



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

April 22, 2025

FAMU Presidential Search Advances to On-Campus Interviews

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – The Presidential Search Committee at Florida A&M University has advanced four finalists to the Board of Trustees and each of them will be invited for on-campus visits and interviews.

The finalists were selected by members of the Search Committee from a large pool of impressive candidates. Myers McRae, an executive search firm specializing in higher education, is assisting FAMU in this process.

Candidates invited for campus visits are:

- **Rondall Allen, Pharm.D.** – Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, University of Maryland Eastern Shore
- **Gerald Hector, CPA** – Senior Vice President for Administration and Finance at the University of Central Florida
- **Marva Johnson, J.D.** – Group Vice President, State Government Affairs, Charter Communications
- **Donald Palm, Ph.D.** – Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Florida A&M University.

The on-campus interviews will take place May 12–16 and will be conducted by the university’s Board of Trustees, to whom the next president will report. The Trustees’ final selection will then be submitted to the Florida Board of Governors, a 17-member body with oversight of Florida’s public university system, which must approve the final candidate and contract.

The campus visits will include public forums with students, faculty, staff, alumni, donors, and community stakeholders. Feedback from attendees at the public forums will be gathered and shared with the Board of Trustees.

Information about the presidential search process, including the final candidate curriculum vitae, can be found on the FAMU Presidential Search [Website](#).

The Presidential Search Committee has been led by Trustee Deveron Gibbons. Their work to identify and forward candidates is now complete as the process moves to the Trustee interview phase. Search Chair Gibbons expressed his gratitude to fellow committee members, stating:



FLORIDA A&M UNIVERSITY

COMMUNICATIONS

“The FAMU Presidential Search Committee has conducted a transparent, inclusive process and identified four exceptional candidates to move forward. Each brings a strong record of leadership. I’m grateful to my fellow trustees, who have approached this process with integrity and care every step of the way. Their commitment has been instrumental in stewarding a process that reflects the values and aspirations of the FAMU community.”

###

For media inquiries, please contact:

Alonda Thomas

Chief Marketing and Communications Officer

Florida A&M University

Email: Alonda.Thomas@FAMU.edu