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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  
December 16, 2025

OPEN SESSION

I. Call to Order

Chair Westbrook called the meeting to order at 1:20 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.  
Hubert F. Mobley  
Leah B. Moody  
Emma W. Morris  
Reid T. Sherard  
C. Dorn Smith III  
J. Strom Thurmond Jr.  
John C. von Lehe Jr.  
Charles Williams

Members absent:

Ellen Weaver

Others in attendance:

Courtney Tkacs, USC Columbia Student Government President  
Liam Hein, USC Columbia Faculty Senate Chair  
Robin Roberts, Advisor to the Advancement, Engagement and Communication Committee

David Seaton, Advisor to the Governance Committee (online)

Administrators in attendance:

Michael Amiridis, President

Stacey Bradley, Interim University Secretary and Secretary of the Board of Trustees

Mary Anne Fitzpatrick, Interim Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost

Terry Parham, General Counsel

Ed Walton, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Media in attendance:

Alexa Juardo, 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

Pastor Jesse Canniff-Kuhn with Lutheran Campus Ministry delivered the invocation.

MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Westbrook stated there was a need for an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters regarding candidates for the Board of Visitors.

Dr. Smith made the motion to enter Executive Session. Mr. Sherard 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. Audit, Compliance and Risk Committee – October 24, 2025

B. Board of Trustees (Called) – October 14, 2025

C. Finance and Infrastructure Committee – October 24, 2025

D. University System Committee – October 24, 2025

Mr. Mobley 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 – December 16, 2025
- B. Audit, Compliance and Risk Committee (Called) – December 16, 2025
- C. Finance and Infrastructure Committee – October 14, 2025 and December 16, 2025
- D. Governance Committee – December 16, 2025

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

#### V. Project Bond Approvals

The following bond resolutions recommended for approval by the Finance and Infrastructure Committee were circulated for approval in advance of the meeting.

- A. State Institutional Bond Resolution – McKissick Building Renovation
- B. State Institutional Bond Resolution – Barnwell College Renovation

Mr. Adams made a motion to approve the bond resolutions as circulated. Mr. von Lehe seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved.

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

The following slate of three Presidential candidates nominated to serve a first three-year term effective September 1, 2025 through August 31, 2028 were presented for approval.

- A. Jeffrey Gossett, nominated by President Amiridis as a Presidential Appointee
- B. Allen Klump, nominated by President Amiridis as a Presidential Appointee
- C. James Scott, nominated by President Amiridis as a Presidential Appointee

Mr. Williams made a motion to approval of slate of candidates for the Board of Visitors as presented. Ms. Newton seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved.

#### VII. Approval of Confidential Candidates for the Award of Honorary Degree

The Academic Excellence and Student Experience Committee recommended a slate of seven confidential candidates for the award of Honorary Degree.

Mr. Adams made a motion to approve the slate as recommended. Ms. Moody second the motion. Mr. Sherard abstained. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved.

Chair Westbrook stated the confidential slate of candidates was approved and candidates would “lay on the table” for five years. Only the President and Board leadership may initiate an invitation to a nominee on the table.

VIII. President's Report

President Michael Amiridis presented the President's report.

The report was received as information.

IX. Other Matters

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

X. Adjournment

Chair Westbrook declared the meeting adjourned at 2:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacey Bradley  
Interim Secretary