

FLORIDA **A&M** UNIVERSITY

Meeting Minutes August 28, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

The Emergency Board Meeting opened with Chair Kristin Harper thanking attendees. A quorum was established with the presence of Trustees Brown, Bryant, Crossman, Dopson-Rodrigues, Figgers, Gainey, Gibbons, Harper, Perry, Vazquez, Washington, and White.

LINKING INDUSTRY TO NURSING EDUCATION FUND

Provost Allyson Watson opened the presentation by expressing regret for the missed opportunity to present the *Linking Industry to Nursing Education* proposal during the August 21 Special Board Meeting. She clarified that while funding for the initiative is not yet guaranteed, Board approval is a prerequisite for submitting the proposal to the Board of Governors by the September 1, 2025 deadline.

The proposal is a collaborative initiative with HCA Healthcare, featuring a matched funding commitment totaling \$375,000, allocated as follows: \$300,00 for student scholarships to reduce financial barriers and keep students on track to graduate, \$55,000 for faculty support and development including mentoring, workshops, and next-gen NCLEX preparation, and \$20,000 for student leadership development and participation in nursing association conferences. Provost Watson emphasized that Board approval would:

- Strengthen the University's nursing pipeline
- Expand clinical placements
- Improve NCLEX licensure exam pass rates
- Enhance workforce readiness for nursing graduates

Trustee Gainey raised concerns regarding the breakdown of the faculty support development allocation. In response, Provost Watson made an executive adjustment by increasing faculty mentorship to \$25,000 and student support to \$30,000 to cover the \$55,000 allocation request.

Before proceeding to a vote, President Johnson inquired whether the Board would be accepting public comments during the meeting. Chair Harper acknowledged the oversight and, as a point of order, paused the meeting to verify if any individuals had signed up for public comment.

Outcome: No requests for public comment were received.

Trustee Gibbons asked for clarification regarding the timing of the funding request and the reason it was missed. President Johnson responded with the following timeline and explanation:

- Request Received: Approximately June 23
- Original Draft Due: Approximately August 19
- Reason for Oversight:
 - In previous years, Board approval was not a prerequisite
 - This year, the requirement was newly added and annotated on the application
 - The change was overlooked by the individual completing the application

Provost Watson added that the State University System (SUS) sends data requests to the University's data administrator within Strategic Planning Analysis and Institutional Effectiveness, who then forwards them to the appropriate personnel. To prevent future oversights, the University has implemented a mandatory process that includes:

- Analyzing each request and its requirements
- Summarizing the information into a chart for the responsible individuals

She also noted the following key dates:

- First-Level Review Due Date: Monday, August 18
- Final Approval Deadline: Monday, September 1

Following the discussion, Trustee Gibbons moved to approve the proposal with the amended allocations.

- Seconded by: Trustee Perry
- Vote Outcome: Motion carried unanimously

ADJOURNMENT

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