

Leon County Research and Development Authority
Board of Governors Special Meeting
This meeting was held via teleconference in accordance with
Fla. Exec. Order No. 20-69 as extended by the Governor of Florida.

September 18, 2020
11:00am to 1:00pm

Minutes

Members in Attendance: Kimberly Moore, Eric Holmes, Dave Ramsay, Ray Bye, Keith Bowers, Kristin Dozier, Sonjoy Goswami, Anne Longman.

Members Not in Attendance: John Dailey, April Salter.

Guests: Tony Carvajal, Carvajal Consulting and Management; Larry Robinson, President, Florida A&M University; John Thrasher, President, Florida State University; Stephanie Shoulet, NAI Talcor; Ron Miller, Michael Tentnowski, Naomi Molina, Peggy Bielby, LCRDA Staff.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 11:03am.

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Modifications to the Agenda

None.

4. Introduction of Guests

All present introduced themselves.

5. Universities' Vision for the Future of Innovation Park

Dr. Larry Robinson explained that FAMU is in the midst of its 5-year Strategic Plan, and "Strategic Priority 3: High Impact Research, Commercialization, Outreach, and Extension Services," is vital to its mission. Research capacity/space is critical to FAMU's future and status. Access to people, space, and tools are essential. Innovation Park is an invaluable resource to FAMU.

Dave Ramsay urged Dr. Robinson to commit FAMU to multi-year financial support of the incubator as a strategic partner just as FSU has done.

John Thrasher stated that Innovation Park is critical to FSU's top 20 ranking. FSU occupies 9 of the 17 buildings, and has 12 Centers, 5 Institutes, 3 Departments, and one Foundation located in the Park. FSU plans a \$15million Legislative budget request for deferred maintenance at the MagLab. FSU relies on the Park and wants to continue to collaborate and connect the Park to the community. Local voices need to join with FSU to retain talent and bring more businesses here. Companies from all over come to the COE to recruit.

6. Facilitated Board Vision Discussion

Tony Carvajal led a discussion and planning conversation. Please see attached summary of the conversation.

7. New Business

None.

8. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 1:00pm