

1 **FLORIDA GULF COAST UNIVERSITY**
2 **PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

3 Tuesday, January 31, 2023

4 COHEN STUDENT UNION BALLROOM, ROOM #203
5 FLORIDA GULF COAST UNIVERSITY
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7 **Minutes**

8 **Members:**

9 *Present:* Edward Morton – Chair; Grace Brannigan; Joseph Catti (virtual); Richard Eide; Joseph
10 Fogg; Darlene Jordan (phone); Gail Markham (virtual); Tina McCain Matte; Rebecca Totaro;
11 Shelton Weeks; Kristen Vanselow; and Charles Winton (virtual).

12 *Not Present:* Luis Rivera.

13 **Others:**

14 *Staff:* Vice President and General Counsel Vee Leonard; and Director of Board Relations Tiffany
15 Reynolds.

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17 **Item 1: Welcome and Opening Remarks**

18 Chair Edward Morton welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. Roll
19 call was taken with 12 of 13 members present, thus meeting quorum requirements.
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21 **Item 2: Consent Agenda**

22 Chair Morton stated there was one item on the Consent Agenda: Minutes of the Committee's
23 meeting on January 13, 2023.

24 Mr. Joseph Fogg made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Ms. Tina McCain Matte
25 seconded the motion. There was no public comment or discussion. The vote was unanimous in
26 favor of the motion.
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28 **Item 3: Executive Search Firm Presentation – AGB Search**

29 Chair Morton moved into the presentation and interview portion of the agenda. He stated that
30 each firm will be given one hour for presentations including questions and answers with the
31 Committee.

32 Chair Morton welcomed Melissa Trotta and Fred Moore from AGB Search to present. The
33 presentation began at 12:40 p.m. and concluded at 1:40 p.m.

34 Chair Morton called for a brief recess.

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36 **Item 4: Executive Search Firm Presentation – Greenwood Asher & Associates**

37 Having reconvened the Committee, Chair Morton welcomed Jim Johnsen and Julie Schrodtt
38 from Greenwood Asher & Associates to present. The presentation began at 1:45 p.m. and
39 concluded at 2:45 p.m.

40 Chair Morton called for a brief recess.

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42 **Item 5: Executive Search Firm Presentation – WittKieffer**

43 Having reconvened the Committee, Chair Morton welcomed John Thornburgh and Melody Rose
44 from WittKieffer to present. The presentation began at 2:50 p.m. and concluded at 3:50 p.m.

45 Chair Morton called for a brief recess.

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47 **Item 6: Discussion and Vote**

48 Chair Morton reconvened the Committee and opened the floor for discussion.

49 Discussion included the ability of the firms to bring forth a more narrowed pool of applicants, to
50 understand the political landscape of Florida, to meet the needs of Florida Gulf Coast University
51 specifically, and updating the leadership profile.

52 Mr. Fogg made a motion to select Greenwood Asher & Associates. Dr. Rebecca Totaro
53 seconded the motion. Public comment included: Benji Gans, Mackenzie Verna, Alexis Ludwig,
54 Christina Ufland, Savannah Pultrone, Alexia Plankey, and Angel Kelley. There was no further
55 Committee discussion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

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57 **Item 7: Old Business**

58 There was no old business for discussion.

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60 **Item 8: New Business**

61 Chair Morton requested Ms. Tiffany Reynolds to poll the Committee members to find available
62 dates for a confidential and exempt meeting pursuant to 1004.098, F.S.; and a virtual meeting

63 to provide the newest members with a review of the Florida Sunshine Law.

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65 **Item 9: Adjournment**

66 With no other business to come before the Committee, Chair Morton adjourned the meeting at

67 4:05 p.m.

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70 Minutes prepared by Director of Board Relations Tiffany Reynolds