

State University System

Florida's [State University System](#) is a system of 12 public universities created to provide high quality academic degree programs that will help meet the state's economic and workforce needs and work towards addressing global problems with cutting edge research.

A 17-member Board of Governors (BOG) was created in 2002 by constitutional amendment to oversee the State University System. Of the 17 members, the Governor appoints 14 that are subject to confirmation by the Senate. The remaining three are ex-officio voting members: The state education commissioner, the chair of the Advisory Council of Faculty Senates, and the president of the Florida Student Association.

The BOG's constitutional authority is to support, promote, and enhance the state's education system in providing affordable access to postsecondary educational opportunities. For each university, the BOG is responsible for consisting of cost-effective policy decisions, implementation and maintenance of the quality education programs, measuring their performance, reporting information, and provisional input for education, policy, and budgeting standards. In addition, the Board of Governors is required to establish the powers and duties of each of the 12 public universities' board of trustees.

Each institution has a 13-member [Board of Trustees](#) dedicated to the purposes of the state university system. Each university's Board of Trustees has the fiduciary responsibility for overseeing university operations, establishing cost-effective policies or regulations consistent with Board of Governors' regulations or guidelines, and implementing and maintaining high-quality education programs in accordance with the university's mission. Six of the 13 board members are appointed by the Governor, five by the Board of Governors, and two being ex-officio voting members: a faculty representative and a student government representative.