

**FLORIDA A&M UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL MEETING (Conference Call)
MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 29, 2016
4:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

Kelvin Lawson, Chairman

Chair Lawson called the meeting to order and asked Attorney Barge-Miles to call the roll. The following Trustees were present: Carter, Grable, Lawrence, Lawson, McCoy, Mills, Moore, Perry, Reed and Smith. A quorum was established. Trustees Dortch, Washington, and Woody joined the meeting after the roll call.

The first order of business was adding President Robinson as a University signatory. Chair Lawson asked VP Poole to provide further information regarding this matter to the Board. She stated that the banking resolution would authorized Dr. Robinson to sign checks and pay any legal obligations of the University. Trustee Carter moved approval of the resolution. It was seconded by Trustee Moore and the motion carried.

Next, Chair Lawson reminded the Board that at its last meeting, it charged him with the task of working with the Board's counsel to negotiate terms for a one-year contract with interim President Robinson. He reported that they had reached an agreement, which included compensation of \$385,000.00. Chair Lawson will work with President Robinson on a full set of goals, which will be delivered to Chair Lawson on November 1, 2016 and to the full Board during the November 18, 2016 meeting in Orlando. Dr. Robinson will maintain his personal residence and will be provided a \$3500.00 per month housing supplement. Dr. Robinson will maintain his own vehicle and the University will provide a \$1200 per month car allowance. The club memberships originally held by Dr. Mangum will be transferred to President Robinson. He will also be provided the traditional technology support. He is also entitled to other compensation from the FAMU Foundation that must be approved by its Board. President Robinson will be provided a six-month sabbatical at the end of service and has the option of returning to his tenured faculty position as a distinguished professor, at his \$203,000.00 faculty salary. Trustee Perry moved approval of the agreement. It was seconded by Trustee Carter and the motion carried.

The Board heard an update regarding Dr. Mangum's separation agreement from the Board's counsel, Attorney Adrienne Conrad. She informed the Board that Dr. Mangum had not yet signed the agreement. Trustee Dortch moved that the Board of Trustees give notice that if the contract that has been extended, with additional compensation, is not signed by the 21-day deadline set forth in the agreement, the Board will rescind any additional benefits that were added and will only pay compensation for what is contractually obligated by the Board. The motion was seconded by Trustee Woody. A discussion ensued and Trustee Dortch later withdrew the motion. Trustee Perry then moved that the Special Committee on Presidential Leadership formulate a recommendation regarding the matter if Dr. Mangum does not sign the agreement by October 6, 2016. The Board would then hold a special meeting to address the recommendation. If Dr. Mangum signs the agreement by October 6th, the matter would be closed. The motion was seconded by Trustee Woody and the motion carried.

Trustee McCoy requested that the Board be provided the full cost of the action, including attorney's fees. Chair Lawson indicated that this information would be provided to the Board.

The last item on the agenda was a closed session. Attorney Shira Thomas provided instructions regarding the closed session for pending litigation. It was properly moved and seconded that the Board move into its closed session. The motion carried. The Board then moved into the closed session with the following participants: Maria Feeley, Attorney Shira Thomas, Attorney Steve Carter, Attorney Joseph Gardner, President Larry Robinson, and the court reporter. Notice of this meeting was provided to the Trustees by email.

Chair Lawson called the meeting back into open session and the meeting adjourned.