

Clemson University  
Clemson, South Carolina

MINUTES  
**Student Affairs Committee**  
**CLEMSON UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Executive Board Room  
Madren Center  
Clemson, South Carolina  
October 5, 2023  
9:35 a.m.

Call to Order

Notification as required by the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act was given at least twenty-four hours before the meeting by posting the notice and agenda on the bulletin board located on the ground floor public entrance of Sikes Hall, Clemson University and on the Clemson University Board of Trustees website. Additionally notice of, and the agenda for, the meeting was sent via email to the distribution list maintained by the Office of Media Relations which includes approximately 80 reporters and editors at the major daily newspapers, television and radio stations in S.C.

After notification as required by the Freedom of Information Act, Trustee McAbee called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. with the following present:

Committee Members: Patti McAbee, *Chair*; Joe Swann, *Vice Chair*; David Dukes, Bob Peeler, Chery Phyfer-Kubu, Mark Richardson, and J.J. Britton, *Emeritus*

Trustees: Nikki Haley, Ronnie Lee, Louis Lynn, Nicky McCarter, Smyth McKissick, Bill Smith, and Kim Wilkerson

Trustees Emeriti: Bill Hendrix, Tom McTeer, David Wilkins, and Allen Wood

Administration: James P. Clements, *President*; Tony Wagner, *Executive Vice President for Finance and Operations*; Max Allen, *Vice President and Chief of Staff*; Hank Morrow, *Executive Secretary to the Board of Trustees*; Robert Donato, *Chief Strategy Officer*; Robert H. Jones, *Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost*; Chip Hood, *General Counsel and Special Advisor to the Board of Trustees*; Lisa Knox, *Associate Vice President and Executive Director for Office of Institutional Excellence*; Chris Miller, *Vice President for Student Affairs*; Felicia Benton-Johnson, *Vice President for Diversity and Inclusive Excellence*; George Askew, *Vice President for Public Service and Agriculture*; Angie Leidinger, *Senior Vice President for External Affairs and Senior Advisor to the Board of Trustees*; Rick Petillo, *Chief Financial Officer*; Tracy Arwood, *Chief Ethics and Compliance Officer*; Brian O'Rourke, *Vice President of Advancement*; Julio Hernandez, *Assistant to the President for Community Engagement and*

*Outreach; Brian Voss, Vice President and Chief Information Officer (via web); and Graham Neff, Director of Athletics*

*Guests: Kevin McKinney, CCIT; Joe Galbraith, University Relations; Beth Crocker, Office of the General Counsel; Renee Roux, Office of the General Counsel; Scott Smith, CCIT; Danielle Arrington, Office of the Board of Trustees; and Brian Powell, Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees*

*Media: Abby Suggs, The Tiger; Blake Mauro, The Tiger*

Hank Morrow called roll of the committee. Trustee McAbee noted a quorum was present.

Joe Galbraith introduced media in attendance.

### Information Items

#### 1. VPSA Update

Chris Miller provided an update.

#### 2. Center for Career and Professional Development

Neil Burton presented.

#### 3. Fraternity and Sorority Life

Gary Wiser presented.

#### 4. Military and Veteran Engagement

Emily DaBruzzi presented.

### Executive Session

Trustee McAbee said it was necessary to go into executive session to receive legal advice covered by the attorney client privilege regarding the first amendment. She said no votes or action would be taken.

Trustee Dukes moved to go into executive session. Trustee Peeler seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. The committee entered executive session at 10:52 a.m. and returned to open session at 11:30 a.m.

Adjourn

There no being no further business, Trustee McAbee adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Hank Morrow  
Executive Secretary to the Board of Trustees

*April S. Purvis*

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Approved

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Date