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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
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WELCOME LETTERS





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May 21, 2020

Hello Members of the Florida A&M University Foundation Board of Directors:

Welcome to the Spring 2020 Florida A&M University (FAMU) Foundation Virtual Board of Directors meeting. This meeting allows us the opportunity to collaborate and network in a new and different manner to help secure the future of this institution during this extraordinary time.

I look forward to discussing our critical challenges, needs and opportunities as we work together to make FAMU one of the nation's premier institutions of higher learning. Your generosity and stewardship of the resources entrusted to the University from major corporate donors, small businesses, alumni, faculty, staff, students and friends of FAMU are greatly appreciated. Additionally, your leadership provides much needed assurance and motivation for our stakeholders to continue giving and thus growing our assets that will help us fulfill our mission and vision.

Thank you for joining us, and for your innovative thinking in support of FAMU, especially at this time. I am certain that the discussions during the Board Meeting will be interesting, informative and insightful.

I am certain that your efforts on behalf of our beloved University will help present and future Rattlers experience "Excellence with Caring."

Thank you again for your support!

Sincerely,

Larry Robinson, Ph.D.
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FLORIDA A&M UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION, INC.

May 21, 2020

Greetings Colleagues,

Welcome to our Spring 2020 Florida A&M University (FAMU) Foundation Virtual Board of Directors Meeting. It is indeed my honor and privilege to serve as your Board Chair as we navigate the FAMU Foundation through these uncharted waters due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

These unprecedented times call for unprecedented measures. Now more than ever, the work that we do on behalf of FAMU is for the purpose of saving a life, enhancing a life, and for changing the world of an individual. Together, we can assist our beloved University in weathering the storm of debt and despair for its students through our fiduciary responsibilities to raise, manage, and administer funds for the University.

As Chair, my goal is to increase our engagement, effectiveness, and efficiency. Within a year, we have made some major strides in several areas which we will discuss during the meeting. I look forward to building upon these achievements as we move into the next fiscal year.

We are passionate about the University. As I stated a few weeks ago, the FAMU Foundation is one of the critical components to the survival of our beloved FAMU. Thank you for your commitment to serve, and for your participation in our Spring 2020 FAMU Foundation Board Meeting. We look forward to a productive and meaningful time together as we build upon our prior successes and pave the way for current and future victories.

Sincerely,

Jemal O. Gibson
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Greetings Directors,

My Advancement Team and I are excited to welcome you to our Spring 2020 Florida A&M University (FAMU) Foundation Virtual Board of Directors Meeting. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and social distancing mandates, we are prohibited from face-to-face dialogue, but it does not limit our ability to host and hold an engaging and impactful Board Meeting.

I salute the efforts of Board Chair Jemal Gibson and Officers in the quest to increase the Board's engagement, effectiveness, and efficiency. Under the guidance of Chair Gibson, we have put together a one-day meeting which features engaging workshops designed to educate and aid you in navigating the path forward. With your input and assistance, we can be assured that the FAMU Foundation and the University have a bright future during these turbulent times.

It is a pleasure and an honor to assist with your Board needs. My team and I stand ready to do everything possible so that your time together is an engaging and productive experience. Thank you for your commitment to serve.

Respectfully,

Shawnta Friday-Stroud, Ph.D.
Vice President, University Advancement
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