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University of South Carolina  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

University System Committee

In Person, Floyd Boardroom, Pastides Alumni Center  
and By Microsoft Teams  
April 23, 2025

OPEN SESSION

I. Call to Order

Chair Moody called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Secretary Howell confirmed Trustees attending in person and by Microsoft Teams audio and video conference.

Committee Members in attendance:

Leah B. Moody, Chair  
Brian C. Harlan  
Henry L. Jolly Jr.  
Hubert F. Mobley  
Emma W. Morris  
Ellen E. Weaver (online)  
Thad H. Westbrook, *Board Chair*  
Rose Buyck Newton, *Board Vice Chair*

Other Trustees in attendance:

W. Michael Bond  
Coleman F. Buckhouse  
Alex English  
Richard A. Jones Jr.  
Reid T. Sherard  
C. Dorn Smith III  
John C. von Lehe Jr.  
Charles H. Williams

Others in attendance:

Courtney Tkacs, USC Columbia Student Government President  
Wayne Outten, USC Columbia Faculty Senate Chair  
Robin Roberts, Advisor to the Advancement, Engagement and Communication Committee

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*

Notice:

Chair Moody 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.

II. USC System Student Leadership Panel

The following student leaders and Student Affairs staff from the USC System campuses participated in a 25-minute panel discussion providing insight to life as a student on their respective system campus. As a result of feedback provided, a system-wide student survey will be conducted in the future.

USC Aiken:

Kelly Palacios  
Lauren Bell  
Cashmere Goodwin  
Jacob Hamm

USC Beaufort:

Geovanna Cruz  
Jake Laferriere  
Nakoma Madyun  
Rebecca Taliaferro

USC Upstate:

Madison Chaplin  
Zach McQueen  
Emma Hudson  
Madisen Robinson-Miller

USC Lancaster:

Erika Vancampenhoudt  
Ava Stephens

USC Salkehatchie:

Sydney Kashner  
Leslish Sosa Perez

USC Sumter:

Phillip Reebe  
Zach Snelgrove  
Olivia Kirkman  
Chloe Herrington

USC Union:

Za'kyah Jeter-Walton

This discussion was received as information.

III. Palmetto College Update

Chancellor Susan Elkins presented a Palmetto College update.

This update was received as information.

Chair Moody thanked Chancellor Elkins for her service to the University of South Carolina System.

IV. USC Upstate Update

Chancellor Bennie Harris presented a USC Upstate update.

This update was received as information.

V. Other Matters

Enrollment data were circulated for review in advance of the meeting.

Chair Moody called for any other matters to come before the Committee. There were none.

VI. Adjournment

Chair Moody declared the meeting adjourned at 3:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cameron Howell  
Secretary