



UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA

**Board of Trustees  
Nominating and Governance Committee  
Live Oak Center  
July 20, 2017  
10:00 a.m. -10:45 a.m.  
Call-in Number: 800-442-5794, Passcode: 463796**

**Agenda**

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| <b>I. CALL TO ORDER</b>  | William Yeargin<br><i>Chair, Nominating and<br/>Governance Committee</i> |
| <b>II. ROLL CALL</b>   | Tanya Perry<br><i>Coordinator, Legal<br/>Affairs</i>                     |
| <b>III. MEETING MINUTES</b>  |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Approval of the May 9, 2017, Nominating and Governance Committee meeting minutes</a></li></ul> | Chair Yeargin  |
| <b>IV. NEW BUSINESS</b>  |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Leonard Williams<br/>Honorary Doctor of Public Service (<a href="#">NGC-1</a>)</li></ul>                   | Scott Cole   |
| <b>V. CLOSING COMMENTS</b>   | Chair Yeargin  |



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Board of Trustees  
Nominating and Governance Committee  
President’s Boardroom, Millican Hall, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor  
May 9, 2017

**MINUTES**

Trustee William Yeargin, chair of the Nominating and Governance Committee, called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Committee members Alex Martins, Ray Gilley, Beverly Seay, and John Sprouls attended by phone.

**MINUTES APPROVAL**

The minutes of the March 16, 2017, Nominating and Governance Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Nominations for chair and vice chair

All nominations received were to re-elect Marcos Marchena as chairman and Robert Garvey as vice chair. A motion was made to nominate Marcos Marchena and Robert Garvey for chairman and vice chair, respectively. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 3:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: \_\_\_\_\_  
W. Scott Cole

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Date

**ITEM: NGC-1**

**University of Central Florida  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Nominating and Governance Committee**

**SUBJECT: Honorary Doctor of Public Service Degree for Leonard Williams**

**DATE: July 20, 2017**

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**PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION**

Approval of an Honorary Doctor of Public Service degree for Leonard Williams.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

See attached.

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**Supporting documentation: Letters of Nomination**

**Prepared by: John Schell, Vice President and Chief of Staff**

**Submitted by: John C. Hitt, President**



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June 28, 2017

Mr. William Yeargin, Chair  
Nominating and Governance Committee  
UCF Board of Trustees  
University of Central Florida  
Orlando, FL 32816

Dear Chair Yeargin:

I endorse the nomination made by Chair *Emeritus* Rick Walsh for Leonard Williams to be awarded an Honorary Doctor in Public Service degree from UCF.

The many contributions Mr. Williams has made to the state, to Central Florida, and to UCF eminently qualify him for this distinction.

Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John C. Hitt". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J".

John C. Hitt  
President



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June 28, 2017

Dr. Foard Jones, Chair  
Commencement, Convocation, and Recognition Committee  
College of Business Administration  
University of Central Florida  
Orlando, FL 32816

Dear Foard:

I endorse the nomination made by Chair *Emeritus* Rick Walsh for Leonard Williams to be awarded an Honorary Doctor in Public Service degree from UCF.

It is indeed an honor to endorse this nomination for Mr. Williams. Please consider recognizing him for his service to UCF and the community by approving him for an honorary doctorate in public service. His numerous achievements and contributions merit this distinction.

Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'John C. Hitt'.

John C. Hitt  
President



Dear John;

RICHARD J. WALSH  
CHAIRMAN/CEO

I would like to enthusiastically support awarding an honorary doctorate for my dear friend Leonard Williams. Leonard, Marjorie, the Williams family and his leadership of both the Williams and Wayne Densch charitable Foundations, have been extraordinary supporters of key cultural, social and educational organizations throughout the region for many years.

The support he has so generously shared with our university includes athletic performance, leadership, business and life skills which have all enjoyed his investment and support in our alma mater.

Leonard is the perfect example of successful business and community leader who built not just one, but two extremely successful businesses in his career (Tom's and the Williams Distributorship). I consider him to be one of our state's leading business leaders; he has been a mentor and colleague for me, and his support and generosity building careers in his growing businesses, show clearly and succinctly the breath of his success in virtually everything he built over a lifetime of work.

Leonard has spent most of that lifetime in our community. The list of his personal and business generosity and investments is long. It includes significant gifts to the arts, education, Boys and Girls Clubs, Youth organizations, law enforcement, our Zoo, animal protection, the environment, sports teams, the Boy Scouts, UCF and other organizations too numerous to list.

On a personal note I would like to single out a specific investment in building UCF's Athletic Leadership Facility open to all student athletes throughout their college career, as an example of his foresight and personal commitment to build an exemplary

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university and the communities which one day will welcome these extraordinary students into their communities.

Both the Williams Family and Densch Foundation almost single-handedly built a place where athletes enhance their academic experience for life, during and well after sports careers. This very special facility with the emphasis on building character, integrity and personal life preparation, will make our student athletes leaders in the communities where they choose to live. A successful student with a successful life is the goal of his generosity and we are beginning to see the impact on the reputation of UCF already.

There is no higher endorsement I can give than I give to Leonard. His character, integrity, business acumen, personal and professional generosity, and his personal commitment to community and investing in our university is unique and above reproach.

Please give every consideration to awarding an Honorary Doctorate for my dear friend and adopted UCF supporter— Leonard Williams. He is an extraordinary man and I would be proud to call him an Honorary Knight.

Thank you.



Rick Walsh