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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
August 18, 2023

OPEN SESSION

I. Call to Order

Chair Westbrook called the meeting to order at 3:53 p.m. Secretary Howell confirmed Trustees attending in person and by Microsoft Teams audio and video conference.

Members in attendance:

Thad H. Westbrook, *Board Chair*
Rose Buyck Newton, *Board Vice Chair*
C. Dan Adams
Alex English
C. Edward Floyd
Brian C. Harlan
Henry L. Jolly Jr.
Richard A. Jones Jr.
Miles Loadholt (online)
Hubert F. Mobley
E. Scott Moise
Leah B. Moody
Emma W. Morris
Reid T. Sherard
C. Dorn Smith III
John C. von Lehe Jr. (online)
Ellen Weaver

Members absent:

Charles H. Williams

Others in attendance:

Emmie Thompson, USC Columbia Student Government President
Robin Roberts, Advisor to the Advancement, Engagement and Communications Committee

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:

David Cloninger, the *Post & Courier*
Alan Cole, GamecockCentral.com
Li Hubbard, the *Post & Courier*
Michael Lananna, the *State*
Emmy Ribero, the *Daily Gamecock*
Collyn Taylor, GamecockCentral.com

Notice:

Chair Westbrook stated notice of the meeting and agenda has been posted and the press notified as required by the Freedom of Information Act; the agenda and supporting materials has been circulated to the Board; and a quorum was present to conduct business.

II. Invocation

Reverend Adam Venters, Chaplain for the Baptist Collegiate Ministry, delivered the invocation.

MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Westbrook stated there was a need for an Executive Session for the discussion of personnel matters related to the evaluation of the President, the reorganization of the Diversity Equity and Inclusion Office and Government Relations Office, and nominations for the Board of Visitors; and for the receipt of legal advice regarding matters protected by the attorney-client privilege.

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

Chair Westbrook invited the following to remain: Trustees, Ms. Thompson, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Seaton, President Amiridis, Secretary Howell, Provost Arnett, Ms. Dunleavy, Dr. Fritz, Mr. Parham, Dr. Verzyl, Mr. Walton, Mr. Williams, and Board support staff.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

– Executive Session Removed

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

III Approval of Minutes

Chair Westbrook stated the following minutes were posted to the Board portal for review:

- A. Academic Excellence and Student Experience Committee – June 9, 2023
 - B. Advancement, Engagement and Communications Committee – June 9, 2023
 - C. Audit, Compliance and Risk Committee – June 9, 2023
 - D. Governance Committee (Called) – June 7, 2023
- University System Committee – June 9, 2023

Mr. Adams made a motion to approve the minutes as posted to the Board portal. Dr. Smith seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved.

IV Approval of Consent Agendas

The following written consent agendas from Standing Committees were posted to the Board portal:

- A. Academic Excellence and Student Experience Committee – August 18, 2023
- B. Audit, Compliance and Risk Committee – August 18, 2023
- C. Finance and Infrastructure (Called) – August 18, 2023
- D. Governance Committee – August 18, 2023

Mr. Harlan made a motion to approve the consent agendas as posted to the Board portal. Mr. English seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved.

V. Management of University System Commencement Events

The President's Chief of Staff Stacy Fritz provided feedback regarding management of University System Spring 2023 commencement events. President Amiridis stated that commencements should not last longer than 2 hours.

The update was received as information.

VI. Recognition of Former Faculty Senate Chair Audrey Korsgaard

Chair Westbrook presented a resolution on behalf of the Board of Trustees to outgoing USC Columbia Faculty Senate Chair Audrey Korsgaard in appreciation for her service to the Board.

Dr. Smith moved to adopt the resolution by acclamation. Ms. Moody seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved.

VII. Elections to the Board of Visitors

Chair Westbrook stated materials for the following candidates to fill seats on the Board of Visitors for the 3rd, 7th, and 9th Judicial Circuits were posted to the Board portal, along with information about the re-election of candidates from the 6th, 12th, and 15th Judicial Circuits.

Nominees for a three-year term beginning September 1, 2023, and ending August 31, 2026:

Jesse A. Surette	3 rd Judicial Circuit
M. Brooks Moss	7 th Judicial Circuit
David H. Rembert III	9 th Judicial Circuit

Candidates nominated to serve a second three-year term beginning September 1, 2023 and ending August 31, 2026:

Keith W. Buckhouse	12 th Judicial Circuit
Brian Thomas Grier	6 th Judicial Circuit
Michelle Plyler	15 th Judicial Circuit

Mr. Mobley made a motion to approve the slate of candidates as posted on the Board portal. Dr. Smith seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved.

VIII. Annual Evaluation of the President

Chair Westbrook stated it was the Board's opinion that, after completing one year as President of the University of South Carolina, President Michael Amiridis was doing excellent work and has the Board's full support and confidence.

Ms. Moody made a motion to approve President Amiridis's annual evaluation. Dr. Smith seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved unanimously.

IX. Continuing Education for Trustees: "Generation Z"

Chair Westbrook called on Vice President for Student Affairs and Academic Support Rex Tolliver and USC Columbia Student Body President Emmie Thompson to present continuing education for Trustees.

Chair Westbrook stated the report was received as information.

X. President's Report

President Amiridis presented the President's report.

Chair Westbrook stated the report was received as information.

XI. Other Matters

Chair Westbrook stated the 2024 Board of Trustees meeting calendar was posted to the Board portal.

Chair Westbrook called for any other matters to come before the Board. There were none.

XII. Adjournment

Chair Westbrook declared the meeting adjourned at 5:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cameron Howell
Secretary