

Clemson University
Clemson, South Carolina

MINUTES
Executive and Audit Committee
CLEMSON UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Executive Board Room
Clemson University - Zucker Family Graduate Education Center
North Charleston, SC
February 2, 2024
9:30 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 on the ground floor, public entrance, 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, Chair Wilkerson called the meeting to order at 9:23 a.m. with the following present:

Committee Members: Kim Wilkerson, *Chair*; David Dukes, Patti McAbee, Nicky McCarter (via web), Smyth McKissick, Bob Peeler, Mark Richardson, and Bill Smith

Trustees: Nikki Haley, Ronnie Lee, Louis Lynn, Cheri Phyfer-Kubu, and Joe Swann

Trustees Emeriti: J.J. Britton, Bill Hendrix, Allen Wood, and David Wilkins

Administration: James P. Clements, *President*; Tony Wagner, *Executive Vice President for Finance and Operations*; Max Allen, *Vice President and Chief of Staff*; April Purvis, *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*; Graham Neff, *Director of Athletics*; and Brian Voss, *Vice President and Chief Information Officer*

Guests: Kevin McKinney, *CCIT*; Danielle Arrington, *Office of the Executive Secretary to the Board of Trustees*; Rhondda Thomas, *College of Arts and Humanities*; Adam Fisher, *Internal Audit*; Greg Mullen, *Public Safety*

Media: *Fox Carolina*; Juliana Coates, *The Tiger*; Kailyn Kelly, *The Tiger*; Caitlin Herrington, *Post and Courier* (via web); Chappell Fowler, *The State*

April Purvis called roll of the committee. Chair Wilkerson noted a quorum of the committee was present.

Max Allen introduced members of the media in attendance.

Approval of the Minutes

Trustee Smith moved to approve the October 6, 2023 meeting minutes. Trustee Richardson seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Information Items

1. Cemetery Project and Black Heritage Trail Report

Rhondda Thomas provided an update.

2. Division of Community, Engagement, Belonging, and Access Update

Felicia Benton-Johnson provided an update.

3. Athletics Update

Graham Neff provided an update.

4. Internal Audit Update

Adam Fisher provided an update.

5. Family Assistance Center

Greg Mullen provided an update.

Executive Session

Chair Wilkerson stated it was necessary to enter executive session to discuss emergency management response plans, pending contractual negotiations regarding donors, a pending property negotiation in Charleston, and to receive legal advice related to Board processes and

athletics. She said no votes or action would be taken while in executive session and the committee would not reconvene in public session.

Trustee Smith moved to enter executive session. Trustee McAbee seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. The committee entered executive session at 10:35 a.m.

Adjourn

There being no further business, Chair Wilkerson adjourned the meeting at 12:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

April S. Purvis

April Purvis
Executive Secretary to the Board of Trustees

April S. Purvis 04/05/24

Approved Date