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University of South Carolina
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Board of Trustees – Called
By Microsoft Teams
January 17, 2025

OPEN SESSION

I. Call to Order

Chair Westbrook called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Secretary Howell confirmed Trustees attending in person and by Microsoft Teams audio and video conference.

Board Members in attendance:

Thad H. Westbrook, *Board Chair*
Rose Buyck Newton, *Board Vice Chair* (online)
C. Dan Adams (online)
W. Michael Bond (online)
Coleman F. Buckhouse (online)
Alex English
Brian C. Harlan (online)
Henry L. Jolly Jr. (online)
Richard A. Jones Jr. (online)
Hubert F. Mobley
Leah B. Moody
Emma W. Morris (online)
Reid T. Sherard (online)
C. Dorn Smith, III (online)
John C. von Lehe Jr. (online)

Members absent:

Ellen Weaver
Charles H. Williams

Others in attendance:

Patton Byars, USC Columbia Student Government President (online)
Wayne Outten, USC Columbia Faculty Senate Chair (online)
Robin Roberts, Advisor to the Advancement, Engagement and Communications 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
Michelle Dodenhoff, Vice President for Development
Jeremiah Donati, Director of Athletics
Terry Parham, General Counsel
Ray Tanner, Special Advisor to the President

Media in attendance:

David Cloninger, the *Post & Courier*
Alan Cole, GamecockScoop.com
Rick Henry, WISTV
Jordan Kaye, the *State*
Hale McGranahan, the BigSpur.com
Dwayne McLemore, the *State*
Kevin Miller, 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 proposed gift naming agreements, the proposed Resolution for Exclusion listed on the public agenda for this meeting, and the Athletics personnel employment agreement listed on the public agenda for this meeting.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

– Executive Session Removed

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

II. Approval of Federally Required “Resolution for Exclusion of Certain Trustees and Officers”

General Counsel Terry Parham presented context regarding a resolution necessary to name University officers approved to access classified information through federal grant activity, as required by the U.S. Department of Energy. [BOT Called 01172025 OS II]

Mr. Mobley made a motion to approve the federal resolution as presented. Dr. Jolly seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved.

III. Approval of Athletics Personnel Contract

General Counsel Terry Parham presented the terms of an employment agreement for Head Women’s Basketball Coach Dawn Staley.

Ms. Moody made a motion to approve the employment agreement for Coach Staley as presented. Mr. English seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved.

IV. Adjournment

Chair Westbrook declared the meeting adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cameron Howell
Secretary