

USF Board of Trustees  
Tuesday, March 22, 2020 @ 9 AM  
Traditions Hall, Gibbons Alumni Center

MINUTES

Chair Will Weatherford welcomed everyone in person and virtually to the Special Board of Trustees



8. National Distinction - Given the increasingly competitive environment in higher education, describe how you would lead USF in attaining academic/research distinction, increasing its national visibility, and improving its overall ranking?
9. Resource Allocation – As with many universities across the country, USF must be very strategic in its use of its limited financial resources. Tell us your experience working in environments that required you to creatively address academic needs and competing budgetary priorities.

## II. New Business – Action Item

FL 101 – Approval of Presidential Appointment for Confirmation by the Florida Board of Governors

Vice Chair Griffin presented.

Pursuant to Board of Governors Regulation 1.002, Presidential Search and Selection, the Board of Trustees must select and appoint a final qualified candidate under the position criteria as president for recommendation to the Board of Governors for confirmation. The president must then be confirmed by the Florida Board of Governors prior to taking office.

Vice Chair Griffin introduced SP&A Consultant Alberto Pimentel who provided an overview of the process. Mr. Pimentel talked about background and reference checks that were conducted on both candidates. He provided positive points of discussion on both candidates.

Chair Weatherford and Vice Chair Griffin thanked Alberto Pimentel and his team at SP&A for their professional service and support helping with the selection of the President for the University of South Florida.

After careful consideration and positive remarks Vice Chair Griffin nominated Interim President Rhea Law for the position as President for the University of South Florida.

Trustee Carrere seconded the nomination.

Trustee Horton commented in support of Interim President Rhea Law becoming the next President of USF.

Trustee Boaz made remarks on behalf of the Faculty Senate. He commented that both candidates are talented in their own respect. Although they have different backgrounds, he is confident that whoever is selected will do a great job leading the university.

Trustee Piccolo was impressed with both candidates however, he is in more support of Interim President Rhea Law for the position.

Trustee Monbarren commented on Interim President Rhea Law's terrific work during her 7 months serving as Interim and supports her becoming the next President.

Trustee Muma was impressed with both interviews. He is in support of the nomination of Interim President Rhea Law.

Chair Weatherford comments regarding Dr. Talley. He is very impressive with tremendous qualifications and has had an impeccable career. The Chair also made positive comments concerning President

Chair Weatherford requested a motion to approve FL 103, which was given by Vice Chair Griffin. It was second by Trustee Monbarren and FL 103 was approved.

PresidentElect Rhea Law