

CITRUS RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION, INC.

**Minutes of the
Governance Committee Meeting
June 14, 2017**

A Meeting of the Governance Committee of the Citrus Research and Development Foundation, Inc. was held on Wednesday, June 14, 2017 in the Calusa Room of the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point, Bonita Springs, Florida. The meeting was properly noticed and recorded. The meeting was called to order at 8:34 am by Chairman Ricke Kress and a quorum was present. Committee members participating were: Mr. Ned Hancock; Mr. Tom Jerkins; Mr. Ricke Kress; Dr. Jeanna Mastrodicasa and Mr. Jerry Newlin. Others in attendance were: Mr. Larry Barben; Mr. Larry Black; Ms. Brandy Brown; Dr. Harold Browning; Mr. Aedan Dowling; Ms. Brandi Goller; Mr. David Haller; Mr. Ron Hamel; Mr. Bruce Ingram; Mr. Andrew Meadows; Ms. Audrey Nowicki (telephone); Ms. Shannon Shepp; Mr. Justin Smith (telephone); Mr. Steve Smith; Mr. Jim Snively; Mr. Mike Sparks; and Mr. Wade Timpner.

Mr. Newlin moved to accept the minutes of the May 23, 2017 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hancock and passed unanimously.

Mr. Kress opened the discussion of Board of Directors term limits, asking Mr. Mike Sparks of Florida Citrus Mutual and Ms. Shannon Shepp of the Florida Department of Citrus to weigh in on their organization's positions concerning the topic. Mr. Sparks and Ms. Shepp recommended retaining the current by-laws regarding board member term limits.

Mr. Kress then introduced a revision to the by-laws establishing Board of Directors Emeritus status. Mr. Hancock made a motion to accept the revisions to the by-laws, which was seconded by Dr. Mastrodicasa. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Kress gave a status update of the Senior Program Manager position recruiting.

Dr. Mastrodicasa discussed Senate Bill 374, lines 2578-2631 relating to university direct-support organizations, pending signature by the Governor, <https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2017/374/BillText/er/HTML>. Dr. Mastrodicasa will update the committee once the bill is signed and the University of Florida, Board of Trustees have met to discuss.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:53 AM.

Minutes submitted by Brandy Brown