

**Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute Foundation, Inc.
Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Directors
of Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute Foundation, Inc.
Held on September 22, 2014**

A Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute Foundation, Inc. was called to order at the Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute at Florida Atlantic University's ("HBOI at FAU") campus in Fort Pierce, Florida at 2:00 pm on September 22, 2014.

The following Board members were present:

Joseph Duke, Chair*
Michael O'Reilly, Treasurer*
William J. Stewart, Esq., Secretary*
Megan Davis, PhD., Interim Executive Director, HBOI
Nancy Higgs
Marilyn C. Link, Director Emeritus*
Jacqui Thurlow-Lippisch*
Sherry Plymale*
Karl Steene*
Mike Toner*

The following Board members were absent:

C. Amos Bussmann
Michael D. Minton, Esq., Vice Chair
Robert Stilley

Also in attendance:

Katha Kissman, President & CEO, HBOIF
Colleen Brennan, Director of Operations, HBOIF

*attended via telephonic conference call

1. Determination of Quorum

The Chairman determined that a quorum for the meeting existed and called the meeting to order.

2. Discussion of a proposed letter to Governor Rick Scott

The Chairman reminded the Board that the meeting had been called because he had been alerted to an issue raised by the Everglades Foundation regarding US Sugar land that may be part of a proposed development in Hendry County which might affect the implementation of the Central Everglades Planning Project (CEPP).

Upon discussion and with the review of subsequent information received and provided verbally in the meeting, it was proposed that HBOIF write a thank you letter to Governor Scott for his attention to the issues as they relate Harbor Branch's research on the environmental health issues of the Indian River Lagoon and to underscore HBOIF's support of Harbor Branch's special expertise in this area.

By roll call vote, it was unanimously agreed that Katha Kissman and Megan Davis would be charged with drafting such a letter, with review by Bill Stewart. The letter would be routed to each Board member for their concurrence with the letter, and upon individual agreement, names of the board would be listed on the letter to be sent to Governor Scott.

3. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the meeting, upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting of the Board of Directors was adjourned at 2:25 pm.

William J. Stewart, Secretary