



Governance Committee Meeting
University of North Florida
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Agenda

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A. GOV-1: Consent Agenda

1. Draft February 18, 2026 Governance Committee Meeting Minutes

B. GOV-2: Newly Appointed and Reappointed Board Members for UNF Direct Support Organizations (DSOs) 1:00 PM

Presenters: Teresa Nichols, VP of University Development and Alumni Engagement, Scott Bennett, VP of Admin and Finance, Caitlin Doherty, Executive Director MOCA

1. UNF Foundation

- a. Proposed New Board Members
- b. Reappointed Board Members

2. UNF Financing Corporation

- a. Proposed New Board Members
- b. Reappointed Board Members

3. TSI

- a. Proposed New Board Members
- b. Reappointed Board Members

4. MOCA Jacksonville

- a. Proposed New Board Members
- b. Reappointed Board Members

C. GOV-3: MOU Between UNF BOT and DSOs 1:15 PM

- 1. UNF Financing Corp
- 2. TSI
- 3. MOCA
- 4. Foundation

V. Discussion Items

A. DISC-1: UNF Institutional Accreditation Review and Update 1:30 PM

Presenter: Dr. Karen Patterson, Executive Vice President and Provost



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B. DISC-2: Annual Update on Progress of Board Action Plan	1:35 PM
Presenter: Karen Stone, Vice President and General Counsel	
C. DISC-3: Board of Trustees Survey	1:45 PM
Presenter: Karen Stone, Vice President and General Counsel	
VI. Adjournment	2:00 PM



**UNF Board of Trustees
Governance Committee**
June 16, 2026

Subject: Direct Support Organization Appointments

Recommended Action:

Approval of appointment/reappointment of DSO board members.

Background Information:

Pursuant to UNF's Regulation governing University Direct Support Organizations, the Board of Trustees shall approve all appointments to the board of a University direct support organization other than the Chair's representative(s) and the President or President's designee. As a condition for approval by the Board of Trustees, the designated officer or executive director of the direct support organization shall certify that each appointee has been selected in accordance with a documented process established by the direct support organization.

UNF Foundation

New Appointments:

- Mark Bennett (*New Appointment: July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2029*)
- Lisa Bowen (*New Appointment: July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2029*)
- Bill Freda (*New Appointment: July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2029*)
- Pam Paul (*New Appointment: July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2029*)
- Art Shad (*New Appointment: July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2029*)
- Jacqueline Thorlakson (*New Appointment: July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2029*)

Renewal Appointments:

- Steve Bachand (*Renewal of Appointment: July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2029*)
- Chris Brady (*Renewal of Appointment: July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2029*)
- Dwight Cooper (*Renewal of Appointment: July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2029*)
- Chuck Ged (*Renewal of Appointment: July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2029*)
- Margaret Gellatly (*Renewal of Appointment: July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2029*)
- Chuck Moorner (*Renewal of Appointment: July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2029*)
- Jorge Morales (*Renewal of Appointment: July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2029*)
- Henry Puente (*Renewal of Appointment: July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2029*)
- Conchita Robinson (*Renewal of Appointment: July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2029*)
- Ryan Schwartz (*Renewal of Appointment: July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2029*)
- Dean Sunas (*Renewal of Appointment: July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2029*)



UNF Financing Corporation

New Appointment:

- Vince McCormack (New Appointment: July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2028)

Renewal Appointments:

- John “Jack” Allen (Renewal of Appointment: July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2028)
- Rad Lovett (Renewal of Appointment: July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2028)
- Joseph P. “Chuck” Moore (Renewal of Appointment: July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2028)

UNF Training & Services Institute (TSI)

Renewal Appointment:

- E. Lanny Russell (Renewal of Appointment: July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2028)

MOCA Jacksonville

New Appointments:

- Erin Moore (*New Appointment: July 1, 2026-July 30, 2031*)

Renewal Appointments:

- Lauren Baker (*Renewal of Appointment: July 1, 2026-June 30, 2031*)
- Lawsikia Hodges (*Renewal of Appointment: July 1, 2026-June 30, 2031*)
- Wende Wilson (*Renewal of Appointment: July 1, 2026-June 30, 2031*)

Supporting documentation:

1. Photos and bios of all new and renewal appointments

Presenter:

Teresa Nichols, VP of University Development and Alumni Engagement
Scott Bennett, Senior VP of Administration and Finance
Caitlin Doherty, Executive Director MOCA



**UNF Board of Trustees
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June 16, 2026

Subject: Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between UNF BOT and DSOs

Recommended Action:

Approval of MOUs between UNF BOT and DSOs.

Background Information:

Each University direct-support organization (DSO) is a party to a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the University Board of Trustees. The MOU addresses the DSO's purpose, governance and relationship to the University, the DSO's responsibilities for its management and operations, and DSO obligations with respect to asset management, audit, and statutory and bylaws compliance. Under the MOU, the University Board authorizes the DSO's use of University staff, property, and facilities, as permitted DSOs under Florida law. The MOU sets forth the University President's authority to review the DSO's mission and operations to ensure alignment with University priorities. The MOU submitted for approval updates and restates the terms of the 2019 MOU for added clarity and currency but makes no substantive changes.

Supporting documentation:

1. UNF Financing Corp MOU
2. TSI MOU
3. MOCA MOU
4. Foundation MOU

Presenter:

Karen Stone, Vice President and General Counsel



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Subject: Update on Accreditation

Recommended Action:

No action is necessary. This item is for discussion only.

Background Information:

On March 21, 2025, UNF received approval from the US Department of Education to change institutional accreditors from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) to the Higher Learning Commission (HLC). On April 1, 2025, UNF submitted the initial application to HLC. UNF was approved to advance to the second phase of the application process on April 18, 2025. On September 26, 2025, UNF submitted the second portion of the application to HLC, which was approved on November 14, 2025. On March 16, 2026, UNF submitted the third portion of the HLC application and conducted an HLC Peer Review on-campus site visit on April 13-14, 2026. On May 5, 2026, the Peer Review team submitted their final report endorsing UNF's accreditation by HLC. Provost Patterson will provide a brief, current update.

Supporting documentation:

1. None

Presenter:

Dr. Karen Patterson, Executive Vice President and Provost



**UNF Board of Trustees
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Subject: Annual Update on Progress of Board Action Plan

Recommended Action:

No action is necessary. This item is for discussion only.

Background Information:

The Board's current Action Plan (June 2023–June 2026) is nearing expiration. The plan was originally adopted following consultant-led discussions and to support SACSCOC accreditation expectations.

While HLC does not explicitly require an Action Plan, it emphasizes ongoing self-monitoring, evaluation, and continuous improvement across all aspects of the institution, including the Board of Trustees. How this is documented whether through a formal Action Plan or other mechanisms such as the BOT Statement of Expectations, is at the institution's discretion.

Staff recommends waiting for final action by HLC before bringing this matter forward for Committee discussion.

Supporting documentation:

1. 2023-2026 UNF Board of Trustee Action Plan for Continuing Performance Improvement
2. Board of Trustees Statement of Expectations

Presenter:

Karen Stone, Vice President and General Counsel



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Subject: Board of Trustees Survey

Recommended Action:

No action is necessary. This item is for information only.

Background Information:

As part of SACSCOC requirements and good governance practices, the Board conducts a self-assessment every two years, most recently in June 2024. Board assessments are valuable in enabling both the Board collectively and trustees individually to reflect on performance and effectiveness, identify areas for improvement, and translate findings into actionable steps. The survey will be sent after the June meeting and results will be discussed at the September meeting.

Supporting documentation:

1. 2024 BOT Self-Assessment Questionnaire

Presenter:

Karen Stone, Vice President and General Counsel