

**Minutes**  
**Board of Trustees Special Meeting**  
**University of Central Florida**  
**March 20, 2020**

Chair Beverly Seay called the special meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 8:35 a.m.

Seay reminded the board that the meeting was covered by the Florida Sunshine Law and that the public and press were invited to attend.

**WELCOME**

Seay welcomed the board members and called on Karen Monteleone, Assistant Vice President, Board Relations, to call the roll. Monteleone determined that a quorum was present.

Chair Beverly Seay, Vice Chair Alex Martins, Trustees Kenneth Bradley, Joseph Conte, Danny Gaekwad, Kyler Gray, Harold Mills, Michael Okaty, William Self, and David Walsh attended the meeting in the *FAIRWINDS* Alumni Center.

The following board members attended the meeting via videoconference: Trustees Caryl McAlpin and William Yeargin.

Trustee John Sprouls was not in attendance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was one request for public comment. Justin Hemlepp commented on the Presidential Search.

**PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE INTERVIEWS**

Seay thanked the campus community for their input and involvement during the search process.

Self commented on the Faculty Senate's vote to delay the presidential search. The Senate urged the search committee and Board to pause the search to allow more time for the vetting process and for feedback from faculty, students and staff. Trustee Self acknowledged the importance of bringing this information before the Board, but also voiced his support for moving forward as he also had shared during the Faculty Senate meeting.

The Board of Trustees interviewed the two presidential search finalists: Cato Laurencin and Alexander Cartwright.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**BOT-1 Selection of the University of Central Florida President-elect**

Seay called on Alberto Pimentel, Managing Partner of Storbeck/Pimentel & Associates, to address the board about the process for candidate background and reference checks.

Pimentel said his firm conducts extensive background investigations on final candidates including federal, state and county criminal checks and civil litigation history; credit

history and department of motor vehicle checks; social security number trace; national criminal search; global risk report check; multi-state sex offender search; and degree verification for all degrees. He said they also conduct media reviews to identify potential controversial areas of concern, and authorizations regarding the accuracy of the candidates' CV/resume and any other information provided to Storbeck/Pimentel & Associates, on behalf of the client. Pimentel also discussed feedback he received regarding areas the final candidates would excel in as well as the areas where they may require support.

After board discussion, Bradley made a motion to nominate Alexander Cartwright as the President-elect for the University of Central Florida with Martins providing the second. The motion carried unanimously.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Seay adjourned the board meeting at 3:06 p.m.

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