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University of South Carolina
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Board of Trustees – Called
In Person, Osborne Administration Building, Room 206B
and By Microsoft Teams
May 22, 2025

OPEN SESSION

I. Call to Order

Chair Westbrook called the meeting to order at 4:00 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* (online)
Rose Buyck Newton, *Board Vice Chair* (online)
C. Dan Adams (online)
W. Michael Bond (online)
Coleman Floyd Buckhouse (online)
Alex English (online)
Brian C. Harlan (online)
Henry L. Jolly, Jr. (online)
Richard A. Jones Jr. (online)
Hubert F. Mobley (online)
Leah B. Moody (online)
Emma W. Morris (online)
Reid T. Sherard (online)
C. Dorn Smith III (online)
John C. von Lehe Jr. (online)
Ellen Weaver (online)

Member absent:

Charles Williams

Others in attendance:

Courtney Tkacs, USC Columbia Student Government President (online)
Robin Roberts, Advisor to the Advancement, Engagement and Communications Committee (online)

David Seaton, Advisor to the Governance Committee (online)

Administrators in attendance:

Michael Amiridis, President (online)

Cameron Howell, University Secretary and Secretary of the Board of Trustees

Terry Parham, General Counsel (online)

Ed Walton, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Media in attendance:

Chris Clark, GamecockCentral.com

David Cloninger, the *Post & Courier*

Jordan Kaye, the *State*

Dwayne McLemore, the *State*

Naomi Popa, WISTV

John Whittle, the BigSpur.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.

MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Westbrook stated there was a need for an Executive Session for the receipt of legal advice regarding contractual matters related to phase two renovations of Williams-Brice stadium, a bond approval for funding of the Williams-Brice stadium renovations, a proposed gift naming, the annual evaluation of the President by the Governance Committee and full Board, the annual evaluation of the Chief Audit Executive, and personnel matters regarding the election of an Interim Secretary of the Board of Trustees.

Mr. Sherard 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 circulated for review in advance of the meeting.

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

B. Advancement, Engagement and Communications Committee – April 23, 2025

C. Board of Trustees (Called) – April 23, 2025

- D. Joint Meeting of the Academic Excellence and Student Experience Committee and the Finance and Infrastructure Committee – April 24, 2025
- E. Health and Medical Affairs Committee – April 23, 2025

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

III. Approval of Phase Two Renovations to Williams-Brice Stadium

Athletics Director Jeremiah Donati provided an overview of phase two renovations to Williams-Brice stadium for approval. University Architect Derek Gruner presented details of the project plan.

Ms. Newton made a motion to approve the phase two renovations to Williams-Brice stadium as presented. Dr. Jolly seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved.

IV. Approval of Bond Resolution for Williams-Brice Stadium

University Controller Mandy Kibler presented a bond resolution for funding of phase two renovations of Williams-Brice stadium.

Dr. Smith made a motion to approve the bond resolution as presented. Ms. Newton seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved.

V. Election of Interim Secretary

Chair Westbrook stated that Secretary Howell has been assigned to complete a special project on behalf of the University and the Board of Trustees.

Chair Westbrook called for a motion to approve Stacey Bradley as Interim Secretary effective May 27, 2025. Ms. Bradley currently serves as the University Organizational Excellence Officer.

Dr. Smith made a motion to approve Stacey Bradley as Interim Secretary to the Board of Trustees. Ms. Newton seconded the motion. A vote was taken and motion was approved unanimously.

VI. Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Cameron Howell
Secretary