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University of South Carolina  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Board of Trustees

In Person, Floyd Boardroom, Pastides Alumni Center  
and By Microsoft Teams  
June 20, 2025

OPEN SESSION

I. Call to Order

Chair Westbrook called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m. Interim Secretary Bradley 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. (online)  
Richard A. Jones Jr. (online)  
Hubert F. Mobley  
Leah B. Moody  
Emma W. Morris (online)  
Reid T. Sherard (online)  
C. Dorn Smith III  
John C. von Lehe Jr.  
Ellen Weaver  
Charles Williams (online)

Others in attendance:

Courtney Tkacs, 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

Administrators in attendance:

Michael Amiridis, President

Stacey Bradley, Interim 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:

Ian Grenier, the *Post & Courier*

Alexa Jurado, the *State*

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.

II. Invocation

Father Paul Sterne, C.S. Lewis Student Center Campus Minister, delivered the invocation.

MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Westbrook stated there was a need for an Executive Session for the discussion of personnel matters related to candidates for the Board of Visitors and the annual evaluation of the President.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

— Executive Session Removed

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

III. Approval of Minutes

The following sets of minutes were circulated for review in advance of the meeting.

A. Board of Trustees Retreat – January 24, 2025

B. Board of Trustees (Called) – May 22, 2025

C. University System Committee – April 23, 2025

Mr. English made a motion to approve the minutes as circulated. Mr. Harlan seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved.

#### IV. Consent Agendas

The following Committees' written consent agendas were submitted for approval.

- A. Academic Excellence and Student Experience Committee – June 20, 2025
- B. Finance and Infrastructure Committee – June 20, 2025
- C. Governance Committee – June 20, 2025

Ms. Weaver made a motion to approve the consent agendas as published. Mr. Harlan seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved.

#### V. Approval of FY26 Budget

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Ed Walton presented the FY26 Budget for approval.

Dr. Smith made a motion to approval of FY26 budget as presented. Mr. English seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved.

#### VI. Second Approval of Revisions to Board Bylaws

Revisions to Board Bylaws were circulated for a second approval in advance of the meeting.

Mr. Adams made a motion for second approval to revisions to Board Bylaws. Ms. Moody seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved.

#### VII. Approval of Candidates for the Board of Visitors

The following slate of candidates nominated to fill expired terms on the Board of Visitors effective September 1, 2025 to August 31, 2028 were presented in Executive Session without objection.

- A. Herbert Bradley to represent the 1<sup>st</sup> Judicial Circuit for a second term
- B. Brooks Moss to represent the 7<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit for a second term
- C. Blair Stoudemire to represent the 10<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit
- D. Gary Daniels, Jr. to represent the 13<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit
- E. Carol Stewart, Ph.D. to represent the Gubernatorial Designee

Mr. Mobley made a motion to approve the slate of candidates for the Board of Visitors. Ms. Moody seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved.

#### VIII. Approval of Palmetto College Chancellor

President Amiridis presented a candidate for Palmetto College Chancellor for approval.

Ms. Moody made a motion to approve Dr. Craig Wilson as the Palmetto College Chancellor. Dr. Smith seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved.

IX. Approval of the Annual Evaluation of the Chief Audit Executive

The annual evaluation of the Chief Audit Executive was discussed in Executive Session of the Audit, Compliance and Risk Committee earlier in the day without objection.

Mr. English made a motion to approve a 4% increase to Ms. Dunleavy's salary. Mr. Adams seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved.

X. 2026 Board Calendar

A proposed 2026 Board calendar was circulated for review.

The calendar was received as information.

XI. Recognition of Faculty Senate Chair Wayne Outten

The University of South Carolina Board of Trustees presented a certificate of appreciation to Dr. Wayne Outten for his outstanding contributions and service as the USC Columbia Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees.

Mr. Mobley made a request adoption the resolution by acclamation. Mr. English seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved.

XII. Approval of the Annual Evaluation of the President

The annual evaluation of the President was discussed in Executive Session without objection.

Ms. Moody made a motion to approve the University's documentation for the President's annual evaluation. Mr. von Lehe seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved.

Ms. Moody made a motion to approve increase President Amiridis's total compensation to \$1.15 million. Dr. Smith seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved.

XIII. President's Report

President Amiridis presented the President's report.

The report was received as information.

XIV. Other Matters

Chair Westbrook called for any other matters to come before the Board. There were none.

III. Adjournment

Chair Westbrook declared the meeting adjourned at 2:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacey Bradley  
Interim Secretary