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University of South Carolina
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Advancement, Engagement and Communications Committee

In Person, Floyd Boardroom, Pastides Alumni Center
and By Microsoft Teams
February 21, 2025

OPEN SESSION

I. Call to Order

Chair Sherard called the meeting to order at 9:21 a.m. Secretary Howell confirmed Trustees attending in person and by Microsoft Teams audio and video conference.

Committee Members in attendance:

Reid Sherard, Chair
W. Michael Bond
Brian C. Harlan
Leah B. Moody
C. Dorn Smith III
Charles Williams (online)
Rose Buyck Newton, *Board Vice Chair*
Thad H. Westbrook, *Board Chair*

Committee Members absent:

C. Dan Adams
Ellen Weaver

Other Trustees in attendance:

Coleman F. Buckhouse
Alex English
Henry L. Jolly Jr. (online)
Richard A. Jones Jr.
Hubert F. Mobley
Emma W. Morris
John C. von Lehe Jr.

Others in attendance:

Patton Byars, USC Columbia Student Government President
Wayne Outten, USC Columbia Faculty Senate Chair
Robin Roberts, Advisor to the Advancement, Engagement and Communication Committee
(online)
David Seaton, Advisor to the Governance Committee (online)

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
Ed Walton, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Media in attendance:

Hayden Davis, *Carolina News and Reporter*
Ian Grenier, the *Post and Courier*
Alexa Jurado, the *State*

Notice:

Chair Sherard 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 Committee; and a quorum was present to conduct business.

MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Sherard stated there was a need for an Executive Session for the discussion of the terms for a pending gift.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

– Executive Session Removed

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

II. Development Update

Vice President for Development Michelle Dodenhoff provided a development update.

The update was received as information.

III. Economic Engagement Update

Vice President Steve Cutler provided an economic engagement update.

The update was received as information.

IV. Government Relations Update

A. State Government Relations Update

Director of Public Affairs and Advocacy Craig Parks presented a state government relations update.

The update was received as information.

B. Federal Government Relations Update

USC Congressional Liaison Steve Beckham presented a federal government relations update.

The update was received as information.

V. Committee Matrix

Chair Sherard stated the Committee matrix was updated and circulated in advance of the meeting and received as information.

VI. Other Matters

Chair Sherard called for any other matters to come before the Committee. There were none.

VII. Adjournment

Chair Sherard declared the meeting adjourned at 10:31 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cameron Howell
Secretary