Minutes of the Governance Committee Meeting
January 27, 2026

A meeting of the Governance Committee, Citrus Research and Development Foundation, Inc. was held on Monday, January 27, 2026, in the Alexander Discovery Center at Bok Tower Gardens in Lake Wales. The meeting was properly noticed and recorded. The meeting was called to order at 9:35 AM by Chair George Hamner. Roll was called and a quorum was present. Committee members participating were Dr. John Davis, George Hamner, Morgan Porter, and Joby Sherrod.

Mr. Hamner noted that the minutes of the December 3, 2024, Governance Meeting were included in the meeting materials for review. Ms. Porter made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Davis and passed unanimously.

Mr. Hamner stated that the current officers have agreed to serve another term and moved to approve the 2026 Officers as follows:

Ms. Morgan Porter – President	Mr. George Hamner – Secretary
Mr. Joby Sherrod – Vice-President	Mr. Ron Mahan – Treasurer

The motion was seconded by Ms. Porter and passed unanimously.

Mr. Hamner moved to approve Mr. Bill Bohde, Mr. Dan Bott, Mr. Riley McKenna, and Mr. Aaron Nelson, who have been recommended to serve on the Research Management Committee to replace current committee members Larry Black, Ned Hancock and Wayne Simmons. The motion was seconded by Ms. Porter and passed unanimously.

Mr. Hamner noted for CRDF records that UF appointed Ryan Fuller as CRDF's Registered Agent due to Mike Ford's retirement.

Under other business, Mr. Dantzler addressed board member terms, noting that of the six members' terms ending December 31, 2026, three are not eligible for reappointment. On December 31, 2027, three board members' terms will end, none of whom are eligible for reappointment.

Mr. Hamner noted that new board member, Ms. Orth, could fill a vacancy on the Governance Committee. Ms. Porter moved to add Ms. Orth to the Governance Committee. The motion was seconded by Dr. Davis and passed unanimously.

Mr. Dantzler noted that CRDF has not yet received approval from the UF Board of Trustees on the two most recent board appointees, Mr. Bohde and Ms. Orth. Their bios have been forwarded by Dr. Davis to Dr. Angle to be added to the next UF Board of Trustees meeting.

Mr. Hamner suggested formalizing that the Research Management Committee meetings be held on the third Tuesday, a week before Board meetings, so that RMC members can calendar the dates to avoid schedule conflicts. Mr. Hamner moved to hold future RMC meetings the third Tuesday of the month. The motion was seconded by Dr. Davis and passed unanimously.

Ms. Porter requested an attendance record for board members. Staff will provide.

Mr. Hamner noted that with Ms. Nowicki's formal resignation notice and knowledge of Mr. Dantzler's retirement, it is necessary to consider these implications on CRDF.

Mr. Hamner discussed he would be ending his Board participation soon and wondered if his remaining term could be added to Ms. Porter's to extend her term.

With no other business or public comments, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 AM.

Minutes submitted by G. Hamner