

MINUTES
SC STATE UNIVERSITY INTERIM BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL TELECONFERENCE MEETING
LOWMAN HALL BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM
ORANGEBURG, SOUTH CAROLINA
MAY 8, 2017

CALL TO ORDER / OPEN SESSION:

Chairman Charles S. Way, Jr. called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM. Chairman Way 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).

Trustees Present via Phone: Mr. Charles S. Way, Jr., Mr. Milton Irvin, Dr. Doris Helms, Mr. Donnie Shell and Mr. Steve Swanson

Absent: Mr. Jeff Vinzani. *Ex-Officio Members:* Mrs. Vernell Brown and Mr. Juwan Ayers.

Administrators & others present (on site): *President*, Mr. James E. Clark; *Acting Provost*, Dr. Learie Luke; *Director of Public Relations*, Mrs. Elizabeth Mosely-Hawkins and *Administrative Coordinator and Recorder*, Mrs. Eartha Mosley.

Media: *The Times and Democrat*-Reporter, Mr. Christopher Huff and Ms. Deannspann Reporter (*via phone*), Post and Courier.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The Chairman asked for a motion to adopt the agenda. Trustee Helms made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Trustee Irvin. Vote: unanimously approved.

The purpose of the meeting was to approve two people to receive honorary degrees from South Carolina State University. Everyone had received a copy of the minutes from the Honorary Degree Committee which met on May 2, 2017. Chairman Way asked Dr. Luke whether the Administration was recommending to the Board the approval of Governor Henry McMaster for an Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree, and President James E. Clark to receive an Honorary Doctor of Engineering and Technology Degree. Dr. Luke answered in the affirmative.

APPROVAL OF HONORARY DEGREES

Chairman Way asked for a motion to approve the University awarding Governor Henry McMaster with an Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree. Trustee Helms moved the motion. The motion was seconded by Trustee Shell. Vote: unanimously approved. President Clark was asked to exit the room.

Chairman Way asked for a motion to approve the University awarding President James E. Clark an Honorary Doctor of Engineering and Technology Degree. Trustee Shell moved the motion. The motion was seconded by Trustee Irvin. Vote: unanimously approved.

Governor Henry McMaster and President James E. Clark will both receive the honorary degrees at graduation on Friday, May 12, 2017.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chairman entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. *Trustee Shell moved the motion, and Trustee Helms seconded the motion. Vote: unanimously approved.*

The meeting adjourned at 1:11 PM.

Submitted by,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eartha Moly".

Recorder

Attachment

1 – Agenda

2 – Resolutions (2)