call vote as follows:

Trustee Brown	Myers McRae
Trustee Crossman	Myers McRae
Trustee Gibbons	Myers McRae
Trustee Harper	Myers McRae
Trustee Lawson	Myers McRae
Trustee May	Myers McRae
Trustee Perry	Myers McRae
Trustee Reid	Storbeck Search/Diversified Search Group
Trustee Stone	Myers McRae
Trustee Washington	Myers McRae
Trustee White	Myers McRae

Myers McRae receiving the majority of votes. The Presidential Search Committee and its chair as well as the committee’s charge and timeline was approved by the Board at the December 5, 2024 meeting.

There being no further business for the Board, the meeting adjourned.