

RESOLUTION NO. 22-10

RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA, SETTING FORTH THE COMPOSITION AND APPOINTMENTS OF MEMBERSHIP TO THE LEON COUNTY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, in October of 1978, pursuant to the former Florida Statutes Sections 23.145, et. seq., the Charter of the Leon County Research and Development Authority was executed, creating said authority; and,

WHEREAS, in July of 1979, the new Part V, Chapter 159 of the Florida Statutes was enacted and became law, thereby setting forth the requirements for the creation, by Ordinance, of a Research and Development Authority by counties of the state, and empowering such authorities to issue revenue bonds or other such debt obligations to finance the construction of capital projects; and,

WHEREAS, in 1980, the Leon County Board of County Commissioners adopted Ordinance No., 80-68 confirming and creating the existence of the Leon County Research and Development Authority (said Ordinance being codified in Chapter 2, Article III, Division 2, Sections 2-56 through 2-58 of the Code of Laws of Leon County); and,

WHEREAS, Section 2-57 of the Code of Laws of Leon County provides for the composition and number of members of the Authority; and

WHEREAS, on September 13, 2016, the Board adopted Ordinance No. 16-12 to amend Section 2-57 of the Code of Laws of Leon County consistent with Resolution No. 16-19 adopted on July 12, 2016 pertaining to the composition and number of members of the Authority as well as the composition of a nominating committee; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to enact this resolution to comport with Section 2-57 of the Code of Laws of Leon County by modifying the composition of the nominating committee to allow each member to appoint a designee to act on their behalf in their absence; and

WHEREAS, this adopted Resolution will serve to supersede Resolution No. 16-19.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Leon County Board of County Commissioners as follows:

Section 1. The Leon County Board of County Commissioners (the “Board”) hereby ratifies and confirms the existence of the Leon County Research and Development Authority (the “Authority”) as set forth in Chapter 2, Article III, Division 2 of the Code of Laws of Leon County, and as provided for in Chapter 159, Part V, Florida Statutes.

Section 2. The Authority shall be composed of eleven (11) members as described hereinbelow, all of whom shall be residents and electors of, or have their principal place of employment in Leon County, Florida:

1. The President of Florida A & M University or the President of Florida A & M University’s designee, who shall serve ex officio;
2. The President of Florida State University or the President of Florida State University’s designee, who shall serve ex officio;
3. The President of Tallahassee Community College or the President of Tallahassee Community College’s designee, who shall serve ex officio;
4. The Mayor of the City of Tallahassee or the Mayor of the City of Tallahassee’s designee, who shall serve ex officio;
5. One member of the Board, appointed by a duly enacted resolution of the Board, to serve a term of four years or until such time such appointee ceases to be a member of the Board, whichever date earliest occurs; and
6. Six at-large members, all of whom shall be appointed by a duly enacted resolution of the Board, to each serve a term of four years. A nominating committee, composed of the County Administrator or his or her designee, who shall act as the nominating committee’s chairperson, the Director of the Office of Economic Vitality or his or her designee, the Director of the National High Magnetic Field Laboratory at Innovation

Park or his or her designee, the Dean of the Florida State University / Florida A & M University College of Engineering or his or her designee, and the Chair of the Authority or a designee of the Authority when the Chair is applying for reappointment, shall make recommendations to the Board for appointment of the six at-large members to the Authority. All meetings of the nominating committee shall be subject to and comply with the requirements of the Sunshine Law as set forth in section 286.011, Florida Statutes, as may be amended.

Section 3. The Authority is hereby directed to amend its bylaws to include the composition and number of members of the Authority and of the nominating committee as set forth herein.

Section 4. This Resolution shall supersede Resolution No. 16-19 and shall have effect upon adoption.

Proposed, presented and passed this 12th day of April, 2022.

LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA

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Bill Proctor, Chairman

Date: 4/18/2022

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