

MINUTES
SC STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL TELEPHONE BOARD MEETING
ORANGEBURG, SOUTH CAROLINA
JULY 16, 2020

CALL TO ORDER/OPEN SESSION:

Chairman Rodney Jenkins called the meeting to order at 4:03 PM. 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 Doward Harvin gave the invocation.

Board Members Via Phone: Starlee Alexander, Hamilton Grant, Doward Harvin, Doris Helms, Rodney Jenkins, Milton Irvin, William Oden, Monica Scott, Donnie Shell, Wilbur Shuler, Hubbard Smalls, Daniel Varat, and Jeff Vinzani. *Ex-Officio Members:* Javonni Ayers, John Funny, David Staten, and Sharon Wade-Byrd.

Administrators & Others: *President*, James E. Clark; *Provost*, Learie Luke; *Vice President for Finance & Management*, Teare Brewington, *Chief of Staff*, Shondra Abraham, *Acting Chief of Information*, Curtis Bradley; *Marketing Coordinator*, Benita Cooper; *Athletics Director*, Stacy Danley; *Director of Facilities*, Ken Davis, *VP Public Relations/Institutional Advancement & Alumni Relations*, Sonja Bennett-Bellamy; *Special Assistant to the President*, Betty Boatwright; *Vice President for Student Affairs*, Tamara Jeffries-Jackson; *Administrative Coordinator*, Eartha Mosley; *General Counsel*, Mercedes Pinckney; *Associate Vice President for Institutional*, Gwynth Nelson; *Director of Marketing*, Kay Snider; *Admission's Director*, Stacey Sowell; and *Executive Director of 1890 Research and Extension*, Louis Whitesides and *SCSUNAA Members*, Linda Foster and Vandy Gaffney.

Media: None

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Chairman Jenkins asked for a motion to adopt the agenda. *Trustee Monica Scott so moved. The motion was seconded by Trustee Wilbur Shuler. Vote: unanimously approved.*

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

The Chair thanked the Trustees for their participation at this short notice meeting; he thanked the President and his staff as well.

OTHER MATTERS

President Clark announced that the MEAC Conference has decided unanimously to suspend all fall competition, both championship, and non-championship, as a result of the continuing COVID-19 pandemic. A MEAC meeting was held today with all Presidents and Athletic Directors concerning their options. The action was taken out of a concern for the safety as well as the physical and mental health of our student-athletes, coaches, administrators, support staff, faculty, and fans. A decision concerning Spring sports will be made later. Trustees had concerns about whether student-athletes would retain their scholarships, the expected loss of revenue, and the protocol if employees or students test positive for COVID-19.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Chairman indicated the board would move into Executive Session. Trustee Doward Harvin made a motion to enter Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Trustee Hamilton Grant. ***Vote: unanimously approved.***

OPEN SESSION

The Chairman asked for a motion to come out of Executive Session. Trustee Milton Irvin made a motion for the Board to come out of Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Trustee Jeff Vinzani. ***Vote: unanimously approved.*** There were no votes or actions taken in Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Jeff Vinzani motioned to adjourn the meeting; it was seconded by Trustee Milton Irvin. ***Vote: unanimously approved.***

The meeting adjourned at 5:51 PM.

Submitted by,



Eartha Mosley
Recorder

Attachments
1 – Agenda