

# BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Florida A&M University Foundation Board of Directors  
Thursday, January 16, 2020 | 4:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. EST  
Teleconference

## Committee Members Present

Dir. Jemal Gibson, *Chair*  
Dir. Lisa LaBoo, *Vice Chair*  
Dir. Alfreda Blackshear, *Secretary*  
Dir. Alan Robertson, *Treasurer*  
Dir. Larry Robinson, *University President*  
Dir. Shawnta Friday-Stroud  
Dir. Chan Bryant Abney  
Dir. William Bryant  
Dir. John Green

Dir. Taylar Hall  
Dir. Monica Williams Harris  
Dir. Lenetra King  
Dir. Carmen Cummings Martin  
Dir. Kenneth Neighbors  
Dir. Akunna Olumba  
Dir. T.J. Rose  
Dir. Twuanna Munroe Ward  
Dir. Kenya Washington-Johnson

## Committee Members Not Present

Dir. Belvin Perry, Jr., *FAMU Trustee*  
Dir. Elaine Armster  
Dir. Gregory Clark  
Dir. Hosetta Coleman  
Dir. Lorin Crenshaw  
Dir. John Crossman<sup>T</sup>  
Dir. Marcelia Freeman

Dir. Clifton Goins, IV  
Dir. Erica Hill  
Dir. Laurence Humphries  
Dir. Thomas Jones, Jr.  
Dir. G. Scott Uzzell  
Dir. Tirrell D. Whittley

## Guest Present

Mr. David Self, *University Attorney*

## Staff Present

Ms. Kim Hankerson  
Ms. Juanita Johnson  
Ms. Ms. Gena Palmberg

Mrs. Brandi Tatum-Fedrick  
Ms. Angie Wiggins

## Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 4:45 p.m. by Chair Jemal Gibson. Ms. Angie Wiggins called the roll and confirmed that a quorum was present.

## Conflict of Interest Disclosure

Chair Gibson requested that Committee members disclose any conflict of interest with items on the Agenda; none were disclosed.

## Action Items

The Board Teleconference was in follow-up to several recommendations received following today's 4 p.m. Bylaws Committee Teleconference. Chair Gibson thanked Board members for their patience over the past few weeks with working to secure quorums for voting purposes.

### a. Approval of DRAFT FAMU Foundation Board Mission Statement

Chair Gibson informed the Board of the recommendation from the Bylaws Committee to approve Option 2 as The Mission Statement.

**Option 1:**

- To be great stewards of the contributions received.
- To be best in class at raising, managing, investing, and administering funds received on behalf of Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University.

**Option 2:**

- We will assist the University in achieving its mission by raising and stewarding contributions through exceptional management, investment, and administration of assets received.

The following motion was made:

**Motion:** Approve Option 2 as the Mission Statement.

**Moved by:** Director Taylar Hall

**Seconded by:** Director Monica Williams Harris

*The motion passed, unanimously.*

**b. Approval of Name Change from Advisory Committee to Advisory Board**

Chair Gibson advised that the Bylaws Committee recommended changing the name of the Advisory Committee to the Advisory Board. The following motion was made:

**Motion:** Change the name of the Advisory Committee to the Advisory Board.

**Moved by:** Director Chan Bryant Abney

**Seconded by:** Director Twuanna Munroe Ward

*The motion passed, unanimously.*

**c. Approval to Increase the Advisory Committee from 7 to 14 Members**

Chair Gibson informed the Board that the Bylaws Committee recommended increasing the Advisory Committee from 7 to 14 members. The following motion was made:

**Motion:** Increase the Advisory Committee members from 7 to 14.

**Moved by:** Director Monica Williams Harris

**Seconded by:** Director Kenneth Neighbors

*The motion passed, unanimously.*

**c. Approval of Revised Language for Advisory Committee (Options 1 or 2)**

Chair Gibson advised that the Bylaws Committee recommended approving Option 2 as the revised language for the Advisory Committee.

**A roll call vote was administered regarding Option 2.**

<u>Committee Member</u>	<u>Vote</u>
Chair Gibson	Yes
Vice Chair LaBoo	Yes
Secretary Blackshear	Yes
Treasurer Robertson	Yes
Director Robinson	Yes
Director Perry	(Absent)
Director Friday-Stroud	(non-voter)
Director Bryant Abney	No

Director Armster	(Absent)
Director Bryant	Yes
Director Clark	(Absent)
Director Coleman	(Absent)
Director Crenshaw	(Absent)
Director Crossman	(Absent)
Director Freeman	(Absent)
Director Goins	(Absent)
Director Green	Yes
Director Hall	No
Director Williams Harris	No
Director Hill	(Absent)
Director Humphries	(Absent)
Director Jones	(Absent)
Director King	Yes
Director Cummings Martin	(No response)
Director Neighbors	Yes
Director Olumba	Yes
Director Rose	Yes
Director Uzzell	(Voted electronically, but vote was received prior to the call)
Director Munroe Ward	Yes
Director Washington-Johnson	Yes
Director Whittley	(Absent)

*Option 2 received 13 “yes” votes and 3 “no” votes; passed.*

### **New Business**

Vice Chair LaBoo requested that Dr. Friday-Stroud inform the Board of the brief discussion regarding the development officer position; the costs associated with the position and Board participation; and, Director Olumba’s suggestion around recruitment utilizing the \$46,000. Following discussions, Dr. Friday-Stroud will share the job description with the Board for informational purposes and feedback. Chair Gibson acknowledged that at this point the discussion regarding the development officer position was informational and more follow-up is needed with Vice Chair LaBoo in the Development Committee to determine how to bring this item forward.

Vice Chair LaBoo requested of Board members that have any “whales, celebrities, or politicians” that they or someone they know may have a special relationship with to forward details to become part of the list to target those individuals in the areas that are being focused on. Chair Gibson requested that staff forward an email requesting this information.

Chair Gibson advised that he was asked by FAMU Board of Trustees (BOT) Chair Kelvin Lawson and FAMU NAA President Col. Gregory Clark to consider moving the May Board Meeting in Atlanta to be a joint meeting wherein the FAMU BOT, FAMU NAA, and FAMU Foundation would meet together in June in Tallahassee. Chair Gibson will discuss this with Dr. Friday-Stroud and staff to determine if this is feasible. In addition, they advised that they would have the FAMU NAA Atlanta Chapter to assume the guarantee that was made from the hotel contract for when they have their meeting in Atlanta, so there would not be any contractual losses to the Foundation.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:22 p.m. by Chair Jemal Gibson.

### **Minutes Prepared By**

Ms. Angie Wiggins