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University of South Carolina
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Board of Trustees – Called
In Person, Osborne Administration Building, Room 107
and By Microsoft Teams
April 23, 2025

OPEN SESSION

I. Call to Order

Chair Westbrook called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Secretary Howell confirmed Trustees attending in person and by Microsoft Teams audio and video conference.

Committee Members in attendance:

Thad H. Westbrook, *Board Chair*
Rose Buyck Newton, *Board Vice Chair*
C. Dan Adams
W. Michael Bond
Coleman Floyd Buckhouse
Alex English
Brian C. Harlan
Henry L. Jolly, Jr.
Richard A. Jones Jr.
Hubert F. Mobley
Leah B. Moody
Emma W. Morris
Reid T. Sherard
C. Dorn Smith III
John C. von Lehe Jr.
Ellen Weaver
Charles Williams

Others in attendance:

Courtney Tkacs, USC Columbia Student Government President
Wayne Outten, USC Columbia Faculty Senate Chair

Administrators in attendance:

Michael Amiridis, President
Cameron Howell, University Secretary and Secretary of the Board of Trustees

Donna Arnett, Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost
Terry Parham, General Counsel

Media in attendance:

None

Notice:

Chair Westbrook stated notice of the meeting and agenda had been posted and the press notified as required by the Freedom of Information Act; the agenda and supporting materials had been circulated to the Board; and a quorum was present to conduct business.

MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Westbrook stated there was a need for an Executive Session for the receipt of legal advice regarding an Athletics agreement with Delta Airlines and a gift naming agreement.

Dr. Smith made the motion to enter Executive Session. Mr. Mobley seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

– Executive Session Removed

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

II. Approval of Minutes

The following sets of minutes were presented for approval.

- A. Academic Excellence and Student Experience Committee – December 17, 2024
- B. Academic Excellence and Student Experience Subcommittee on Honorary Degrees – March 17, 2025
- C. Advancement, Engagement and Communications Committee – February 21, 2025
- D. Audit, Compliance and Risk Committee – March 17, 2025
- E. Board of Trustees – December 17, 2024
- F. Board of Trustees (Morning) – March 17, 2025
- G. Board of Trustees (Afternoon) – March 17, 2025
- H. Finance and Infrastructure Committee – December 17, 2024
 - I. Finance and Infrastructure Committee – March 17, 2025
- J. Governance Committee – December 17, 2024
- K. Governance Committee – March 17, 2025
- L. Governance Committee (Called) – March 31, 2025
- M. Health and Medical Affairs Committee – February 21, 2025
- N. University System Committee – February 21, 2025

Dr. Jolly made a motion to approve the minutes as circulated. Dr. Smith seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved.

III. Approval of Charter Flight Agreement with Delta Airlines

Chair Westbrook stated an Athletics charter flight agreement with Delta Airlines was presented in Executive Session without objection.

Dr. Smith made a motion to approve the charter flight agreement. Mr. Adams seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved.

IV. Approval of Gift Naming Agreement

Vice President for Development Michelle Dodenhoff presented a gift agreement to establish and name the University of South Carolian McCausland College of Arts and Sciences.

Dr. Smith made a motion to approve the gift agreement as presented. Dr. Jolly seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved.

Ms. Dodenhoff presented a gift agreement to name the Evans Scholars' Foundation portion of Thornwell Hall as the McCausland Scholarship House for Evans Scholars for so long as the Evans Scholars occupy the space, as outlined in the McCausland Foundation gift agreement with the Evans Scholars Foundation.

Ms. Moody made a motion to approve the gift agreement as presented. Mr. Mobley seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved.

V. Adjournment

Chair Westbrook declared the meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cameron Howell
Secretary