



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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## Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

April 24, 2025  
3:45 – 4:30 P

Florida Polytechnic University  
Barnett Applied Research Center (BARC)  
and Virtual via Microsoft Teams

### I. Call to Order

Chair Beth Kigel called the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 3:34 p.m.

### II. Roll Call

Kristen Wharton called the roll: Chair Beth Kigel, Vice Chair Jesse Panuccio, Trustee Ilya Shapiro, Trustee Patrick Hagen, Trustee Dorian Abbott, Trustee Lyn Stanfield, Trustee Cliff Otto, Trustee Christos Tsetsekas, and Trustee Brad Towle were present (Quorum).

Board Trustees not present: Trustee Sidney Theis

Staff Present: President Devin Stephenson, Interim Provost Brad Thiessen, Dr. Allen Bottorff, David Fugett, Bryan Brooks, Mike Dieckmann, Kelli Stargel, David Blanton, Maggie Mariucci, David Calhoun, Melaine Schmiz, and Kristen Wharton

### III. Public Comment

There was one request for public comment. Mike Sanderson addressed agenda item VI, University FY25 Accountability Plan.

### IV. Recognition of Service

Chair Beth Kigel recognized Trustee Brad Towle whose term ends May 5, 2025. Kristen Wharton read Resolution 2025-001, a proclamation honoring Trustee Towle's service, which is attached to these minutes. Trustee Towle then expressed his appreciation to the Board for their support and for the knowledge he gained in his year of Board service.

**Trustee Jesse Panuccio made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-001 in recognition of and in profound appreciation for the distinguished service of Trustee Brad Towle. Trustee Taki seconded the motion; a vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.**

Chair Kigel then recognized Trustee Christos "Taki" Tsetsekas whose term ends April 27, 2025. Wharton read Resolution 2025-002, a proclamation honoring Trustee Tsetsekas's service, which is attached to these minutes. Trustee Tsetsekas remarked that his collaboration with fellow

trustees has been exceptionally positive and rewarding and thanked them for their work in ensuring Florida Poly remains such a great institution.

**Trustee Dorian Abbot made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-002 in recognition of and in profound appreciation for the distinguished service of Trustee Christos “Taki” Tsetsekas. Trustee Brad Towle seconded the motion; a vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.**

V. Compass Group USA, Inc. (Chartwells) Food Services Contract Amendment No. 8

Dr. Allen Bottorff, Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, reviewed the amendment which addresses the increases in labor and food costs by adjusting the meal plan prices for the 2025-26 academic year. This Amendment also includes minor modifications to the Block 50 and Block 25 meal plans, which will be revised to the Block 60 and Block 30 plans; these plans will now also be opened to commuter students.

**A motion was made by Trustee Cliff Otto to approve Amendment Number Eight to the Food Services Agreement with Compass Group, USA, Inc. (Chartwells). Trustee Christos Tsetsekas seconded the motion; a vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.**

VI. University Accountability Plan FY25

Trustee Dorian Abbot asked Provost Brad Thiessen to address the public comment that was made at the beginning of the meeting. Thiessen explained both the “accountability” and the “plan” parts of the document, stating that it serves a dual purpose. The accountability plan is measured against the metrics of the Performance-Based Funding system as well as reviewed and approved by the Board of Governors. The plan forecasts goals for the next five years and is informed by data as it comes in. If the data are higher or lower than projected, then the goals are updated. Making these adjustments helps the BOG know what to expect at the system level. Thiessen also pointed out that the latest data informing this plan are from September of 2024.

**Chair Kigel brought forward the University Accountability Plan FY25 for trustee approval.**

**As this item comes before the Board with unanimous approval from the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, there is no need for a second. A vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.**

VII. Closing Remarks and Adjournment

Chair Kigel shared comments from the BOG in support of Florida Poly’s strategic plan. She also recognized the number of trustees who participated in advocacy this spring.

With no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:  
Kristen Wharton  
Corporate Secretary



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## Board of Trustees

# Resolution

2025-001

In Recognition and Profound Appreciation of Distinguished Service:

**Trustee Bradford A. Towle, Jr.**

The Florida Polytechnic University Board of Trustees hereby adopts the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, Trustee Brad Towle has served on The Florida Polytechnic University Board of Trustees from May 6, 2024, through May 5, 2025, and

WHEREAS, Trustee Towle served on the Academic and Student Affairs Committee and the Finance and Facilities Committee, and

WHEREAS, Trustee Towle served as the Chair of the Faculty Representative Council from May 2024 through May 2025, and

WHEREAS, Trustee Towle currently serves as an associate professor of computer science.

**Now, therefore be it resolved** that The Florida Polytechnic University Board of Trustees, at its regular board meeting on this 24th day of April, in the year 2025, does hereby recognize and commend Trustee Brad Towle for his contributions to Florida Polytechnic University, and

**Be further resolved** that this resolution is included in the minutes of the meeting and a copy presented to Trustee Towle as a token of the Board's appreciation and sincere thanks.

Resolution adopted by the Florida Polytechnic University Board of Trustees on April 24, 2025.

  
BETH KIGEL, Chair



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# Resolution

2025-002

In Recognition and Profound Appreciation of Distinguished Service:

## Trustee Christos “Taki” Tsetsekas

The Florida Polytechnic University Board of Trustees hereby adopts the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, Trustee Christos Tsetsekas has served a one-year term on The Florida Polytechnic University Board of Trustees from April 28, 2024, through April 27, 2025, and

WHEREAS, Trustee Tsetsekas served on the Board of Trustees’ Academic and Student Affairs Committee and the Finance and Facilities Committee, and

WHEREAS, Trustee Tsetsekas served one term as the student body president, and

WHEREAS, Trustee Tsetsekas received from Florida Polytechnic University a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering with a concentration in aerospace.

**Now, therefore be it resolved** that The Florida Polytechnic University Board of Trustees, at its regular board meeting on this 24th day of April, in the year 2025, does hereby recognize and commend Trustee Tsetsekas for his contributions to Florida Polytechnic University, and

**Be further resolved** that this resolution is included in the minutes of the meeting and a copy presented to Trustee Tsetsekas as a token of the Board's appreciation and sincere thanks.

Resolution adopted by the Florida Polytechnic University Board of Trustees on April 24, 2025.

BETH KIGEL, Chair