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University of South Carolina  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Academic Excellence and Student Experience Committee

Called Meeting by Microsoft Teams

March 25, 2021

The Academic Excellence and Student Experience Committee of the University of South Carolina Board of Trustees convened in a called meeting at 1:40 p.m. on Thursday, March 25, 2021, by Microsoft Teams hosted from Room 206-B of the Osborne Administration Building.

Committee members participating by Microsoft Teams were Mr. C. Dan Adams, Chair; Mr. Alex English; Mr. Richard A. Jones; Ms. Leah B. Moody; and Mr. John C. von Lehe Jr. Committee members Ms. Molly M. Spearman and Mr. Eugene P. Warr, Jr., did not participate.

Trustee Mr. Brian C. Harlan participated by Microsoft Teams.

Present in the room for the meeting were Secretary J. Cantey Heath Jr., Assistant Secretary Cameron Howell, Assistant Vice President for Media and External Engagement Jeff Stensland, and Board support staff.

Others participating by Microsoft Teams video conference were President's Chief of Staff Mark Bieger and Vice President for Student Affairs and Vice Provost Dennis Pruitt.

## **OPEN SESSION**

### **I. Call to Order**

Chair Adams called the meeting to order, welcomed those in attendance, and asked everyone at the table to introduce themselves. Secretary Heath confirmed Committee and Board members participating by Microsoft Teams video conference.

Chair Adams called on Mr. Stensland to introduce members of the press in attendance. Mr. Stensland advised there were no members of the media joining the meeting.

Chair Adams stated 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.

## **MOTION TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chair Adams stated there was a personnel matter dealing with two confidential honorary degree nominations appropriate for discussion in Executive Session. He called for a motion to enter Executive Session. Mr. English so moved, and Mr. von Lehe seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion carried.

Chair Adams invited the following to remain: Trustees, Secretary Heath, Assistant Secretary Howell, President's Chief of Staff Mark Bieger, Assistant Vice President for Media and External Engagement Jeff Stensland, and Board support staff.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

— Executive Session Removed

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

II. Adjournment

There being no other matters on the agenda, Chair Adams adjourned the meeting at 2:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Cantey Heath, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

J. Cantey Heath, Jr.  
Secretary