



Board of Trustees

Tuesday, March 8, 2022
9:30 AM – 12:30 PM

MINUTES

I. Call to Order and Comments

Chair Will Weatherford thanked everyone for participating and called the full Board of Trustees meeting to order.

Chair Weatherford made announcement regarding the ribbon cutting on March 31st for a new state of the art building in the Research Park and the Legislative Budget for the State of Florida.

Chair Will Weatherford asked Kiara Guzzo to call the roll.

Kiara Guzzo Called the Roll

Trustee Tim Boaz
Trustee Sandra Callahan – Did not participate
Trustee Mike Carrere
Trustee Julia Cunningham
Trustee Rogan Donnelly
Trustee Mike Griffin
Trustee Oscar Horton
Trustee Lauran Monbarren
Trustee Les Muma
Trustee Shilen Patel
Trustee Fredrick Piccolo
Trustee Melissa Seixas
Trustee Will Weatherford

Chair Weatherford welcomed new Trustee Rogan Donnelly.

Rogan Donnelly is the President & CEO of family owned Tervis, the drinkware company that first introduced America to its classic insulated tumblers in 1946. As the third-generation leader of an innovative, Florida-based business – following in his grandfather's and father's footsteps – Rogan literally grew up with the brand. From his middle school days of bringing Tervis tumblers to show-and-tell, to his summer work in the warehouse, he gained a unique and comprehensive perspective of the business. By the time he was appointed company president in 2016 (after a stint working for Bank of America's Global and Wealth Investment Management division), Rogan had worked in every department at Tervis, including production, operations, sales, and marketing. Four very busy years later, he assumed

the role of President & CEO, the culmination of his lifelong immersion in the business. Rogan holds a BA degree from Bowdoin College and an MBA from the University of South Florida's Muma College of Business.

Trustee Donnelly gave a brief introduction of himself. He will also serve on the Strategic Initiatives and Finance Committees.

Dedication to Trustee John Ramil

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, Chair Weatherford recognized former Trustee John Ramil. Trustee Ramil is the longest serving trustee in the state of Florida. He served for 20 years. A video was presented in his honor.

Trustee Ramil is the retired president and chief executive officer of TECO Energy. In addition to serving on the BOT, he held the role of Board Chair from 2010-2014. Trustee Ramil has also served on the USF Foundation Board, the USF Alumni Board, the USF Engineering College Advisory Board and the Gus Stavros Center for Free Enterprise Education Advocacy Board. Ramil was named a USF distinguished alumnus in 1999, he was awarded an honorary Doctor of Engineering from USF in 2016 and he has also received the President's Fellow Medallion.

Trustee John Ramil announced that he's donating \$1 million to endow the chair of the Department of Medical Engineering and \$100,000 to support the Judy Genshaft Honors College. Over the years, Trustee Ramil and his wife Naida have made several significant contributions to the University, including to the USF College of Engineering, from which John earned his bachelor's and master's degrees.

II. Student Presentation

USF student Ryan Shargo shared his experience at USF. A power point was presented.

Ryan Shargo has taken advantage of many opportunities at USF. As an incoming freshman, he started his academic journey through the summer Academic and Cultural Engagement Program, in which he traveled to Costa Rica. Shargo later travelled to the Dominican Republic thanks to his Genshaft Global Presidential Scholarship. These trips led to an internship with the Kerolle Initiative, which expanded into his thesis research and inspired him to build a community garden at USF. Shargo's experiences have enriched his worldview and inspired his goal of becoming a doctor. Once he takes his MCAT this spring, Shargo plans to apply to the USF Health Morsani College of Medicine.

III. President's Report

President Rhea Law provided an update on the following:

- \$20 Million Grant from the Florida Department of Education for Cyber Security Education.
- Synapse Summit
- Economic Impact
- Partnerships
- Legislative Update
- Funding

- Nursing Expansion
- North Fletcher Property Recommendations
- The New Strategic Plan
- Fulbright Scholars - 7 USF faculty members earned recognition
- Athletics – Georgina Corrick’s accomplishments setting new USF program records and earning 4 AAC Pitcher of the week honors.
- USF Stadium

Update on USF Stadium Planning Process

Michael Kelly, VP for Athletics and Jay Stroman, Sr. VP for Advancement presented. A power point was provided – *USF Board of Trustees –On Campus Stadium*. The power point highlighted the following:

- Stadium Site Evaluation Criteria
- Advantages, Disadvantages and Conclusion.
- Enlarged Plan of Recommended Site
- 2026 Stadium Opening Project Schedule
- On Campus Stadium Potential Funding Sources

Vice Chair Mike Griffin thanked VP’s Kelly and Stroman for leading the stadium planning process initiative. A new stadium will not only add to the uniqueness of the USF environment but also create excitement adding to the community and student engagement.

Trustee Melissa Seixas made comments concerning the location of the stadium, the stakeholders and community engagement.

Trustee Les Muma commented that a new stadium will change USF for the better.

Trustee Mike Carrere questioned the location and visibility of the new stadium. He also had a question about the new athletic practice facility.

Chair Weatherford congratulated Coach Jeff Scott and his team for having the number one recruiting class in the nation as it relates to transfer students.

IV. New Business – Action Items (Minutes and Consent)

a. FL 101 – Approval of Minutes

Having no changes to the Minutes Chair Will Weatherford requested a motion for approval. Trustee Mike Carrere moved for approval with a second from Melissa Seixas. FL 101 – December 7th and February 21st minutes were approved.

b. Consent Agenda (FL 102 – FL 106)

Chair Will Weatherford reported on behalf of the Governance Committee and commented that all items were thoroughly reviewed and recommended approval.

Vice Chair Mike Griffin reported on behalf of the Finance Committee and commented that all items were thoroughly reviewed and recommended approval.

UFF Representative Author Shapiro's comments concerned the bargaining session as well as the support of Interim President Law's candidacy in the USF Presidential Search.

Governance Committee Approved Items

FL 102 – Approval of Amendments to USF Alumni Association Bylaws

FL 103 – Approval of Amendments to USF Regulation 4.0108

FL 104 – Approval of DSO Board Members USF Institute of Applied Engineering

FL 105 – Approval of DSO Board Members for USF Research Foundation, Inc.

Finance Committee Approved Items

FL 106 – Approval of Revisions to USF BOT 06-001, Board of Trustees Investment Policy

Having no changes to the consent agenda, Chair Weatherford requested a motion to approve which was given by Trustee Les Muma and seconded by Trustee Shilen Patel. The Consent Agenda FL 102- 106 was approved.

V. New Business – Action Items

FL 107 – Expenditure Authorization Request

VP and CFO Nick Trivunovich presented.

Approval of updated Expenditure Authorization Request:

	<u>New Total</u>	<u>Increase</u>
SVC HVAC Replacement & Upgrades	\$2,100,000	\$550,000

The USF Policy for Delegations of General Authority and Signatory Authority requires the approval of the Finance Committee Chair for the procurement of goods and services above \$1 million and the approval of the Finance Committee for the procurement of goods and services above \$2 million. Approval is being requested for the items listed above.

Authorization is being requested for an additional \$550,000 for this project which was previously approved at \$1,550,000.

Chair Weatherford requested a motion to approve. Trustee Rogan Donnelly gave a motion with a second from Vice Chair Mike Griffin.

FL 108 – Reaffirmation of the SUS Free Expression Statement

BOT Chair Will Weatherford presented.

At the January 2022 Board of Governors meeting, the Board approved the Civil Discourse Final Report.

To promote civil discourse in the State University System, the Board of Governors, the presidents of Florida's twelve public universities, adopted a "Statement of Free Expression" in 2019. The Board's Statement of Free Expression was endorsed by the twelve state universities as a vehicle to establish, maintain, and support a full and open discourse and the robust exchange of ideas and perspectives on all university campuses. Board of Governors Chair Syd Kitson established the Board's Civil Discourse Initiative during his January 2021 "State of the System" address.

Trustee Tim Boaz commented that he is certain that the Civil Discourse Final Report is something the USF faculty will strongly support.

Chair Weatherford acknowledged that we are a campus that provides a safe place for free expression.

Chair Weatherford requested a motion to approve, which was given by Trustee Les Muma and seconded by Trustee Tim Boaz. FL 108 was approved.

VI. New Business – Informational Items

a. Update on USF Stadium Planning Process

Stadium update was given earlier in the meeting.

b. Update on USF Presidential Search

BOT Chair Will Weatherford and Vice Chair Mike Griffin provided an update on the USF Presidential Search.

Chair Weatherford thanked Vice Chair Mike Griffin for his leadership chairing and navigating the USF President's Search Committee. He also thanked the members of the committee, SP&A Executive Search Firm Consultant Alberto Pimentel and everyone who dedicated time and effort into the Presidential search. The Town Hall meeting participants were greatly appreciated as well.

The Chair reported that during the week of March 21st candidates Rhea Law and James Talley will participate in Town Hall meetings. Formal meetings with the USF Board of Trustees will also take place that week.

President's Search Committee Chair Mike Griffin thanked the entire university community for their incredible continued engagement. There was a special thanks to the BOT members who also served on the search committee, Trustees Melissa Seixas, Oscar Horton and Julia Cunningham.

VII. BOT Roundtable Discussion

Trustee Tim Boaz encouraged the BOT members who serve on the USF Bargaining Committee to work with the Bargaining Team to negotiate a contract with the USF faculty and get an agreement in place.

Trustee Mike Carrere's question concerned the Vice President for Research and Innovation position. Are we currently in an active search?

Interim President Law and Board Chair Weatherford commented on a search for a VP for Research and Innovation will take place after the University's 8th president has been selected.

Chair Will Weatherford commented that Trustee Julia Cunningham is graduating this spring, and that this her last formal meeting. The Chair thanked Trustee Cunningham for her service.

Chair Weatherford commented that our state legislators are doing an incredible job on the University of South Florida's behalf.

VIII. Adjournment

Having no further business Chair Will Weatherford adjourned the full Board meeting.