

**USF Boards of Trustees  
Thursday, April 1, 2021  
Microsoft Teams Meeting**

University of South Florida Board of Trustees Chair Jordan Zimmerman called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm.

Chair Zimmerman asked Vice President Cynthia S. Visot to call the roll.

Trustee Tim Boaz  
Trustee Sandra Callahan  
Trustee Mike Carrere  
Trustee Michael Griffin  
Trustee Oscar Horton  
Trustee Claire Mitchell  
Trustee Les Muma  
Trustee Shilen Patel  
Trustee John Ramil  
Trustee Melissa Seixas  
Trustee Charles Tokarz  
Trustee Will Weatherford  
Trustee Jordan Zimmerman

**New Business Action Item FL 101 - Amendment to Board of Trustees Operating Procedures**

The USF General Counsel Gerard Solis presented FL 101 – Amendment to Board of Trustee Operating Procedures. This agenda item follows a discussion from the last BOT meeting held on March 9, 2021.

The Board's Operating Procedures currently specify that elected officers (Chair and Vice Chair) will serve two-year terms beginning immediately upon election. Historically, however, elections for Board Officers occurred at the end of the academic year, which promotes: (1) predictability by having elections and leadership transitions occur at regular times and intervals; and (2) stability by avoiding transitions in Board leadership during the academic year or legislative session.

Under the current Operating Procedures, the Board is set to hold elections on April 1, 2021 to coincide with the expiration of the current Board Chair's term. Chair Zimmerman is eligible for reelection. In order to return to a calendar year election cycle, the Board is asked to consider that regardless of whom is elected on April 1, 2021, the Board Chair's term would run from April 1, 2021 to June 30, 2021. An election for the regular term (e.g., July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2023) will then be held at the Board's regular meeting immediately prior to July 1, 2021, which is currently calendared for June 8, 2021.

Trustee John Ramil commented that it makes sense for the Chair's term to be in sync with the fiscal year, the school year and the legislative session. Trustee Ramil moved for approval. Trustee Les Muma second the motion and FL 101 was approved.

### **FL 102 - The Election of BOT Chair**

Chair Jordan Zimmerman reported that at the March Board of Trustees meeting the BOT members voted to delay the election for the position of Chair until today; he then opened the floor for nominations for the term of April 1<sup>st</sup> – June 30<sup>th</sup>.

The Board of Trustees is granted the legal authority to elect its Chair. The officers of the Board of Trustees are the Chair, Vice-Chair and the Corporate Secretary. The Chair and Vice-Chair shall each serve two-year terms to begin on July 1 following the election and concluding two years later on June 30 ("Term"). The Chair and Vice-Chair shall be elected by majority vote by the Board of Trustees within 30 (thirty) days of the expiration of the Term. Elected officers may serve for one additional consecutive 2-year term or until a successor is elected by majority vote, and for each additional consecutive term beyond two terms officers may be reelected by a two-thirds vote.

In the event of a vacancy in the Chair and/or Vice Chair positions, an election will be held as soon as practical after the vacancy occurs to select a member of the Board, by a majority vote, to the applicable vacant position (s). A vacancy occurs upon the death, incapacity, resignation or removal of an Officer. The newly selected officer (s) will serve the remainder(s) of the Term of the vacating officer(s). The completion of a vacating officer's term shall not limit a trustee's eligibility to serve two consecutive 2-year terms by majority vote, and to serve each additional consecutive term beyond two terms by a two-thirds vote.

Vice Chair Will Weatherford thanked Chair Jordan Zimmerman for his incredible leadership and nominated him to remain as Chair until the end of the term of June 30, 2021.

Chair Jordan Zimmerman passed the gavel to Vice Chair Will Weatherford for the vote. Vice Chair Weatherford asked for a second which was made by Trustee Mike Carrere who then closed the floor for any additional nominations. The Board voted unanimously for Chair Jordan Zimmerman to remain in his position as Chair until June 30, 2021. Vice Chair Will Weatherford returned the gavel to Chair Zimmerman.

Chair Zimmerman thanked everyone for their confidence and support of him to remain as Chair of the Board of Trustees. He commented that stability is critical at this time and looks forward to working with the local delegation to ensure the support of the University of South Florida.

Chair Zimmerman thanked everyone for their time and adjourned the meeting of the USF Board of Trustees.