

**MINUTES**  
**SC STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**SPECIAL TELECONFERENCE MEETING**  
**LOWMAN HALL BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM**  
**ORANGEBURG, SOUTH CAROLINA**  
**NOVEMBER 19, 2019**

**CALL TO ORDER/OPEN SESSION:**

Interim Chairman Rodney Jenkins called the meeting to order at 9:32 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). He gave the invocation.

**Board Members Present Via Phone:** Trustees: Rodney Jenkins, Starlee Alexander, Hamilton Grant, Doward Harvin, Milton Irvin, Monica Scott, Donnie Shell, Wilbur Shuler, Hubbard Smalls, and Daniel Varat. *Ex-Officio Members:* John Funny, and David Staten.

**Members Absent:** Doris Helms and Jeff Vinzani. The Chairman shared that Mrs. Kenita Pitts Howard has resigned from the Board.

**Administrators & Others Present On-Site:** *Provost, Learie Luke; Vice President of Finance, Teare Brewington; Vice President Institutional Advancement & External Affairs, Sonja Bennett-Bellamy; Information Technology, Curtis Bradley; Special Assistant to the President, Betty Boatwright; Athletic Director, Stacy Danley; SACSCOC Liaison, Valerie Goodwin; Vice President for Student Affairs, Tamara Jeffries-Jackson; Public Relations Coordinator, Chaundra Mikell; Administrative Coordinator, Debra Darby; and Administrative Coordinator and Recorder, Eartha Mosley; Counsel, Acting on behalf of Mercedes Pinckney in her absence, Attorney Dwight Mazie, via phone and Alumni, Vandy Gaffney.*

**Media:** The Times and Democrat-ReporterMs. Deionne Gleaton.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Interim Chairman Jenkins asked for a motion to adopt the agenda. *Trustee Hamilton Grant made the motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Trustee Starlee Alexander. Vote: unanimously approved.*

**ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

In the absence of the Committee Chairperson, Trustee Doris Helm, the Interim Chairman asked Dr. Learie Luke to make the presentations for the Academic Affairs Committee. Dr. Luke proceeded by stating the December Graduation will resume on December 13, 2019 with over 75 potential graduates. Dr. Luke made the recommendation from the Committee that the candidates for the December 2019 Commencement Convocation be approved pending a vote by the Faculty, vetting by the Office of the Registrar, and subject to their financial clearance.

*The December 2019 Commencement was unanimously approved by the Board of Trustees*

**AUDIT/RISK MANAGEMENT AN LEGAL COMMITTEE**

Trustee Starlee Alexander stated her committee had met in October 28<sup>th</sup> and November 13<sup>th</sup> and is recommending the following for Board approval:

*RFP Dining Award was unanimously approved by the Board of Trustees*

*Athletics Ticketing Vendor was unanimously approved by the Board of Trustees*

*RFP Bookstore Award was approved by the Board of Trustees with three members abstaining – Trustees Hamilton Grant, Doward Harvin, and Wilbur Shuler.*

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Trustee Grant asked that consideration be given to placing RFP in Executive Session to allow questions from members of the Board prior to a vote being taken by the Board of Trustees.

Trustee Harvin shared that Dr. Rashad Anderson and the Call Me Mister Program's visit to Hemingway Middle School received great reviews.

The Interim Chairman asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Milton Irvin made the motion to adjourn; it was seconded by Trustee Shuler. The meeting adjourned at 10:08 AM.

Submitted by,



Recorder

Attachments

1 – Agenda

2 – Academic Affairs Resolution