

MINUTES
SC STATE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
CALLED TELECONFERENCE MEETING
LOWMAN HALL BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM
ORANGEBURG, SOUTH CAROLINA
MARCH 4, 2015

CALL TO ORDER / OPEN SESSION:

Chairman William Small called the meeting to order at 5:05PM. The public notice was read. The agenda (Attachment 1) was previously circulated to the members. Trustee Corbitt extended the invocation. The roll was called.

Trustees present via phone: Dr. William Small, Dr. Gail Joyner-Fleming, Mr. Ronald Henegan, Mrs. Pearl Ascue, Dr. John Corbitt, Mr. Sidney Evering Mr. Anthony Grant, Mrs. Tammy Adams Kelly, Dr. Dennis Nielsen and Dr. Carlotta Redish.

Administrators & others present: *Acting President*, Dr. W. Franklin Evans; *General Counsel & Interim VP of Operations*, Mr. Craig Burgess; *Vice President for Institutional Advancement and Public Relations*, Ms. Sonja Bennett-Bellamy; *Board's Legal Counsel*, Mr. Kenneth Childs and Mr. Vernie Williams (via phone); and *Administrative Coordinator to the Board and Recorder*, Mrs. Eartha Mosley.

Media: *The Times and Democrat* Reporter Mrs. Dale Linder-Altman; WIS Reporter Ms. Carolyn Callahan and Tom Rand; WACH-FOX Reporter Ms. Leah Holloway; ABC Reporter Ms. Lara Roso; WLTX Dakari Turner and *The Associated Press* Reporter Mr. Jeffrey Collier.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Chairman Small asked that item VI be amended to possible include contractual matter and to adopt the amended agenda. Trustee Grant made a motion to adopt the amended agenda. The motion was seconded by Trustee Joyner-Fleming. Vote: unanimously approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Chair asked for a motion to enter into Executive Session to receive legal advice and possible discussion of a contractual matter. *Trustee Corbitt made the motion to enter into Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Trustee Grant. Vote: unanimously approved.*

OPEN SESSION

Chairman Small asked for a motion to come out of Executive Session. *Trustee Grant made the motion to come out of Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Trustee Corbitt. Vote: unanimously approved.*

He stated no action was taken in Executive Session. Trustee Grant expressed as Chairman of Fiscal Affairs Committee, he thanked Mr. Openshaw for his hard work at the University and pray his recovery of health as he retires on March 15th. Chairman Small, Dr. Nielsen concur.

Trustee Joyner-Fleming made a motion that the Board of Trustees authorize legal counsel for the Board to file a motion to vacate and or to modify the order entered today and alternately to allow the board to resolve their employment matter with President Elzey which is required of the due process. If these measures are not successful, legal counsel should appeal today's order to the South Carolina Court of Appeals. The motion was seconded by Trustee Corbitt. Vote: 8 Yes - Trustees Ascue, Corbitt, Evering, Grant, Henegan, Joyner-Fleming, Kelly, and Small; 1 No - Trustee Nielsen. Motion carried 8 to 1.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chair asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. *Trustee Corbitt made the motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Trustee Joyner-Fleming.*

The meeting adjourned at 7:27PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Ronald B. Henegan
Secretary



Eartha Mosley
Recorder

Attachment
1 – Agenda