

SB 1478 by **Soto**; (Identical to H 1071) William L. Boyd, IV, Florida Resident Access Grant Program

The Florida Senate
COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA

HIGHER EDUCATION
Senator Stargel, Chair
Senator Sachs, Vice Chair

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, April 7, 2015
TIME: 10:00 a.m.—12:00 noon
PLACE: Pat Thomas Committee Room, 412 Knott Building

MEMBERS: Senator Stargel, Chair; Senator Sachs, Vice Chair; Senators Benacquisto, Braynon, Gaetz, Joyner, Legg, Negrón, and Simmons

TAB	BILL NO. and INTRODUCER	BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS	COMMITTEE ACTION
1	SB 1478 Soto (Identical H 1071)	William L. Boyd, IV, Florida Resident Access Grant Program; Providing that an independent college or university that was a successor by merger to certain independent colleges or universities is eligible to receive William L. Boyd, IV, Florida resident access grant payments, etc. HE 04/07/2015 Temporarily Postponed AED AP	Temporarily Postponed

TAB	OFFICE and APPOINTMENT (HOME CITY)	FOR TERM ENDING	COMMITTEE ACTION
Senate Confirmation Hearing: A public hearing will be held for consideration of the below-named executive appointment to the office indicated.			
Board of Trustees, Florida A & M University			
2	Boyce, Lucas Daniel (Orlando)	01/06/2018	Recommend Confirm Yeas 8 Nays 0
Board of Trustees, Florida Atlantic University			
3	Rubin, Robert (Boca Raton)	01/06/2020	Recommend Confirm Yeas 8 Nays 0
Board of Trustees, Florida Gulf Coast University			
4	Price, Kevin J. (Estero)	01/06/2020	Recommend Confirm Yeas 8 Nays 0
	Smith, Kenneth J. (Ft. Myers)	01/06/2020	Recommend Confirm Yeas 8 Nays 0
Board of Trustees, University of Florida			
5	Patel, Rahul (Atlanta)	01/06/2020	Recommend Confirm Yeas 8 Nays 0
Board of Trustees, University of South Florida			
6	Shinn, Byron E. (Bradenton)	01/06/2020	Recommend Confirm Yeas 8 Nays 0
Board of Trustees, University of West Florida			
7	Bear, Lewis, Jr. (Gulf Breeze)	01/06/2020	Recommend Confirm Yeas 8 Nays 0

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	Other Related Meeting Documents		

By Senator Soto

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the William L. Boyd, IV, Florida
3 Resident Access Grant Program; amending s. 1009.89,
4 F.S.; providing that an independent college or
5 university that was a successor by merger to certain
6 independent colleges or universities is eligible to
7 receive William L. Boyd, IV, Florida resident access
8 grant payments; providing an effective date.

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10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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12 Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 1009.89, Florida
13 Statutes, is amended to read:

14 1009.89 The William L. Boyd, IV, Florida resident access
15 grants.—

16 (3) The department shall issue through the program a
17 William L. Boyd, IV, Florida resident access grant to any full-
18 time degree-seeking undergraduate student registered at an
19 independent nonprofit college or university which is located in
20 and chartered by the state; which is accredited by the
21 Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges
22 and Schools; which grants baccalaureate degrees; which is not a
23 state university or Florida College System institution; and
24 which has a secular purpose, so long as the receipt of state aid
25 by students at the institution would not have the primary effect
26 of advancing or impeding religion or result in an excessive
27 entanglement between the state and any religious sect. Any
28 independent college or university that was eligible to receive
29 tuition vouchers on January 1, 1989, and which continues to meet

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30 the criteria under which its eligibility was established, or
31 that on July 1, 2013, was a successor by merger to an
32 independent college or university that was eligible to receive
33 access grant payments under this section, shall remain eligible
34 to receive William L. Boyd, IV, Florida resident access grant
35 payments.

36 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015.

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SB 1478

Meeting Date

Bill Number (if applicable)

Topic FRAU

Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

Name DR. ED MOORE

Job Title PRESIDENT OF ICVF (INDEP. COLLEGES + UNIV OF FLA)

Address _____
Street

Phone 850-681-3188

City

State

Zip

Email emoore@icvf.org

Speaking: For Against Information

Waive Speaking: In Support Against
(The Chair will read this information into the record.)

Representing ICVF (INDEPENDENT COLLEGES + UNIV. OF FLA)

Appearing at request of Chair: Yes No

Lobbyist registered with Legislature: Yes No

While it is a Senate tradition to encourage public testimony, time may not permit all persons wishing to speak to be heard at this meeting. Those who do speak may be asked to limit their remarks so that as many persons as possible can be heard.

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Meeting Date

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Bill Number (if applicable)

Topic William L. Boyd, IV, FRAG Program

Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

Name Chris Floyd

Job Title Consultant

Address _____

Phone 813-624-5117

Street

Tampa

FL

33606

Email _____

City

State

Zip

Speaking: For Against Information

Waive Speaking: In Support Against
(The Chair will read this information into the record.)

Representing The University of Tampa

Appearing at request of Chair: Yes No

Lobbyist registered with Legislature: Yes No

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4/8/2015
Meeting Date

SB 1478
Bill Number (if applicable)

Topic FRAG

Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

Name Frank Attkisson

Job Title _____

Address 4231 Kissimmee Park Rd

Phone 407 7098586

Street
St Cloud, FL 34772
City State Zip

Email Attkisson79@yahoo.com

Speaking: For Against Information

Waive Speaking: In Support Against
(The Chair will read this information into the record.)

Representing _____

Appearing at request of Chair: Yes No

Lobbyist registered with Legislature: Yes No

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Meeting Date

SB 1478
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Topic _____

Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

Name PAUL Coleman

Job Title General Counsel Johnson University

Address _____
Street

Phone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Speaking: For Against Information

Waive Speaking: In Support Against
(The Chair will read this information into the record.)

Representing Johnson University

Appearing at request of Chair: Yes No

Lobbyist registered with Legislature: Yes No

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The Florida Senate
BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

Prepared By: The Professional Staff of the Committee on Higher Education

BILL: SB 1478

INTRODUCER: Senator Soto

SUBJECT: William L. Boyd, IV, Florida Resident Access Grant Program

DATE: April 6, 2015

REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	Graf	Klebacha	HE	Pre-meeting
2.			AED	
3.			AP	

I. Summary:

SB 1478 expands institution eligibility requirements of the William L. Boyd, IV, Florida Resident Access Grant (FRAG) Program to allow an institution to become eligible to participate in the FRAG Program if the institution, on July 1, 2013, was a successor by merger to a private college or university that was eligible to receive FRAG payments.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2015.

II. Present Situation:

Florida Resident Access Grant Program

In 1979, the Legislature established the State Tuition Voucher Fund for students enrolled at private colleges or universities in Florida.¹ The State Tuition Voucher Fund was renamed the Florida Resident Access Grant Program in 1994² and subsequently was redesignated as the William L. Boyd IV, Florida Resident Access Grant Program in 1998.³

Institution Eligibility Requirements

The Legislature, through the William L. Boyd, IV, Florida Resident Access Grant (FRAG) Program, provides tuition assistance to undergraduate students enrolled in full-time degree-seeking programs at private colleges or universities that:⁴

- Are not-for-profit;
- Are located in and chartered by the state of Florida;

¹ Section 67, ch. 79-222, L.O.F.

² Section 32, ch. 94-230, L.O.F.

³ Section 9, ch. 98-71, L.O.F.

⁴ Section 1009.89(3), F.S.

- Are accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS);
- Grant baccalaureate degrees; and
- Have a secular purpose, as long as the receipt of state aid by students at the institutions would not have the primary effect of advancing or impeding religion or result in an excessive entanglement between the state and any religious sect.

Notwithstanding the institution eligibility criteria of the FRAG Program specified above, any private college or university that was eligible to receive tuition vouchers on January 1, 1989, and which continues to meet the criteria under which its eligibility was established, remains eligible for the FRAG payments.⁵

Student Eligibility Requirements

A student is eligible to receive FRAG if the student:⁶

- Meets the general requirements, including residency, for student eligibility requirements for state financial aid awards and tuition assistance grants;⁷
- Is enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student at an eligible college or university;
- Is not enrolled in a program of study leading to a degree in theology or divinity; and
- Is making satisfactory academic progress as defined by the college or university in which the student is enrolled.

Currently, eligible institutions include 32 private colleges and universities.⁸ FRAG is administered as a decentralized program, which means that each participating institution determines application deadlines, student eligibility, and award amounts.⁹ For the 2014-2015 fiscal year, the Legislature appropriated \$112,359,000 to support 37,453 qualified Florida resident students at \$3,000 per student for tuition assistance.¹⁰

⁵ Section 1009.89(3), F.S.

⁶ Section 1009.89(4), F.S.

⁷ Section 1009.40, F.S.

⁸ Thirty one of the 32 private colleges and universities are Independent Colleges and Universities of Florida (ICUF) institutions: Adventist University of Health Sciences, Ave Maria University, Barry University, Beacon College, Bethune-Cookman University, Clearwater Christian College, Eckerd College, Edward Waters College, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Everglades University, Flagler College, Florida College, Florida Institute of Technology, Florida Memorial University, Florida Southern College, Hodges University, Jacksonville University, Keiser University, Lynn University, Nova Southeastern University, Palm Beach Atlantic University, Ringling College of Art and Design, Rollins College, Saint Leo University, Southeastern University, St. Thomas University, Stetson University, University of Miami, University of Tampa, Warner University, and Webber International University. Independent Colleges and Universities of Florida, *About Us*, <http://www.icuf.org/newdevelopment/about-icuf/> (last visited April 4, 2015). FRAG-eligible institutions also include The Baptist College of Florida which is not an ICUF institution. Florida Department of Education, *2014-15 Florida Resident Access Grant Program Eligible Institutions*, https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/admin/SAWELIGPSI_ByProg.asp?ByProg=FRAG (last visited April 3, 2015).

⁹ Florida Department of Education, *Annual Report to the Commissioner (2013-14)*, available at <http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/SSFAD/pdf/annualreportcurrent.pdf>, at 39 of 78.

¹⁰ Specific Appropriation 70, s. 2, ch. 2014-51, L.O.F.

Commission for Independent Education

The Commission for Independent Education (commission or CIE), established in the Florida Department of Education (DOE), is responsible for developing minimum standards to evaluate institutions for licensure.¹¹ Current law requires that the standards must, at a minimum, include the institution's name, financial stability, purpose, administrative organization, admissions and recruitment, educational programs and curricula, retention, completion, career placement, faculty, learning resources, student personnel services, physical plant and facilities, publications, and disclosure statements about the status of institutions related to professional certification and licensure.¹² A postsecondary educational institution must obtain licensure from CIE to operate in the state of Florida, unless such institution is not under CIE's jurisdiction or purview.¹³

Licensure by Means of Accreditation

A private postsecondary educational institution that meets the following criteria may apply for a license by means of accreditation from the commission:¹⁴

- The institution has operated legally in this state for at least 5 consecutive years.
- The institution holds institutional accreditation by an accrediting agency evaluated and approved by the commission as having standards substantially equivalent to the commission's licensure standards.
- The institution has no unresolved complaints or actions in the past 12 months.
- The institution meets minimum requirements for financial responsibility as determined by the commission.
- The institution is a Florida corporation.

An institution that is granted a license by means of accreditation must comply with the standards and requirements in law.¹⁵

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

SB 1478 expands institution eligibility requirements of the William L. Boyd, IV, Florida Resident Access Grant (FRAG) Program to allow an institution to become eligible to participate in the FRAG Program if the institution, on July 1, 2013, was a successor by merger to a private college or university that was eligible to receive FRAG payments.

In effect, the bill creates an alternative way for at least one specific private university, "Johnson University – Florida," to become eligible to participate in the FRAG Program without meeting all of the current institution eligibility requirements for the FRAG Program.

On June 13, 2013, Johnson University, a Tennessee not-for-profit public benefit corporation, entered into an agreement of merger with Florida Christian College, Inc., a Florida not-for-profit

¹¹ Section 1005.31(2), F.S.

¹² Section 1005.31(2), F.S.

¹³ Sections 1005.31(1)(a) and 1005.06(1), F.S. ICUF institutions are not under the jurisdiction or purview of the Commission for Independent Education. Section 1005.06(1)(c), F.S.

¹⁴ Section 1005.32(1), F.S.

¹⁵ Section 1005.32, F.S.

corporation that was eligible to participate in the FRAG Program.¹⁶ The agreement of merger that took effect July 1, 2013 indicates Johnson University as the “surviving corporation” and Florida Christian College as the “merging corporation.”¹⁷ Johnson University has assumed full ownership of Florida Christian College and on July 10, 2013, obtained approval from the regional accrediting agency, Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS), regarding the merger and name change to “Johnson University – Florida.”¹⁸ On September 17, 2013, the commission approved “Johnson University – Florida” for licensure by means of accreditation through January 1, 2020.¹⁹

“Johnson University – Florida” is a branch campus of the Tennessee corporation, Johnson University.²⁰ Consequently, “Johnson University – Florida,” is not chartered in Florida and as such, does not meet the current institution eligibility requirements of the FRAG Program. The bill may allow “Johnson University – Florida” to become eligible to participate in the FRAG Program and the students enrolled in “Johnson University – Florida,” who meet the student eligibility requirements for FRAG, to become eligible to receive tuition assistance under the FRAG Program.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2015.

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

V. Fiscal Impact Statement:

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

¹⁶ Email, Florida Department of Education (April 3, 2015), on file with the Committee on Higher Education staff; Telephone interview with the Office of Student Financial Assistance staff, Florida Department of Education (April 3, 2015).

¹⁷ Email, Florida Department of Education (April 3, 2015), on file with the Committee on Higher Education staff.

¹⁸ *Id.*

¹⁹ *Id.*

²⁰ *Id.*

B. Private Sector Impact:

SB 1478 may allow students enrolled in “Johnson University – Florida” who meet the student eligibility requirements for FRAG to become eligible to receive tuition assistance under the William L. Boyd, IV, Florida Resident Access Grant (FRAG) Program.

C. Government Sector Impact:

SB 1478 may have an indeterminate fiscal impact from expanding the FRAG Program to include additional students enrolled in “Johnson University – Florida” who, if they meet the student eligibility requirements for FRAG, may become eligible to receive tuition assistance under the FRAG Program.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Statutes Affected:

This bill substantially amends section 1009.89 of the Florida Statutes.

IX. Additional Information:**A. Committee Substitute – Statement of Changes:**

(Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

None.

B. Amendments:

None.



RICK SCOTT
GOVERNOR

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July 22, 2014

The Honorable Kenneth W. Detzner
Secretary of State
State of Florida
R. A. Gray Building, Room 316
500 South Bronough Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250

Dear Secretary Detzner:

Please be advised I have made the following appointment under the provisions of Section 1001.71, Florida Statutes:

Mr. Lucas D. Boyce
4117 Fairview Vista Point
#304
Orlando, Florida 32804

as a member of the Florida A and M University Board of Trustees, succeeding Glenton Gilzean Jr., subject to confirmation by the Senate. This appointment is effective July 21, 2014, for a term ending January 6, 2018.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rick Scott".

Rick Scott
Governor

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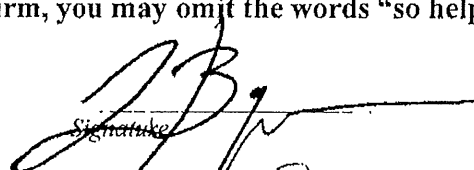
I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support, protect, and defend the Constitution and Government of the United States and of the State of Florida; that I am duly qualified to hold office under the Constitution of the State, and that I will well and faithfully perform the duties of

Trustee, Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University (FAMU)

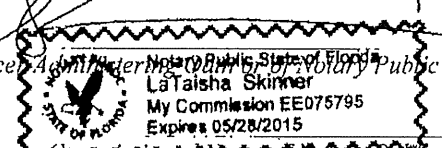
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on which I am now about to enter, so help me God.

[NOTE: If you affirm, you may omit the words "so help me God." See § 92.52, Fla. Stat.]

Signature


Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4th day of September, 2014.

Signature of Officer


Print, Type, or Stamp Name of Notary Public

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ACCEPTANCE

I accept the office listed in the above Oath of Office.

Mailing Address: Home Office

4117 Fairview Vista Point #304

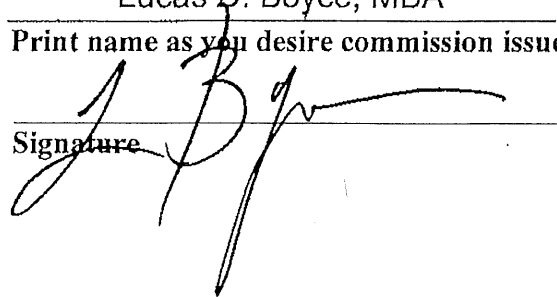
Street or Post Office Box

Orlando, FL 32801

City, State, Zip Code

Lucas D. Boyce, MBA

Print name as you desire commission issued

Signature


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Before me, the undersigned Notary Public of Florida, personally appeared

Lucas Boyce

who, after being duly sworn, say: (1) that he/she has carefully and personally prepared or read the answers to the foregoing questions; (2) that the information contained in said answers is complete and true; and (3) that he/she will, as an appointee, fully support the Constitutions of the United States and of the State of Florida.

Signature of Applicant-Affiant

[Handwritten signature of Lucas Boyce]

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4th day of September, 2014.

Signature of Notary Public



(Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public)

My commission expires: 5/28/2015

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February 16, 2015

Secretary Kenneth W. Detzner
Department of State
State of Florida
R. A. Gray Building, Room 316
500 South Bronough Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250

Dear Secretary Detzner:

Please be advised I have made the following reappointment under the provisions of Section 1001.71, Florida Statutes:

Mr. Robert S. Rubin
3900 Northwest 23rd Terrace
Boca Raton, Florida 33431

as a member of the Board of Trustees, Florida Atlantic University, subject to confirmation by the Senate. This appointment is effective February 13, 2015 for a term ending January 6, 2020.

Sincerely,

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Rick Scott
Governor

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STATE OF FLORIDA

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I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support, protect, and defend the Constitution and Government of the United States and of the State of Florida; that I am duly qualified to hold office under the Constitution of the State, and that I will well and faithfully perform the duties of

Board of Trustees, Florida Atlantic University

(Title of Office)

on which I am now about to enter, so help me God.

[NOTE: If you affirm, you may omit the words "so help me God." See § 92.52, Fla. Stat.]

Signature

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 27 day of February, 2015

Signature of Officer Administering Oath or of Notary Public

Amanda Breigh Medeiros

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ACCEPTANCE

I accept the office listed in the above Oath of Office.

Mailing Address: Home Office

1200 N. Federal Highway Suite 200

Street or Post Office Box

Boca Raton, FL 33432

City, State, Zip Code

Robert Rubin

Print name as you desire commission issued

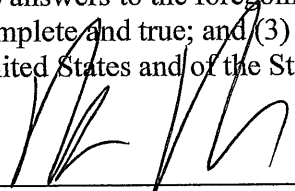
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COUNTY OF Palm Beach

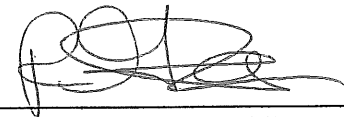
Before me, the undersigned Notary Public of Florida, personally appeared _____,

who, after being duty sworn, say: (1) that he/she has carefully and personally prepared or read the answers to the foregoing questions; (2) that the information contained in said answers is complete and true; and (3) that he/she will, as an appointee, fully support the Constitutions of the United States and of the State of Florida.



Signature of Applicant-Affiant

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 16 day of March, 2015.



Signature of Notary Public-State of Florida **RACHEL GRANDA**
NOTARY PUBLIC
STATE OF FLORIDA
Comm# FF085325
Expires 1/22/2018
(Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public)

My commission expires: 1/22/2018

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RICK SCOTT
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January 20, 2015

Secretary Kenneth W. Detzner
Department of State
State of Florida
R. A. Gray Building, Room 316
500 South Bronough Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250

Dear Secretary Detzner:

Please be advised I have made the following appointment under the provisions of Section 1001.71, Florida Statutes:

Mr. Kevin Price
13401 Villa Di Preserve Ln
Estero, Florida 33928

as a member of the Board of Trustees, Florida Gulf Coast University Board of Trustees, succeeding John Little, subject to confirmation by the Senate. This appointment is effective January 16, 2015, for a term ending January 6, 2020.

Sincerely,

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Rick Scott
Governor

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County of Lee

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Board of Trustees - FL Gulf Coast University
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on which I am now about to enter, so help me God.

[NOTE: If you affirm, you may omit the words "so help me God." See § 92.52, Fla. Stat.]

[Signature]

Signature

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4th day of February, 2015.

[Signature]

Signature of Officer Administering Oath or of Notary Public

Tyler Jefferson Brown

Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public

Personally Known OR Produced Identification

Type of Identification Produced Florida Drivers License



Tyler Jefferson Brown
State of Florida

My Commission Expires 11/23/2018
Commission No. FF 178879

ACCEPTANCE

I accept the office listed in the above Oath of Office.

Mailing Address: Home Office

13401 Villa Di Preserve Ln.

Street or Post Office Box

Esterro FL, 33928

City, State, Zip Code

Kevin J. Price

Print name as you desire commission issued

[Signature]

Signature

CERTIFICATION

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Kevin John Price

who, after being duty sworn, say: (1) that he/she has carefully and personally prepared or read the answers to the foregoing questions; (2) that the information contained in said answers is complete and true; and (3) that he/she will, as an appointee, fully support the Constitutions of the United States and of the State of Florida.

[Signature]

Signature of Applicant-Affiant

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 2nd day of March, 2015.

[Signature]

Signature of Notary Public-State of Florida

Megan K. Dixon
(Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public)

My commission expires: December 11 2016

Personally Known OR Produced Identification

Type of Identification Produced Valid Florida Driver's License



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RICK SCOTT
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January 20, 2015

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Department of State
State of Florida
R. A. Gray Building, Room 316
500 South Bronough Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250

Dear Secretary Detzner:

Please be advised I have made the following appointment under the provisions of Section 1001.71, Florida Statutes:

Dr. Kenneth J. Smith
6381 Tidewater Island Circle
Fort Myers, Florida 33908

as a member of the Board of Trustees, Florida Gulf Coast University Board of Trustees, succeeding Christian Spilker, subject to confirmation by the Senate. This appointment is effective January 16, 2015, for a term ending January 6, 2020.

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County of Lee

FLORIDA STATE
DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support, protect, and defend the Constitution and Government of the United States and of the State of Florida; that I am duly qualified to hold office under the Constitution of the State, and that I will well and faithfully perform the duties of

Board of Trustee Florida Gulf Coast University
(Title of Office)

on which I am now about to enter, so help me God.

[NOTE: If you affirm, you may omit the words "so help me God." See § 92.52, Fla. Stat.]

[Signature]
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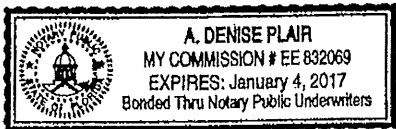
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 3 day of February, 2015.

A. Denise Plair
Signature of Officer Administering Oath or of Notary Public

A. Denise Plair
Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public

Personally Known OR Produced Identification

Type of Identification Produced _____



ACCEPTANCE

I accept the office listed in the above Oath of Office.

Mailing Address: Home Office

6381 Tidewater Island Circle
Street or Post Office Box

Ft Myers, FL 33908
City, State, Zip Code

Kenneth J Smith
Print name as you desire commission issued

[Signature]
Signature

CERTIFICATION

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF Lee

Before me, the undersigned Notary Public of Florida, personally appeared Kenneth Smith, who, after being duly sworn, say: (1) that he/she has carefully and personally prepared or read the answers to the foregoing questions; (2) that the information contained in said answers is complete and true; and (3) that he/she will, as an appointee, fully support the Constitutions of the United States and of the State of Florida.

[Signature]
Signature of Applicant-Affiant

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 24th day of February, 2015.

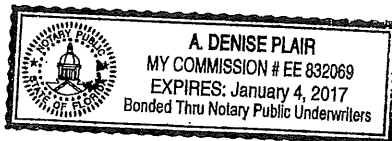
A. Denise Plair
Signature of Notary Public-State of Florida

A. Denise Plair
(Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public)

My commission expires: 1-4-17

Personally Known OR Produced Identification

Type of Identification Produced _____



(seal)



RICK SCOTT

GOVERNOR 15 FEB 13 PM 12:43

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS
SECRETARY OF STATE

February 5, 2015

Secretary Kenneth W. Detzner
Department of State
State of Florida
R. A. Gray Building, Room 316
500 South Bronough Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250

Dear Secretary Detzner:

Please be advised I have made the following appointment under the provisions of Section 1001.71, Florida Statutes:

Mr. Rahul Patel
1180 Peachtree Street
Atlanta, Georgia 30309

as a member of the Board of Trustees, University of Florida, succeeding Juliet Roulhac, subject to confirmation by the Senate. This appointment is effective February 5, 2015, for a term ending January 6, 2020.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rick Scott".

Rick Scott
Governor

RS/pb

OATH OF OFFICE

GEORGIA

(Art. II, § 5(b), Fla. Const.)

STATE OF FLORIDA

County of Fulton

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15 FEB 25 PM 3:50
OFFICE OF ELECTIONS
SECRETARY OF STATE

I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support, protect, and defend the Constitution and Government of the United States and of the State of Florida; that I am duly qualified to hold office under the Constitution of the State, and that I will well and faithfully perform the duties of

University of Florida Trustee

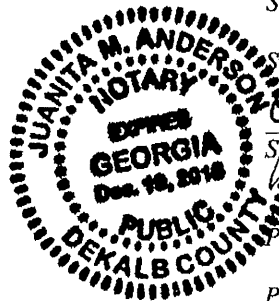
(Title of Office)

on which I am now about to enter, so help me God.

[NOTE: If you affirm, you may omit the words "so help me God." See § 92.52, Fla. Stat.]

[Handwritten Signature]

Signature



Sworn to and subscribed before me this 24th day of February, 2015.

Juanita M. Anderson

Signature of Officer Administering Oath or of Notary Public

Juanita M. Anderson

Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public

Personally Known OR Produced Identification

Type of Identification Produced _____

ACCEPTANCE

I accept the office listed in the above Oath of Office.

Mailing Address: Home Office

King & Spalding, 1180 Peachtree Street

Street or Post Office Box

Atlanta, Ga. 30309

City, State, Zip Code

Rahul Patel

Print name as you desire commission issued

Signature

[Handwritten Signature]

GEORGIA

CERTIFICATION

RECEIVED

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF _____

15 FEB 25 PM 3:50

Georgia

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS
SECRETARY OF STATE

Before me, the undersigned Notary Public of Florida, personally appeared _____

who, after being duty sworn, say: (1) that he/she has carefully and personally prepared or read the answers to the foregoing questions; (2) that the information contained in said answers is complete and true; and (3) that he/she will, as an appointee, fully support the Constitutions of the United States and of the State of Florida.

[Handwritten Signature]

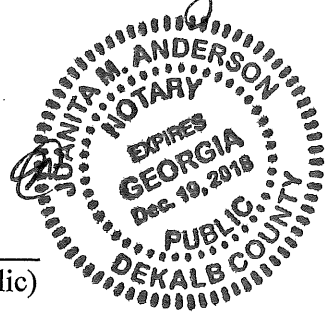
Signature of Applicant-Affiant

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 24th day of February, 2015.

[Handwritten Signature]

Signature of Notary Public-State of Florida

Georgia



Juanita M. Anderson

(Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public)

My commission expires: December 19, 2018

Personally Known OR Produced Identification

Type of Identification Produced _____

(seal)



RIK SCOTT
GOVERNOR

RECEIVED
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
2015 FEB 18 PM 3:31
DIVISION OF ELECTIONS
TALLAHASSEE, FL

February 16, 2015

Secretary Kenneth W. Detzner
Department of State
State of Florida
R. A. Gray Building, Room 316
500 South Bronough Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250

Dear Secretary Detzner:

Please be advised I have made the following reappointment under the provisions of Section 1001.71, Florida Statutes:

Mr. Byron E. Shinn
6012 Shore Acres Drive
Bradenton, Florida 34209

as a member of the Board of Trustees, University of South Florida, subject to confirmation by the Senate. This appointment is effective February 13, 2015, for a term ending January 6, 2020.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rick Scott".

Rick Scott
Governor

RS/pb

OATH OF OFFICE

(Art. II, § 5(b), Fla. Const.)

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
2015 MAR 12 AM 9:37

STATE OF FLORIDA
DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

STATE OF FLORIDA

County of Manatee

I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support, protect, and defend the Constitution and Government of the United States and of the State of Florida; that I am duly qualified to hold office under the Constitution of the State, and that I will well and faithfully perform the duties of

University of South Florida Board of Trustees

(Title of Office)

on which I am now about to enter, so help me God.

[NOTE: If you affirm, you may omit the words "so help me God." See § 92.52, Fla. Stat.]

Byron E. Shinn
Signature

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 2nd day of March, 2015

Jessica K. Kretzer
Signature of Officer Administering Oath or of Notary Public

Jessica Kretzer
Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public

Personally Known OR Produced Identification

Type of Identification Produced _____



ACCEPTANCE

I accept the office listed in the above Oath of Office.

Mailing Address: Home Office

6012 Shore Acres Drive

Street or Post Office Box

Bradenton, FL 34209

City, State, Zip Code

Byron E. Shinn

Print name as you desire commission issued

Byron E. Shinn
Signature

CERTIFICATION

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF Manatee

Before me, the undersigned Notary Public of Florida, personally appeared

Byron E. Shinn

who, after being duly sworn, say: (1) that he/she has carefully and personally prepared or read the answers to the foregoing questions; (2) that the information contained in said answers is complete and true; and (3) that he/she will, as an appointee, fully support the Constitutions of the United States and of the State of Florida.

Byron E. Shinn
Signature of Applicant-Affiant

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 2nd day of March, 2015.

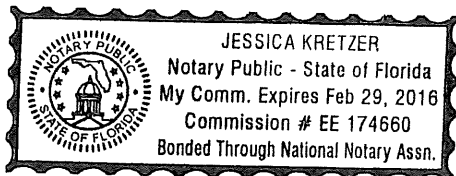
Jessica R. Kretzer
Signature of Notary Public-State of Florida

Jessica Kretzer
(Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public)

My commission expires: Feb. 29, 2016

Personally Known OR Produced Identification

Type of Identification Produced _____



(seal)



RICK SCOTT
GOVERNOR

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
2015 FEB 18 PM 3:32
DIVISION OF ELECTIONS
TALLAHASSEE, FL

February 16, 2015

Secretary Kenneth W. Detzner
Department of State
State of Florida
R. A. Gray Building, Room 316
500 South Bronough Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250

Dear Secretary Detzner:

Please be advised I have made the following reappointment under the provisions of Section 1001.71, Florida Statutes:

Mr. Lewis Bear Jr.
72 Highpoint Drive
Gulf Breeze, Florida 32561

as a member of the Board of Trustees, University of West Florida, subject to confirmation by the Senate. This appointment is effective February 13, 2015 for a term ending January 6, 2020.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rick Scott".

Rick Scott
Governor

RS/pb

OATH OF OFFICE

(Art. II, § 5(b), Fla. Const.)

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DEPARTMENT OF
2015 MAR 24 AM 9:56
DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

STATE OF FLORIDA

County of ESCAMBIA

I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support, protect, and defend the Constitution and Government of the United States and of the State of Florida; that I am duly qualified to hold office under the Constitution of the State, and that I will well and faithfully perform the duties of

Board of Trustees, University of West Florida

(Title of Office)

on which I am now about to enter, so help me God.

[NOTE: If you affirm, you may omit the words "so help me God." See § 92.52, Fla. Stat.]

[Signature]
Signature

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 10 day of March, 2015.

Erin Shilling
Signature of Officer Administering Oath or of Notary Public

Erin Shilling
Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public



Erin Shilling
COMMISSION # FF136792
EXPIRES: JUN 29, 2018
BONDED THRU
1st FLORIDA NOTARY, LLC

Personally Known OR Produced Identification

Type of Identification Produced _____

ACCEPTANCE

I accept the office listed in the above Oath of Office.

Mailing Address: Home Office

72 HIGHPOINT DR
Street or Post Office Box

GULF BREEZE, FL. 32561
City, State, Zip Code

LEWIS BEAR, JR.
Print name as you desire commission issued

[Signature]
Signature

CERTIFICATION

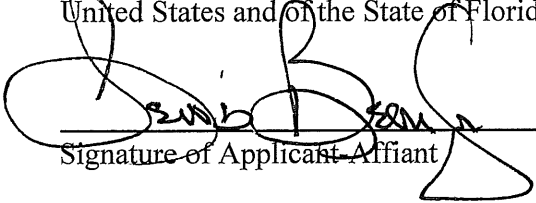
STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF Escambia

Before me, the undersigned Notary Public of Florida, personally appeared

Lewis Bear, Jr.

who, after being duly sworn, say: (1) that he/she has carefully and personally prepared or read the answers to the foregoing questions; (2) that the information contained in said answers is complete and true; and (3) that he/she will, as an appointee, fully support the Constitutions of the United States and of the State of Florida.


Signature of Applicant-Affiant

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 2 day of march, 2015.

Erin Shilling
Signature of Notary Public-State of Florida

Erin Shilling
(Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public)



Erin Shilling
COMMISSION # FF136792
EXPIRES: JUN 29, 2018
BONDED THRU
1st FLORIDA NOTARY, LLC

My commission expires: June 29, 2018

Personally Known OR Produced Identification

Type of Identification Produced _____

(seal)



THE FLORIDA SENATE

Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1100

COMMITTEES:
Education Pre-K - 12, Chair
Ethics and Elections, Vice Chair
Appropriations Subcommittee on Education
Fiscal Policy
Government Oversight and Accountability
Higher Education

SENATOR JOHN LEGG

17th District

Legg.John.web@FLSenate.gov

April 6, 2015

The Honorable Kelli Stargel
Committee on Higher Education, Chair
415 Knott Building
404 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399

RE: Excused Absence

Dear Chair Stargel:

I am unable to attend the Committee on Higher Education on Tuesday, April 7, 2015 and I respectfully request that this absence be excused. Your leadership and consideration are appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Legg", written over a horizontal line.

John Legg
State Senator, District 17

cc: Theresa Klebacha, Staff Director

REPLY TO:

- 262 Crystal Grove Boulevard, Lutz, Florida 33548 (813) 909-9919
- 316 Senate Office Building, 404 South Monroe Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1100 (850) 487-5017

Senate's Website: www.flsenate.gov

ANDY GARDINER
President of the Senate

GARRETT RICHTER
President Pro Tempore

CourtSmart Tag Report

Room: KN 412
Caption: Senate Committee on Higher Education

Case:

Type:
Judge:

Started: 4/7/2015 10:04:44 AM
Ends: 4/7/2015 10:39:42 AM
Length: 00:34:59

10:04:44 AM Meeting called to order by Chair Stargel
10:05:39 AM Roll Call- Quorum is present
10:06:10 AM Tab 1 - SB 1478 by Sen. Soto
10:06:35 AM Chair
10:07:01 AM Sen. Sachs
10:07:38 AM Sen. Soto
10:07:51 AM Sen. Sachs
10:08:23 AM Sen., Soto
10:08:49 AM Sen., Joyner
10:09:26 AM Sen. Soto
10:10:33 AM Sen. Joyner
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10:13:33 AM Sen. Joyner
10:13:46 AM Sen. Benacquisto
10:14:30 AM Sen. Soto
10:14:33 AM Sen. Simmons
10:14:57 AM Sen. Soto
10:15:50 AM Sen. Simmons
10:16:14 AM Sen.Soto
10:16:36 AM Chair
10:16:48 AM Chris Floyd, Consultant, The Univ. of Tampa - waiving to speak against
10:17:00 AM Dr. Ed Moore, President, ICUF (Independent Colleges and Univ. of Florida), speaking against
10:20:54 AM Chair
10:20:56 AM Sen. Gaetz
10:21:28 AM Dr. Moore
10:22:26 AM Chair
10:22:37 AM Frank Attkisson, St. Cloud, FL, speaking for the bill
10:27:59 AM Chair
10:28:18 AM Paul Coleman, General Counsel, Johnson University, speaking for the bill
10:34:10 AM Chair
10:34:22 AM Sen. Soto to close on the bill
10:35:23 AM Sen. Gaetz
10:35:53 AM Sen. Soto
10:36:57 AM Chair - TP the bill
10:37:15 AM Chair - Tab 2-7, Confirmation Hearings for executive appointments
10:37:27 AM Tab 2 - Lucas Daniel Boyce, Orlando, Board of Trustees, Fla. A & M Univ.
10:37:38 AM Tab 3 - Robert Rubin, Boca Raton, Board of Trustees, Fla. Atlantic Univ.
10:37:47 AM Tab 4 - Kevin J. Price, Estero, Fla. and Kenneth J. Smith, Ft. Myers, Board of Trustees, Fla. Gulf Coast Univ.
10:37:55 AM Tab 5 - Rahul Patel, Atlanta, Board of Trustees, Univ. of Fla.
10:38:07 AM Tab 6- Byron E. Shinn, Bradenton, Board of Trustees, Univ. of South Fla.
10:38:18 AM Tab 7 - Lewis Bear, Jr., Gulf Breeze, Board of Trustees, Univ. of West Fla.
10:38:25 AM Roll call on Confirmation of all appointees - Favorable
10:38:52 AM Sen. Soto - back on SB 1478
10:39:10 AM Chair
10:39:17 AM Sen. Soto - TP the bill
10:39:24 AM Chair, SB 1478 TP'd
10:39:26 AM Sen. Gaetz moves to rise
10:39:33 AM Meeting adjourned