



Approved January 24, 2025

**August 27, 2024
11:00 AM (EST)
VIRTUAL MEETING**

I. Call to Order

Committee Chair, Ana Wood-Rogers, called the meeting of the Florida Polytechnic University Foundation Nomination Committee to order at 11:02 AM.

II. Roll Call

Kim Kennedy called the roll: Committee Chair, Ana Wood-Rogers; Phillipa Greenberg, Ryan Perez, Donna Slyster, Alen Tomczak and Michael Tschanz were present (Quorum). Foundation CEO, Kathy Bowman, was also present. University staff present were: Kim Kennedy, Executive Assistant to Foundation CEO; Melaine Schmiz, Associate General Counsel and Lidia Vigil, Director of Corporate and Foundation Relations/COO.

III. Public Comment

Kim Kennedy stated no requests for public comment were received.

IV. Approval of Minutes

Phillipa Greenberg motioned to approve the minutes of the Florida Polytechnic University Foundation Nomination Committee meeting held January 16, 2024, as presented. Michael Tschanz seconded the motion; a vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

V. Work Plan Overview

Chair Wood-Rogers made note of the items within the Committee's area of responsibility for each meeting through the fiscal year.

VI. Review Potential Nominees

Chair Wood-Rogers stated in accordance with Foundation policy she and CEO Bowman met with the three candidates for nomination to the Foundation Board of Directors and feel all would be excellent additions to the Board, and, therefore, submitted a nomination form to the Foundation office. The nominees are:

- Nicholas Jenkins Barnett

Mr. Barnett is a philanthropist, entrepreneur, investor, and third-generation Lakeland native. Nick's business expertise, generosity, and love for the greater Lakeland community are tied to many notable community impact projects, including Bonnet Springs Park, the Barnett Applied Research Center at Florida Polytechnic University, and most recently, the Ashley Gibson Barnett Museum of Art at Florida Southern College (The AGB) – a transformation gift honoring Nick's wife, Ashley Gibson Barnett, Esq.

Barnett currently serves on the boards of Publix Super Markets Charities, Bonnet Springs Park, Catapult Lakeland, and is the Board Chair of Academy Prep Center of Lakeland.

Donna Slyster motioned to approve the nomination of Nicholas Barnett to the Florida Polytechnic University Foundation Board of Directors and move his name to the full Board for approval during its next regularly scheduled meeting. If approved, his name will then be brought before the University's Board of Trustees for final confirmation. Michael Tschanz seconded the motion; a vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

- Randall (Randy) Knapp

Mr. Knapp is the Managing Member/Broker of RLK Real Estate & Development, LLC, Auburndale, Florida. He is also Managing Member/Managing Partner of Camp Margaritaville, Auburndale, Florida, and Managing Member/Managing Partner of Riverwalk RV Resort & Lodge, Astor, Florida.

Knapp has been involved in the day-to-day operations of his family business for over 40 years and the Knapp Family has over 50 years of real estate development and operations experience in Central Florida beginning in 1970. The Knapp Family Partner group has been managed by Randy since 1989.

Knapp is currently an active Director on the Central Florida Development Council Board of Directors, Director on the Central Florida Tourism Development Council, and serves as an Advisory Board Member for Citizen Bank & Trust headquartered in Lake Wales, Florida.

Knapp earned an AA Degree in Business from Polk Community College and has been a real estate broker since 1981.

Phillipa Greenberg motioned to approve the nomination of Randall Knapp to the Florida Polytechnic University Foundation Board of Directors and move his name to the full Board for approval during its next regularly scheduled meeting. If approved, his name will then be brought before the University's Board of Trustees for final confirmation. Donna Slyster seconded the motion; a vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

- Lang Towl

Towl is a senior at Florida Polytechnic University studying Computer Engineering with a concentration in Machine Intelligence. Growing up in Southern Maine, he spent his free time surfing and sailing, with a six-year stint in the circus.

Towl was the attack captain for the Men's Lacrosse team his Freshman year. He went on to join Florida Poly's Student Government Association, serving as the Director of Internal Affairs for two years. After winning the 2024-25 SGA Presidential election his Junior year, he is now serving as the Vice President of Student Government where he will work to serve the student body and help execute Florida Poly's mission.

Upon graduation in Spring 2025, Lang plans to pursue a career in either the Energy or Defense industry where he can apply his engineering skills to serve his community and country.

Phillipa Greenberg motioned to approve the nomination of Lang Towl to the Florida Polytechnic University Foundation Board of Directors and move his name to the full Board for approval

during its next regularly scheduled meeting. If approved, his name will then be brought before the University's Board of Trustees for final confirmation. Donna Slyster seconded the motion; a vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

Chair Wood-Rogers voiced her enthusiasm for this slate of nominees and looks forward to Board approval and subsequent final confirmation by the University's Board of Trustees.

VII. Review Director Reappointments

The slate of six Directors was brought before the Committee for reappointment. Kim Kennedy read the following names into the record:

- Phillipa Greenberg
- Jack Harrell, III
- Kristen Lowers
- Joshua McCoy
- Ivette O'Doski
- Don Wilson

According to Foundation Bylaws, this reappointment will be for an additional two-year term.

Donna Slyster motioned to approve the slate of Director reappointments to the Florida Polytechnic University Foundation Board of Directors as presented and to move their names to the full Board for approval during its next regularly scheduled meeting. If approved, then to the University's Board of Trustees for final confirmation. Michael Tschanz seconded the motion; a vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Nomination Committee Chair Remarks

Chair Wood-Rogers reminded the Committee of the importance of each Director serving the Board with dedication to the missions of the University and Foundation and the importance of improving the overall meeting attendance.

Wood-Rogers requested the Committee consider who they might recommend for this vital role. In order to comply with Florida's Sunshine Law, all recommendations should be submitted to CEO Bowman who, in turn, will discuss with the Committee Chair and Board Chair.

X. Future Meeting, Closing Remarks and Adjournment

Chair Wood-Rogers stated the next meeting of the Florida Polytechnic University Foundation Nomination Committee is tentatively scheduled for October 22, 2024. She also encouraged the Committee to attend, in person if possible, the next Foundation Board of Directors meeting scheduled for Friday, September 13, 2024.

With no further business to discuss, this meeting of the Florida Polytechnic University Foundation Nomination Committee adjourned at 11:16 AM.