

Dear Florida Poly Community,

I am pleased to announce the appointment of 15 outstanding individuals to serve on the presidential search committee, and formally charge them with selecting the University's second president. The new president will succeed Dr. Randy K. Avent, who will step down after a successful decade as Florida Poly's founding president.

In accordance with Florida Board of Governors Regulation 1.002, the presidential search committee includes representatives from the University Board of Trustees, the Florida Board of Governors, the University Foundation Board of Directors, faculty, administrative staff, the student body, alumni, and the community. University Board of Trustees Vice Chair Beth Kigel will serve as chair of the committee.

Appointing a president is the most important responsibility of the Board of Trustees. I am grateful to Committee Chair Kigel for her leadership and vision, and to each member of the committee for the wisdom, experience, and passion for Florida Poly they will bring to this critical task.

The members of the presidential search committee are:

- Beth Kigel – Chair, Presidential Search Committee; Vice Chair, Florida Poly Board of Trustees
- Wesley Barnett – Community/Business Leader
- Dr. Matt Bohm – Faculty, Professor
- Mark Bostick – Florida Poly Board of Trustees
- Jack Harrell, III – Chair, Florida Poly Foundation Board; Community/Business Leader
- Jordan Jernigan – Florida Poly Alumna; Associate Director of Alumni Relations
- Ken Jones – State University System of Florida Board of Governors
- Stephanie Madden – City of Lakeland Commissioner
- Melia Rodriguez – President, Florida Poly Student Government Association; Florida Poly Board of Trustees
- Dr. Sanna Siddiqui – Faculty, Assistant Professor
- Lyn Stanfield – Florida Poly Board of Trustees
- Bud Strang – Community/Business Leader
- Gary C. Wendt – Florida Poly Board of Trustees
- Dr. David Williams – Florida Poly Board of Trustees
- Donald H. Wilson, Jr. – Community/Business Leader

The presidential search [website](#) will serve as the official resource for information about the process and will contain updates from the search committee, dates for community forums, and other ways input on Florida Poly's next president will be received.

We are committed to conducting a successful search process, and I am confident we will find an exceptionally talented and qualified individual with strong STEM academic management experience to serve as the second president of Florida Polytechnic University.

Sincerely,

Clifford K. Otto, Chair
Florida Polytechnic University Board of Trustees