



**Special Committee on the College of Law Meeting  
June 11, 2025  
11:15 a.m.  
Grand Ballroom**

**Committee Members:** Belvin Perry, Chair  
Natie Figgers and Emery Gainey

**AGENDA**

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| <b>I.</b>  | Call to Order | Chair Belvin Perry    |
| <b>II.</b> | Roll Call     | Ms. Valerie Singleton |

**INFORMATIONAL ITEM**

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| <b>III.</b> | Committee Report and Recommendations | Trustee Perry |
| <b>IV.</b>  | Adjournment                          |               |

FLORIDA  UNIVERSITY  
Board of Trustees INFORMATION ITEM

**Special Committee on the College of Law**  
**Wednesday, June 11, 2025**  
**Agenda Item: III**

**Subject:** Report and Recommendations from the Special Committee on the College of Law

**Background Information and Summary:** The Special Committee on the College of Law was established in April 2025 in response to the Gunster Assessment Report prepared by Simone Marstiller. The report highlighted critical institutional challenges affecting the FAMU College of Law, including bar passage rates, faculty performance, strategic alignment, and student readiness.

The Committee, composed of trustees, faculty, students, alumni, and legal professionals, convened over 20 hours of publicly noticed Zoom sessions and subcommittee workgroups. The effort was collaborative, transparent, and firmly aligned with the University's Boldly Striking Strategic Plan.

**Committee Members:**

- Judge Dan Traver
- Professor Patricia Broussard
- Dr. Carl Cartwright, Student Representative
- Mr. Earnie Ellison
- Trustee Emery Gainey
- Professor Jonathan Fineman
- Associate Provost and Interim Dean Cecil Howard
- Professor Lundy Langston
- Amber Newsome, Student Representative
- Professor Robert Abrams
- Attorney Sean Pittman
- Professor Eurilynne Williams
- Ex Officio: Provost Allyson Watson
- Atty. Avery McKnight
- President Timothy Beard

**Summary of Key Recommendations:**

1. OL Summer Bridge Program
2. Practice-Ready Legal Education and Centers of Excellence
3. New Vision and Mission Statement
4. Expansion of RISE and Student Support Services
5. Strategic Plan Redesign