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University of South Carolina
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Board of Trustees Annual Retreat
8:30 a.m. Friday, January 24, 2025
Floyd Boardroom, Pastides Alumni Center

OPEN SESSION

I. Call to Order

Chair Westbrook called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Members in attendance:

Thad H. Westbrook, *Board Chair*
Rose Buyck Newton, *Board Vice Chair* (online)
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
Emma W. Morris
Reid T. Sherard
C. Dorn Smith III
John C. von Lehe Jr. (online)
Charles Williams

Members absent:

Ellen Weaver

Others in attendance:

Patton Byars, USC Columbia Student Government President
Wayne Outten, USC Columbia Faculty Senate Chair (online)
Robin Roberts, Advisor to the Advancement, Engagement and Communications Committee
David Seaton, Advisor to the Governance Committee

Administrators in attendance:

Michael Amiridis, President

Donna Arnett, Executive Vice President and Provost

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

Terry Parham, General Counsel

Ed Walton, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Media in attendance:

David Cloninger, the *Post & Courier*

Alan Cole, GamecockScoop.com

Colin Elam, the *Daily Gamecock*

Rick Henry, WISTV

Alex Jones, the BigSpur.com

Jordan Kaye, the *State*

Lulu Kesin, the BigSpur.com

Hale McGranahan, the BigSpur.com

Kevin Miller, GamecockCentral.com

Jack Veltri, GamecockCentral.com

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 a proposed amendment to Head Football Coach Shane Beamer's contract.

Mr. Sherard made the motion to enter Executive Session, and Mr. Mobley seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

– Executive Session Removed

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

II. Approval of Minutes

The following set of minutes was circulated for review in advance of the meeting.

– Board of Trustees (Called) – January 17, 2025

Mr. Mobley made a motion to approve the minutes as circulated. Dr. Smith seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved.

III. Approval of Athletics Personnel Contract

General Counsel Terry Parham presented the terms and conditions of the contract extension for Head Football Coach Shane Beamer.

Dr. Smith made a motion to approve the contract extension for Head Football Coach Shane Beamer as presented. Mr. English seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion was approved.

IV. Governance of Academic Hospitals

Lee Smith and Jim Roth with Huron Consulting Group presented an overview of academic hospital governance models.

This was received as information.

V. Master Facilities Plan Forecast for 2025

Associate Vice President for Facilities Planning and University Architect Derek Gruner presented an update to the master facilities plan for 2025.

This was received as information.

VI. Update from the Vice President of Marketing

Vice President for Marketing Dan Dillon presented data and insights regarding the department's focus for the immediate future.

This was received as information.

MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Westbrook stated there was a need for Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.

Mr. Sherard made the motion to enter Executive Session, and Dr. Smith seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

– Executive Session Removed

There being no other matters appropriate for Executive Session, Chair Westbrook declared a return to Open Session.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

VII. Athletics Update

Director of Athletics Jeremiah Donati presented an Athletics update.

This was received as information.

VIII. Adjournment

Chair Westbrook declared the meeting adjourned at 4:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cameron Howell
Secretary