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Florida A&M University National Alumni Association (FAMUNAA)

Executive Board Special Meeting Minutes

NAA Executive Board Special Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 5, 2025, at 8:00 p.m.

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ATTENDANCE

Executive Board Members Participating:

Donna Allen; Alan Armstrong (Non-Voting); Howard C. Burton; Robin Carter; COL (RET) Gregory L. Clark; Dr. Carolyn Collins; Morgan Culler; Carmen Cummings (Non-Voting); Joi Davies; Lillian J. Davis, Esq. (Non-Voting); Isis Dukes (Non-Voting); Sharon Duncan; Xavier E. Durden; Angela T. Freeman; Apryl Freeman; Regina Gardner (Non-Voting); Karla J. Harris; Damali Hill; Curtis E. Johnson, Jr.; Charles R. Lewis III (Non-Voting); Joy Lewis (Non-Voting); Jatisha Marsh; Kelvin McDaniel (Non-Voting); Reginald J. Mitchell, Sr., Esq.; Juanita Moore (Non-Voting); Deborah Payton-Jones (Non-Voting); Yolanda L. Pinkard; Artisha R. Polk; Van Russ; Keith L. Shannon; KishaSha Sharp, Esq.; Brandi Tatum-Fedrick (Non-Voting); Edra Taylor (Non-Voting); Andrea Turk; Tonya Ware (Non-Voting); Angelia Williams; Dr. Nannette Williams; and William Youmans.

Guest Speaker:

Kristin Harper, FAMU BOT Chair

Guests Participating:

Eugene Aaron; Miranda Albury; Kaisha Alexander-Johnson; Henry Allen; Dianna Allen-Quin; Kimberly Anderson; Tiffany Ardley; Shanika Asher; Tonya Austin; Shelby Avery; Lesley Baker Jr.; Pamela Barnes; Denise Barrett; Rhonda Battle; William Bibb III; Fran Billingslea; Chantell Black; Ronteryl Black; Kim Blount; Lillie Bonner; Janelle Brevard; Marc Brewington; Jazmin Brooks; Pamela Brooks-Thomas; Gerald Brown; Tanya Brown; Edward Bryant Jr; Barbara Burns; Busara Burns; Jeremiah Carter; Zinethia Carter; Carolyn Chatman; Laketra Claiborne; Sabrina Clark; Nichelle Clemons; Tasha Cole; Denetra Collins; Michael Collins; Terri Collins; Kim Colston; Reginald Colston; Ellen Cook; Michelle Cook; Ashleigh Cooper; Bernita Cox;

Thieshia Cox; S. Sharelle Dailey; Louis Davenport; A Davis; Anthony Davis; Yolanda Davis; Jocelyn DeRamus; Kallie Donaldson; Dana Dorsett; Jean Downing; Elgin Duckery; Linette Dudley; Art Edwards; Connie Evans; Kimberly Evans; Aisha Fairfax; Garland Fitzhugh; Dorothy Flowers; Donte Ford; Emma Fountain; Eric Gaines; Robert Gaines; Jeri Garrison; Teddy Gilmore; Carmen Goldsmith, Ph.D.; Torrin Goodrum; Mildred Graham; Tonya Graham; Patrick Gray; Michelle Green; Pamela Greene; Sonya Hadley; Boris Hall; Ciera Hall; Sandra Hall; Lillian Hammer; Keyon Hammond; Lanese Harris; C.Denise Hendricks; Kim Hickman; Felechia Hill; Tanya Hill; Patricia Hinson; Ruth Hobbs; Wendell Holden; Kimberly Holloway; Erica Hooks; Ken Howard; Lorenzo Howard; Marilyn Hudson; Helen Inman; Elonda's iPhone; Donald Jackson; Melody Jacobs; Tiffany James; Alison Jemmott; Boderick Johnson; Joel Johnson; Keshia Johnson; Kristen Johnson; L.-Verlonda Johnson; Pamela Johnson; Rhonda Johnson; Vicki Johnson; Ben Johnson, Jr.; Jana Johnson-Davis; Cheryl Jones; Lanette Jones; Anika Khan; Elliott Kiadii; Horace Knight; Jameskia Lacey; Lisa Lang; Tonja Latham; Janis Lindsay; Derrick Manning; Kelley Marshall; Nikita McCaskill; Tracy McClure; Eleanor McCoy; Shelley McCray; Jimmie McDaniel; Primesha McGirt; Richard McGriff; Carmita McMullen; Dana McPherson; Jacques Meadows; Charlotte Merritt; Famu Mike; Willie Miller, II.; Rachella Moody; Terry Moore; Gayle Morgan-Bryant; Viola Murphy; Elisha Myra; Barbara Nolen; Floyd Patterson; Avis Payne; Charlie Pelham; Brenda Perry; Dyelan Phillips; Jasmine Phillips; Maurice Pickett; Alexis Pierce-Goodman; Lareatha Polk; K Proudford; Helki Pruitt; Yvette Pugh; Sylnovia Rabb; Richelle Ransom; AndraLica Reddick; Geraldine Reese; Tameka Reese; Tangela Richardson; Farrah Ridgeway; Tchanavian Roche; Rod Rose; Pierre Rutledge; Trish Sandlin; Patricia Shaw; Patricia Shaw; Sabrina Shirley; Alexandria Sheryl; Angela Sikes; Laetitia Sims; Valeria Singleton; Mary Smith; Lashandra Span; Lashandra Span; Shelena Spencer; Gloria Spradley-Brown; Layla Stafford; Miaya Stevenson; Venetia Steward; Rick Still; Cicely Suttle; Kay Sutton; LaKeisha Swan; Karla Taylor; Steven Taylor; Chris Taylor-Johnson, Ed.D.; Shandale Terrell; Cilicia Thomas; Tola Thompson; Dianne Thornton; Shawn Tidwell; Cicely Vance; Carolyn Waddell; Margie Wade; Belysia Walker; Jamie Walker; Keshia Walker; Leila Walker; Zina Walker; Angela Ward; Natalie Washington; Linda Watson; Phyllis Watson; Sheldon Watson; Lenita Wesson; Jai White; Alicia Williams; Cecilia Williams; Gerald Williams; Jolorie Williams; Renae Williams; Tijuana Williams; Dianne Williams-Cox; Regina Willingham; Melissa Wilson; Michelle Wilson; Lynette Wims; Vanessa Woodard-Byers; Luwando Wright; Tamela York; Freddie Young; and Tiffinni Young.

I. CALL TO ORDER - Curtis E. Johnson, Jr., President

President Curtis E. Johnson, Jr. called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

II. INVOCATION – Keith L. Shannon; Chaplain

Chaplain Keith L. Shannon gave the opening prayer.

III. FAMU PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH UPDATE - Kristin Harper, FAMU BOT Chair

FAMU Board of Trustees (BOT) Chair Kristin Harper gave brief remarks. She congratulated all the recent FAMU graduates. She then outlined the process for electing a FAMU President. She explained that the identities of all applicants are not public record, nor in the sunshine (i.e. “in the shade”) until they become Search Committee Finalists that are reviewed and approved by the Florida Board of Governors (BOG) Chair. Once the finalists are approved by the BOG Chair, their names become public (i.e. “In the sunshine”). BOG Search Committee approved finalists are then forwarded to the FAMU Board of Trustees (BOT) for their vote on the final candidate. Finally the Florida BOG must approve (i.e. ratify) the final candidate. She also discussed the finalists schedule, opportunity for input from stakeholders, and Presidential pay requirements. **The discussion was for informational purposes only. No vote was taken.**

MALICIOUS EMAIL - Curtis E. Johnson, Jr., President (See Attachment)

President Johnson did mention the recent unacceptable email sent out attacking NAA 1VP Artisha R. Polk. President Johnson reiterated the sentiment of the released statement condemning the letter. He pledged that there will be a full investigation to uncover the source of the email. He further stated “...wherever this goes, whoever did this there will be consequences.”

III. ROLL CALL & QUORUM CONFIRMATION – Joy Lewis, Assistant Recording Secretary

Assistant Recording Secretary Joy Lewis confirmed that there was a quorum of voting executive board members present.

IV. DECLARATION CONFLICT OF INTEREST

N/A

IV. ACTION ITEMS – (See Attachment) (Action Item)

- A. NAA Elections Update, COL Gregory L. Clark (RET), Past President &**
- B. Elections Committee Chair (See Attachment) (Action Item)**

Past President COL Gregory L. Clark (RET) presented the voter turnout results of the current NAA Primary Elections. The Executive Board voted to ratify the results. 2VP Yolanda L. Pinkard moved to certify the election results. Angelia Williams seconded the

motion. **The motion passed near unanimously with the exception of Carolyn Collins opposing the motion.**

The runoff for the top two candidates in terms of votes in the Presidential and Vice-Presidential races will begin Friday, May the 9, 2025 and last until Sunday, May 19, 2025 at 11:59 p.m. Finally, Reginald Mitchell moved to approve the \$325 to get the detailed data from Survey and Ballots showing the cities where people voted from. Artisha Polk seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Newly elected officers will be installed at the national convention. General Counsel Kisha'sha Sharp Esq. state that we are doing an investigation regarding the use of private emails and phone numbers and we'll report back out to the members. We don't have conclusive information regarding what happened.

X. GOOD OF THE ORDER

N/A

XI. BENEDICTION

Chaplain Keith Shannon gave the closing prayer.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

**ATTACHMENT
REPORTS**

of

Wednesday,

May 5, 2025

NAA Executive

Board Special

Meeting



FAMU NATIONAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (FAMU NAA) EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

LOCATION: Zoom
DATE: May 5, 2025
TIME: 8:00 p.m. (ET)
Passcode: 735918
Phone 1-tap:
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<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89330002923?pwd=aumJ0pmo4PO3VvS22jZaMuR7aQUc0x.1>

MEETING AGENDA

Presiding: Curtis E. Johnson, Jr., President

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| I. CALL TO ORDER | Curtis E. Johnson, Jr., President |
| II. OPENING PRAYER | Keith Shannon, Chaplain |
| III. GUEST SPEAKER | Kristin Harper, FAMU BOT Chair |
| IV. ROLL CALL | Reginald J. Mitchell, Sr., Recording Secretary |
| V. PUBLIC COMMENTS
(LIMIT: 2 MINUTES) | |
| VI. NEW BUSINESS | a) NAA Elections Update, COL Gregory L. Clark (RET), Past President & Elections Committee Chair |
| VII. OFFICER / COMMITTEE
REPORTS (NO ACTION
REQUIRED) | N/A |
| VIII. GOOD OF THE ORDER | |
| IX. PRAYER | Keith Shannon, Chaplain |

FAMU NAA

FLORIDA AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL UNIVERSITY NATIONAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University National Alumni Association, Inc.

Curtis E. Johnson Jr., President

Date: May 6, 2025

Good Afternoon, Rattlers,

It has come to my attention that a malicious and unauthorized email targeting our First Vice President, Artisha Polk, was circulated earlier today. This calculated and reprehensible act is not only an invasion of her privacy but also a direct attack on the integrity of our organization during a crucial election period.

Let me be clear: such actions are completely unacceptable and are in direct contradiction to the values and standards of the FAMU National Alumni Association. This message is a violation of the protocols we have put in place for messaging members during this election or any other communication. Those responsible—whether internal or external—will be held accountable.

I have referred this matter to the appropriate authorities for a full investigation and potential legal action. Additionally, I have directed our Media & Technology Teams to conduct a comprehensive internal review to determine if any breach of our systems occurred and to immediately strengthen our security protocols moving forward.

We will not be intimidated or distracted. Our focus remains on ensuring fair and transparent elections, and I will continue to keep our members informed as new developments arise.

I stand firmly with First Vice President Artisha Polk and commend her continued strength and leadership in the face of this malicious attempt to undermine our progress.

Sincerely,

Curtis E. Johnson, Jr.

Curtis E. Johnson, Jr. 19th President
Florida A&M University National Alumni Association



FAMU NAA Elections Committee Report



Presented By Col. Gregory L. Clark, Chair
January 15, 2025



Recommended Election Time Line (2025)

Jan 15th-(Wednesday)

- Receive Permission from NAA Board to Engage Surveys & Ballots.

Jan 15th-(Wednesday)

- Begin work with NAA Leadership to certify the voters.

Jan 16th- (Thursday)

- Campaigning begins

Midnight Jan 31st (Friday)

- Last day to pay dues at all applicable levels to be eligible to vote in election
- -Life Member – \$750 paid in full
- -Annual Member- must be paid in full (national, regional and local)

Mar 3rd (Monday) & March 17th & Mar 31st

- Candidates to send flyer and bio note to Joi Davies by Mon Feb 24th
- Corresponding Secretary will send out **a comprehensive email slate** to voting membership. If sent multiple times, all candidates **MUST BE INCLUDED**.

Apr 1st (Tuesday)

- Voting Begins

May 1st by Midnight (Thursday)

- Voting Ends

May 5th (Monday)

- NAA Executive Board Special Meeting (Results Announced)

May 9th (Friday)

- Run Off Begins

May 18th- (Sunday)

- Run Off Ends