



Minutes of the Governance Committee Meeting December 13, 2022

A meeting of the Governance Committee, Citrus Research and Development Foundation, Inc. was held on Tuesday, December 13, 2022, at 700 Experiment Station Road, Ben Hill Griffin Jr. Citrus Hall, Room 103, Lake Alfred, FL 33850. The meeting was properly noticed and recorded. The meeting was called to order at 9:32 a.m. by Chairman Aaron Himrod. Roll was called and a quorum was present. Committee members participating were Rob Atchley, Aaron Himrod, Jeanna Mastrodicasa and John Updike. Joshua Snively had come off of the Committee. Also present were Tina B., Rick Dantzler, Bill Dawson, Steve Futch, Greg Hodges, David Howard, Deeley Hunt, Ron Mahan, Morgan McKenna-Porter, Audrey Nowicki, Brandon Page, Joby Sherrod, Barbara Thompson and Tamara Wood.

Mr. Himrod noted that the minutes of the November 3, 2021 Governance meeting was in the materials packet for review. Mr. Atchley made a motion that the minutes be approved as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Updike and passed unanimously.

The FY2022-23 Conflict of Interest Declarations were up for review. Mr. Himrod called all the member names. There were no objections and Mr. Atchley made a motion to accept the forms as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Updike and passed unanimously.

Mr. Himrod presented a draft slate of officers for CRDF for 2023 as Morgan McKenna-Porter for President, David Howard for Vice-President, Ron Mahan for Treasurer, and John Updike for Secretary. Dr. Mastrodicasa made a motion to accept the slate of officers as presented. It was seconded by Mr. Atchley and passed unanimously. While the selection was for 2023, it was noted that CRDF decided last year that terms for officers would be for two years even though that was not a formalized policy in the by-laws.

Mr. Dantzler noted that at the end of 2023, Mr. Updike, Mr. Atchley and Mr. Howard's terms would be up. They have been longstanding and outstanding members of the board. It's going to be quite a knowledge loss, so some thought needed to be given to their successors. The Department of Citrus makes 5 nominations, Florida Citrus Mutual makes 5 nominations, and by Statute there are 2 members from the University and 1 member from FDACS.

Also, this was the last Board meeting for Dr. Greg Hodges. He's not going to continue serving after this month, so we'll be getting a nomination or a recommendation from FDACS that would be forwarded to the Board of Trustees.

Mr. Atchley noted that performance reviews for staff, which would be Mr. Dantzler, would be completed mid-year after the new officers were settled into their roles.

There were no public comments.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Minutes submitted by Barbara Thompson.