



UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA

**Board of Trustees
University of Central Florida
FAIRWINDS Alumni Center
September 24, 2026**

MINUTES

Chair Alex Martins called the Board of Trustees Meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

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

Carmen Jarquin, Director for Board Relations, called the roll and determined a quorum was present.

The following board members attended the meeting: Chair Alex Martins, Trustee Rick Cardenas, Trustee Mark Filburn, Trustee Alan Florez, Trustee Jeff Kauffman, Trustee Tony Massey, Trustee Thomas McNamara, and Trustee Shivani Vakharia.

Vice Chair Bill Christy, Trustee Jeff Condello, Trustee Danny Gaekwad, Trustee John Miklos, and Trustee Jeff Vahle attended the meeting virtually.

REMARKS

Chair Martins opened the meeting with remarks reflecting on UCF's continued progress and emphasizing the Board's role in advancing the university's priorities through oversight, accountability, and advocacy for increased state investment. Martins recognized Vice Chair Christy to provide an update on the September meeting of the Florida Board of Governors, highlighting discussions on tuition, artificial intelligence, intercollegiate athletics, legislative funding priorities, and capital projects.

Martins then recognized President Cartwright to provide his update. President Cartwright provided updates on fall enrollment, student success, campus development, research, and innovation initiatives. He also highlighted UCF's new national brand campaign, recent national recognition, and the university's performance in the latest *U.S. News & World Report* rankings.

NEW BUSINESS

At Martins' request, Youndy Cook, Vice President and General Counsel, confirmed that there were no disclosures of conflict of interest from the Trustees.

BUDC-2 2026-2027 Fixed Capital Outlay Budget

Martins recognized Christy to present the Budget and Finance Committee's recommendation to approve BUDC-2.

Christy moved to approve BUDC-2, with Filburn providing the second. The motion passed unanimously.

GOVC-2 New Policy - Board of Trustees Policy on Institutional Neutrality

Martins recognized Trustee Cardenas to present the Governance Committee's recommendation to approve GOVC-2.

Cardenas moved to approve GOVC-2, with Florez providing the second. The motion passed unanimously.

SPAC-1 External Naming Opportunity

Martins recognized Trustee Miklos to present the Strategic Partnerships and Advancement Committee's recommendation to approve SPAC-1.

Miklos presented a proposed naming opportunity for the Yvette Kanouff School of Data, Mathematical, and Statistical Sciences, recognizing Kanouff's contributions to UCF and her commitment to supporting students and academic programs.

Miklos moved to approve SPAC-1, with Massey providing the second. The motion passed unanimously.

Following approval, Martins expressed the Board's appreciation for Kanouff's generosity and commitment to UCF.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Martins opened the floor to Committee Chairs for additional comments and hearing none, said the committee reports included in meeting materials would stand as a historical reference of committee business.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Four requests for public comment were received.

In accordance with the Board's meeting procedures, the meeting began upon adjournment of the preceding committee meetings. Chair Martins adjusted the order of business to allow additional time for registered speakers to arrive. No public comments were made.

NEW BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

BUDC-1 2026-2027 Carryforward Spending Plan

Martins recognized Christy to present the Budget and Finance Committee's recommendation to approve BUDC-1.

Christy moved to approve BUDC-1, with Florez providing the second. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Cardenas moved to approve the consent agenda as presented, with Filburn providing the second. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Martins adjourned the board meeting at 3:40 p.m.

Reviewed by: _____ Date: _____
Alex Martins, Chair, UCF Board of Trustees

Respectfully submitted: _____ Date: _____
Michael A. Kilbride, Associate Corporate Secretary