Trustee Moore called the Governance Committee to order on Wednesday, December 8, 2022. The following committee members were in attendance, establishing a quorum: Michael Dubose, Kimberly Moore, Belvin Perry, Kenny Stone, and Nicole Washington.

The first action item was approval of the October 5, 2022, committee meeting minutes. Trustee Stone moved approval of the minutes. Trustee Washington provided the second and the motion carried unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was President Robinson’s contract extension and bonus. Chair Lawson recommended a 2% increase and suggested that the Board delay a discussion on a bonus for President Robinson until completion of the Athletics Action Plan. The Board had a robust conversation regarding the bonus and salary increase. Trustee Perry moved that the Board give President Robinson a 3.5% cost of living increase. Trustee Dubose offered a second and the motion carried unanimously. Trustee Moore clarified that the Committee should focus on the performance review period, July 1 through June 30, when considering a bonus. Trustee Stone moved for a 17.5% bonus for President Robinson. Trustee Dubose seconded the motion and it carried with a unanimous vote. Trustee Perry moved for a one-year extension of President Robinson’s employment contract. Trustee Reed offered the second and it carried unanimously.

The next action item was the approval of revisions to the Board of Trustees’ Operating Procedures. Attorney Shira Thomas reviewed the recommendations with the Committee. She shared that the revisions were amendments to the operating procedures and technical changes, including statutory references, committee names and responsibilities updates, and codification of Board practices. The Committee also named the General Counsel as the Board’s parliamentarian and added the requirement of a supermajority vote for the reelection of the vice chair beyond a second term.

Attorney Danielle McBeth provided the Government Relations update. She highlighted the following dates:
She shared that five FAMU students attended the unveiling of the Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune statue, the first African American woman to have a State Commissioned Statue in the United States Capitol.

Attorney McBeth reminded the Committee of the University’s legislative budget request: $15M for Elevating and Sustaining Student Success, $20.4M PECO request for the Chemical and Biological Research Laboratory Center, $1.5M recurring for the Peaden Education Center, and $13.5M for Howard Hall.

With there being no further business, the meeting adjourned.