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University of South Carolina
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Called Meeting

September 11, 2020

The University of South Carolina Board of Trustees convened in a called meeting at 3:40 p.m. on Friday, September 11, 2020, hosted from the Pastides Alumni Center Ballroom and by Microsoft Teams.

Members present were: Dr. C. Dorn Smith III, Chair; Mr. Thad H. Westbrook, Vice Chair; Mr. C. Dan Adams; Mr. Alex English; Dr. C. Edward Floyd; Mr. Richard A. Jones Jr.; Mr. Hubert F. Mobley; Ms. Leah B. Moody; Ms. Rose Buyck Newton; Mr. Robin D. Roberts; Mr. Eugene P. Warr; Mr. Charles H. Williams; and Mr. Mack I. Whittle Jr.

Members participating by Microsoft Teams were Mr. Tony J. Lister; Mr. Miles Loadholt; Ms. Molly Spearman; and Mr. John C. von Lehe, Jr. Board members absent were Mr. Chuck Allen and Mr. J. Egerton Burroughs.

Also present were USC Columbia Faculty Senate Chair Dr. Mark Cooper, USC Columbia Student Government President Ms. Issy Rushton, and the Board's Strategic Advisor Mr. David Seaton.

Others in attendance for the meeting were: President Robert L. Caslen Jr.; Secretary J. Cantey Heath Jr.; Vice President for Human Resources Ms. Caroline Agardy; President's Chief of Staff Mr. Mark D. Bieger; Presidential Faculty Fellow Dr. Susan Bon; President and CEO University Foundations Mr. Jason Caskey; Chief Audit Executive Ms. Pamela Dunleavy; Chancellor Palmetto College Dr. Susan Elkins; Interim Chief Development Officer Mr. William Elliott; Associate Vice President of Finance and Budget Ms. Kelly Epting; Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences Dr. Lacy Ford; Vice President for Information Technology and Chief Information Officer Mr. Doug Foster; Associate VP of Facilities Planning Mr. Derek Gruner; Chief Executive Officer USC Alumni Association Mr. Wes Hickman; Interim Director of Academic Programs Ms. Trena Houpp; Governance Consultant Dr. Cameron

Howell; Assistant to the President for System Affairs Mr. Eddie King; Executive Director of the Office for Innovation, Partnership, and Economic Engagement Mr. Bill Kirkland; Chief Procurement Officer Ms. Venis Manigo; Executive Communications Director Ms. Sally McKay; General Counsel and Executive Director of Compliance Programs Mr. Terry Parham; Chief Operating Officer Mr. Jeffrey L. Perkins; Vice President for Student Affairs and Vice Provost for Academic Support Mr. Dennis Pruitt; Special Assistant to the President Mr. James Smith; Assistant Vice President of Administrative Operations and Chief of Staff Mr. Joe Sobieralski; Director of Public Relations, Office of Communications and Public Affairs Mr. Jeff Stensland; Director of Athletics Mr. Ray Tanner; Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost Dr. Bill Tate IV; Vice President for Communications Mr. Larry Thomas; Senior Vice President for Administration Mr. Ed Walton; Vice President for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Mr. Julian R. Williams and Board of Trustees Staff. Others participating by phone were Executive Director Strategic Initiatives Jack Claypoole; Interim Chancellor USC Upstate J. Derham Cole Jr.; Vice President for Research Dr. Prakash Nagarkatti; and Chancellor USC Beaufort Dr. Al Panu.

I. Call to Order

Chair Smith called the meeting to order and asked those at the table to introduce themselves. Chair Smith asked Secretary Heath to confirm members joining by Microsoft Teams. Secretary Heath confirmed Mr. Lister, Mr. Loadholt, Ms. Spearman, and Mr. von Lehe were in attendance via MS Teams. Chair Smith called on Mr. Stensland to introduce members of the press in attendance. Mr. Stensland introduced Tyler Fedor with the *Daily Gamecock*, Josh Kendall with the *Athletic*, Jenna Kerzyna with WLTX, Finn Carlin with SCETV, Andy Shain with the *Post and Courier*, and John Whittle with BigSpur.com.

Chair Smith stated that notice of the meeting had been posted and the press notified as required by the Freedom of Information Act; the agenda and supporting materials had been circulated; and a quorum was present to conduct business.

II. Finance and Infrastructure Committee Consent Agenda – September 11, 2020

Chair Smith stated the Finance and Infrastructure Committee met earlier today and recommended full Board approval of the items on the Consent Agenda. Items on the Finance and Infrastructure Committee Consent Agenda included:

A. Off Cycle Fee Request:

1. Off Cycle Fee Request – Recommend full Board approval of the off-cycle fee for the MIB-Live program, a 30-credit hour program offered via telepresence-based technology beginning in the Spring of 2021. The online-delivered program is priced competitively to similar programs at other universities and includes a resident fee of \$1,020/credit hours and a non-resident fee of \$1,224/credit hour.

B. Infrastructure Approvals:

1. West Campus Parking Development – Recommend full Board approval to fund Phase II design and construction for a total project budget of \$4,240,000 to be funded with the Greek Parking Student Fee.
2. Graduate Sciences Research Center Roof Replacement - Recommend full Board approval to establish and fully fund this project with a budget of \$950,000 to be funded with Institutional Capital Project Funds.
3. Booker T. Washington Renovations – Recommend full Board approval to establish and fully fund the maintenance of the Booker T. Washington Renovation project with a budget of \$500,000 to be funded with Federal Grant Funds.
4. Sale of Wedge Property – Recommend full Board approval to dispose of the Wedge Property for the highest bid in excess of the appraised value of \$3,200,000.00. The Wedge Property is comprised of approximately 1000 acres of marsh land in Georgetown County and approximately 500 acres of wooded and pastured grounds with ponds in Charleston County.
5. National Advocacy Center – Lease - Recommend full Board approval to lease National Advocacy Center space to the Department of Justice for the period of April 1, 2023 through March 31, 2043 for \$11.99 psf, 1.5% annual escalation and direct payment for utilities. Total annual payment in year 1 is \$1.84M plus utilities. Total value of agreement exceeds \$42.4M plus utilities.

C. Gift Naming Opportunities:

1. Athletic Gift Naming Opportunity:
 - a. Salvage Family Creative Media Suite
2. College of Information and Communications:
 - a. Addie Hunt Staples Office
 - b. The Lisabeth Sisk Office
3. College of Social Work
 - a. The Joan P. Hanner Family Office for Behavioral Health –
Amendment

Chair Smith stated the agenda and supporting materials had been circulated to the members of the Board and if there were no objections to this single motion, the Board would proceed to vote. All in favor signified by saying aye. There were no opposing votes. Chair Smith stated the Finance and Infrastructure Committee's Consent agenda was unanimously approved and the Committee's detail written report will be included in the minutes of this meeting.

III. Hotel Contract

Chair Smith called on General Council Mr. Terry Parham to provide an overview of the Booking Agreement between the University and Springhill Suites Marriott located at 511 Lady Street, Columbia. Mr. Parham stated under the contract the Hotel will provide 132 rooms and 3,564 room nights from September 4, 2020 through October 1, 2020. The University will use these rooms as surge space for students who need to be quarantined or isolated as result of the contracting or being exposed to the Coronavirus. The University will pay \$74 per night plus tax for and expects to be reimbursed for these funds from DHEC.

Chair Smith asked if there were any discussion. There being none, Chair Smith called for a motion to approve the contract between the University of South Carolina, Housing and Springhill Suites Marriott as presented and posted in the materials on the Board Portal for this meeting. Ms. Newton made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Mobley. A vote was taken, and the motion carried. Ms. Moody abstained.

IV. Election of University Treasurer

Chair Smith made a motion stating Pat Lardner has served as University Treasurer since October 2014 and will leave University employment on September 30. As such, the

election of a new Treasurer is required.

Chair Smith stated: “Recognizing the need to fill the role of University Treasurer per Board bylaws, I move that Joe Sobieralski be elected as Treasurer of the University of South Carolina, effective October 1, 2020. As Treasurer Mr. Sobieralski will serve consistent with the bylaws and will be vested with the authority and responsibility to (1) sign on behalf of the University of South Carolina in its fiduciary capacity, (2) open such bank accounts as are necessary for the proper and efficient operation of the University, (3) disburse funds by check in accordance with applicable laws and regulations, and University policies and procedures and (4) perform such duties and responsibilities as prescribed by the Board of Trustees in Article XIII; and I further move that the resolution of the of the Board of Trustees dated October 17, 2014 granting Pat Lardner, in his capacity as Treasurer, the authority to act and sign on behalf of the University of South Carolina in its fiduciary capacity be rescinded effective at the close of business on September 30, 2020, and superseded hereby.”

Mr. Whittle seconded the motion. Board members signified all in favor by saying aye. The motion was approved.

Before adjourning, Chair Smith recognized today as the anniversary of September 11 and thanked all the first responders and military for keeping us safe. Chair Smith thanked President Caslen, who was present at the Pentagon on this day in 2001 when the tragedy occurred, for his service.

2. Adjournment

There being no other matters on the agenda, Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at 3:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Cantey Heath, Jr.
Secretary