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University of South Carolina  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Governance Committee – Called  
By Microsoft Teams  
December 26, 2025

OPEN SESSION

I. Call to Order

Chair Newton called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Committee Members in attendance:

Rose Buyck Newton, *Board Vice Chair* (online)  
C. Dan Adams (online)  
Hubert F. Mobley (online)  
Leah B. Moody (online)  
Reid T. Sherard (online)  
C. Dorn Smith III (online)  
Thad Westbrook, *Board Chair* (online)

Committee Members absent:

Alex English

Other Trustees in attendance:

W. Michael Bond (online)  
Coleman Floyd Buckhouse (online)  
Brian C. Harlan (online)  
Henry L. Jolly, Jr. (online)  
Richard A. Jones Jr. (online)  
Emma W. Morris (online)  
Strom Thurmond (online)

Administrators in attendance:

Michael Amiridis, President  
Terry Parham, General Counsel  
Jeremiah Donati, Athletics Director

Media in attendance:

David Cloninger, the *Post & Courier*  
Hale McGranahan, the BigSpur.com

Dwayne McLemore, the *State*  
WIS-TV Newsroom  
Kevin Miller, GamecockCentral.com  
Wes Mitchell, GamecockCentral.com

Notice:

Chair Newton 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 Committee; and a quorum was present to conduct business.

MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Newton stated there was a need for an Executive Session for the receipt of legal advice regarding proposed Athletics personnel contracts regarding a defensive ends/outside linebacker coach and a co-defensive coordinator coach for the football program.

Dr. Smith made the motion to enter Executive Session. Mr. Adams 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 Athletics Personnel Contracts

General Counsel Terry Parham presented the following Athletics contracts for approval.

A. Assistant Football Coach/Defensive Ends/Outside Linebackers Coach Deion Barnes

Dr. Smith made a motion to approve the Athletics personnel contract with Coach Deion Barnes as presented. Mr. Mobley seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion was approved.

B. Assistant Football Coach – Co-Defensive Coordinator Torrian Gray

Dr. Smith made a motion to approve the Athletics personnel contract with Coach Torrian Gray as presented. Ms. Moody seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion was approved.

III. Adjournment

Chair Newton declared the meeting adjourned at 1:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacey Bradley  
Interim Secretary