SECTION 8. Florida college system.—

(a) PURPOSES. In order to maximize open access for students, respond to community needs for postsecondary academic education and career degree education, and provide associate and baccalaureate degrees that will best meet the state's employment needs, the people hereby establish a system of governance for the Florida college system.

(b) FLORIDA COLLEGE SYSTEM. There shall be a single Florida college system comprised of two-year and four-year public postsecondary educational institutions that grant academic degrees at the undergraduate level as provided by law. An institution within the Florida college system may not offer graduate degree programs.

(c) LOCAL BOARDS OF TRUSTEES. Each institution within the Florida college system shall be governed by a local board of trustees as provided by law. The membership of each local board of trustees shall be as provided by law.

(d) FLORIDA COLLEGE BOARD. The Florida college board shall oversee and coordinate the Florida college system as provided by law. The governor shall appoint to the board six citizens dedicated to the purposes of the Florida college system. The appointed members shall be confirmed by the senate and serve staggered terms of four years as provided by law. The commissioner of education shall also be a member of the board.