

MINUTES
SC STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL MEETING
LOWMAN HALL BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM
ORANGEBURG, SOUTH CAROLINA
JANUARY 29, 2020

CALL TO ORDER/OPEN SESSION:

Chairman Rodney Jenkins called the meeting to order at 9:04 AM. He noted that proper notice was given regarding the meeting to comply with the Freedom of Information Act. The agenda was circulated to the members (Attachment 1). Trustee Wilbur Shuler gave the invocation.

Board Members Present: Trustees: Rodney Jenkins, Hamilton Grant, Starlee Alexander, Doris Helms, Doward Harvin, William Oden, Monica Scott, Donnie Shell, Wilbur Shuler, and Daniel Varat. *Via-phone:* Milton Irvin, Hubbard Smalls, and Jeff Vinzani. *Ex-Officio Members:* John Funny, Julie Saniyo, and David Staten.

Administrators & Others: *President*, James E. Clark; *Provost*, Dr. Leraie Luke; *Vice President for Finance & Management*, Teare Brewington; *Special Assistant to the President*, Betty Boatwright; *Interim Director of University Computing and Information Technology Systems*, Curtis Bradley; *Marketing Manager*, Benita Cooper; *Athletic Director*, Stacy Danley; *Associate Administrator of 1890 Research and Extension*, Delbert Foster; *SACSCOC Liaison*, Valerie Goodwin; *Vice President for Student Affairs*, Tamara Jefferies-Jackson; *Public Relations Coordinator*, Chaundra Mikell; *General Counsel*, Mercedes Pinckney; *Administrative Coordinator*, Chrystel Rogers; *Acting Associate Provost for Academic Affairs*, William Whitaker; *Executive Director of 1890 Research and Extension*, Louis Whitesides; and *Administrative Coordinator and Recorder*, Eartha Mosley.

Media: The Times and Democrat-Reporter, Martha Rose Brown.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Chairman Jenkins asked for a motion to adopt the agenda. Trustee Helms asked to move VI. Academic Affairs & 1890 Research and Extension Committee be moved to under VIII. Bylaws Updates. ***Trustee Hamilton Grant motioned to adopt the amended agenda. The motion was seconded by Trustee Donnie Shell. Vote: unanimously approved.***

PRESENTATION FROM SACSCOC VICE PRESIDENT, DR. CRYSTAL BAIRD (Attachment 2)

Dr. Crystal Baird made a PowerPoint presentation to the Board. The purpose of the session was to provide an overview of the Reaffirmation process, identify where the University is currently within that process, review standards specific to the Board and answer any questions that the Board Members might have.

SPECIAL ELECTION FOR VICE-CHAIRMAN

Chairman Jenkins said the board will now hold its special election for Vice-Chair. The election is to complete the term of the prior Vice-Chair, which he had held. The General Counsel read Article V, Section 3 of the bylaws. ***Trustee Hamilton Grant nominated Trustee Darvin Harvin and Trustee Monica Scott nominated Trustee Donnie Shell. Upon nominations duly made the following person was elected as Vice-President - Donnie Shell. Eleven votes were cast Trustee Harvin received 4 and Trustee Shell 7.***

BYLAWS UPDATE

General Counsel indicated there were three final recommendations from the committee for board approval. The proposed changes are as follow:

Change #1: Article II, Section 4. BOARD MEMBER DISMISSAL. *A new clause was added at the end of Section 4 and it read as Ex-Officio Non-Voting (Non-Statutory) Members of the Board of Trustees may be dismissed from the Board by a 2/3 (two-thirds) vote of the voting members of the Board of Trustees.*

Change #15: Article VI, Section 1. STANDING COMMITTEES. *Revise the first sentence to read Ex-Officio Non-Voting Board Members may serve as resource persons to the appropriate standing committees, as assigned by the Board Chair.*

Change #18: Article VII, Section 8, EX-OFFICIO NON-VOTING MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES. *Delete all language in Paragraph 6.*

All bylaws recommendations were approved by the Board of Trustees as listed above are: #1, #15 and #18.

Trustee Helms shared she asked earlier to move Academic Affairs & 1890 Research and Extension Committee below the bylaws because the bylaws state grant and contract over \$250K needs approval from the board. Her concerns are that incoming grants have already been vetted and approved and the Board of Trustees should not have to approve the grants. Trustee Harvin suggested the committee may need to have more discussion with General Counsel and resource persons. Contract Approval Policy. After additional discussion, the Chair echoed the matter would be discussed in Executive Session.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Chairman Jenkins spoke about the following: 1) MEAC/SWAC CHALLENGE Director contacting him and inquired what would the board like to see at conference game on September 6th; 2) could the University create an Enrollment Flow Chart with a dashboard; 3) an architectural firm express interest in building student housing which could be linked to the Master Plan and Real Estate Foundation; 4) develop a letter to build trust in the community from the board to the University's stakeholders highlighting where the board is headed and its accomplishments. Congratulations were extended to Trustee Donnie Shell on his upcoming induction into the Football Hall of Fame. Trustee Shell shared some of his highlights over his journey.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Hamilton Grant made a motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Trustee Wilbur Shuler. Vote: unanimously approved. The following persons were asked to stay for the Executive Session: President Clark, CFO Teare Brewington, General Counsel Mercedes Pinckney, Trustees John Funny and David Staten.

OPEN SESSION RECONVENED

Trustee Hamilton Grant made a motion to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Trustee Monica Scott. Vote: unanimously approved.

Trustee Wilbur Shuler made a motion to revised the definition of "contract and agreements" in the Contract Approval Policy as it applies to the Board of Trustees so as not to require approval from the board of Trustees. The definition of Contract and Agreements as in the definition of the Contract Approval Policy.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Monica Scott. Vote: unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chair asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. *Trustee Hamilton Grant made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Trustee Donnie Shell. Vote: unanimously approved.*

The meeting adjourned at 2:19 PM.

Submitted by,



Eartha Mosley
Recorder

Attachments

- 1 - Agenda
- 2 – SACSCOC Vice President Presentation
- 4 – Revised Contract Approval Policy