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**The University Foundation at Sacramento State
Governance Committee Meeting**

Thursday, September 11, 2025 – 2:30 p.m.

Zoom

Committee Members Present:

Bernice Bass de Martinez, *Committee Chair*
Fred Baldini
Sue McGinty
Pam Stewart
Michael Reza, *Executive Officer*

Guests:

Jennifer Barber, *Alumni Relations*
Alice Perez, *Board Chair*

Advancement Staff:

Renee Siden

Committee Members Absent:

Vanessa Guerra, *Committee Vice Chair*
Ryan Murphy

MINUTES

- Chair Bernice Bass de Martinez called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. with a quorum
- Public Comments – none
- Bass de Martinez requested an adjustment to the agenda to move Review of the Committee Charter to the top of the agenda – including the approval of the revised Sept. 11, 2025 agenda
 - Motion: Fred Baldini
 - Second: Sue McGinty
 - Unanimous approval
- Review of Committee Charter
 - Bass de Martinez asked the committee members to think about how our work is guided by the current committee charter
 - Alice Perez mentioned that there will be time set aside at the Board Retreat for each committee to review their charter
- Approval of the May 9, 2025 minutes
 - Motion: Pam Stewart
 - Second: Baldini
 - With no corrections or objections, the minutes were unanimously approved.
- Committee Updates – Bass de Martinez
 - Margot Bach resigned from the Board

- Transition in University President and University Advancement Vice President leads to transition in Board members
- Reza mentioned that transition provides opportunity to add people to our Board that are aligned with where the University is headed
- Perez suggested bringing on new Board members as soon as we identify them as opposed to bringing new members on annually
- Stewart brought up that there is nothing in the Governance Committee Charter about only bringing new Board members on annually
- Stewart pointed out that we need to consult with President Wood about who he wants on the Board (the ideal Board member)
- Reza stated that we will be adding goals for the Board members
- Discussion: Holding Virtual Board Meetings
 - Reza
 - i. Align Board meetings to Sac State events that bring people to campus (DAA, Homecoming, etc.)
 - ii. Set up an expectation of a minimum number of meetings that must be attended in-person
 - iii. Zoom option with expectation to be in-person
 - iv. Offer different rules for Board members that live further than an hour away as far as how many meetings they must attend in-person
 - v. Need to build relationships in areas outside of Sacramento
 - Motion was made by Sue McGinty and Ryan Murphy
 - i. The governance committee recommends that the board set clear expectations for board meeting attendance including expectations for in-person meeting attendance as well as options for attending meetings remotely.
 - ii. Renee Siden will send out an email with the motion to the committee so that they can vote by email.
- Other Business
 - Reza–
 - i. Working on hiring a Foundation support position (parttime)
 - ii. Will be able to post the position soon
 - iii. We will send the position out to the Board once it's posted
- A motion was made to move to closed session to discuss personnel issues
 - Motion: McGinty
 - Second: Stewart
 - Approved
- Meeting was adjourned at 4:01 p.m.
 - Motion: McGinty
 - Second: Baldini
 - Approved