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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 9:00 a.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
Henry L. Jolly, Jr.
Richard A. Jones Jr.
Hubert F. Mobley
Leah B. Moody
Reid T. Sherard (online)
John C. von Lehe Jr. (online)

Member absent:

Emma W. Morris
C. Dorn Smith III
Charles Williams
Ellen Weaver

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:

Jack Bradshaw, the *Daily Gamecock*

Hayden Davis, the *Daily Gamecock*

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. Approval Minutes

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

- A. Academic Excellence and Student Experience Committee, Subcommittee on Honorary Degrees (Called) – December 17, 2024
- B. Audit, Compliance and Risk Committee (Called) – December 17, 2024
- C. Board of Trustees (Called) – December 4, 2024
- D. Board of Trustees (Called) – December 5, 2024
- E. Board of Trustees (Called) – February 21, 2025
- F. Health and Medical Affairs Committee – December 17, 2024
- G. University System Committee – December 17, 2024

Mr. Harlan made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Moody seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved.

MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Westbrook stated there was a need for an Executive Session for the receipt of legal advice regarding a memorandum of understanding for potential cooperative work in the health sciences.

Mr. Mobley made the motion to enter Executive Session. Dr. Jolly 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 10:23 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cameron Howell
Secretary