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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
March 17, 2025

OPEN SESSION

I. Call to Order

Chair Westbrook called the meeting to order at 4:08 p.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 (online)
Henry L. Jolly, Jr.
Richard A. Jones Jr.
Hubert F. Mobley
Leah B. Moody
Reid T. Sherard (online)
John C. von Lehe Jr. (online)
Ellen Weaver (online)

Member absent:

Emma W. Morris
C. Dorn Smith III
Charles Williams

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
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, the *Daily Gamecock*

Alexa Jurado, the *State*

Kevin Miller, GamecockCentral.com

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

Reverend Jad Taylor, Campus Minister with the Methodist Student Network, delivered the invocation.

III. Approval of Consent Agendas

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

A. Academic Excellence and Student Experience Committee - March 17, 2025

B. Audit, Compliance and Risk Committee - March 17, 2025

C. Finance and Infrastructure Committee - March 17, 2025

D. Governance Committee - March 17, 2025

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

IV. Approval of Confidential Candidate for Honorary Degrees

Chair Westbrook stated one confidential candidate for the award of honorary degree was approved by President Amiridis, the Academic Excellence and Student Experience Subcommittee on Honorary Degrees, and the Academic Excellence and Student Experience Committee.

Mr. Adams made a motion to approve the confidential candidate. Ms. Newton seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved.

Chair Westbrook stated the confidential candidate was approved and will "lay on the table" for five years.

V. First Approval of Revisions to Board Bylaws

Ms. Moody made a motion for first approval to revisions to Board Bylaws. Mr. von Lehe seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved. [031725 BOT OS V]

VI. USC Upstate Report

This agenda item was postponed until a later date.

VII. Certificate of Appreciation for Patton Byars

Chair Westbrook presented a certificate of appreciation on behalf of the Board of Trustees to outgoing USC Student Body President Patton Byars in appreciation for his service to the Board.

VIII. President's Report

President Amiridis presented the President's report.

The report was received as information.

MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Westbrook stated there was a need for an Executive Session for the receipt of legal advice regarding interpretation of a state statute.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

– Executive Session Removed

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

III. Adjournment

Chair Westbrook declared the meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cameron Howell
Secretary