

Clemson University
Clemson, South Carolina

MINUTES
CLEMSON UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Executive Board Room
Madren Center
Clemson, SC
April 5, 2024
1:30 p.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 Wilkerson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. with the following present:

Trustees: Kim Wilkerson, *Chair*; Nicky McCarter, *Vice Chair*; David Dukes, Nikki Haley, Ronald Lee, Louis Lynn, Patti McAbee, Smyth McKissick, Bob Peeler, Cheri Phyfer-Kubu, Mark Richardson, Bill Smith, and Joe Swann

Trustees Emeriti: J.J. Britton, Bill Hendrix, David Wilkins, and Allen Wood (via web)

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*; Greg Yarrow, *Interim Dean of the College of Agriculture, Forestry and Life Sciences*; 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: Jon Clayton, *CCIT*; Danielle Arrington, *Office of the Executive Secretary to the Board of Trustees*; Ashley McCollum, *Outgoing Student Body President*; Justin Easler, *Outgoing Graduate Student Body President*; Heidi Thurber, *Office of the Board of Trustees Student Intern*; Kimberly Poole, *Student Affairs*; Brian Powell, *Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees*; Donna Robertson, *Institutional Excellence*; Lee Currington, *Institutional Excellence*; Porscha Elton, *Marketing and Communications*; Sean Brittain, *Associate Provost and Dean of Undergraduate Learning*; Josh Barnes, *Institutional Excellence*; and Anna Courie, *Chief Well-Being Officer*

Media: Representatives from *The Tiger* and *the Seneca Journal*; and Caitlin Herrington, *Post and Courier*

April Purvis called roll. She noted a quorum was present.

Max Allen introduced members of the media in attendance.

Approval of Minutes of February 2, 2024

Trustee Smith moved to approve the February 2, 2024 minutes. Trustee Phyfer-Kubu seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Clemson Elevate Update - #1 Student Experience

Lisa Knox, Sean Brittain, and Josh Barnes provided an update on Clemson Elevate, focusing on pillar one – Deliver the No.1 Student Experience. They highlighted key actions and areas of opportunity for each of the three initiatives.

President's Report

President Clements provided an update on activities since the last meeting. He highlighted the President's Leadership Institute, leadership vacancies, and academic and student successes. He noted the six and four-year graduation rate and the recent Top Ten Military Friendly School designation. He introduced student Allen Gomez, a Meeting Street Scholar.

Executive Secretary's Report

April Purvis provided an update. She noted the upcoming Clemson Medallion Ceremony and the fall meeting dates of the Board of Visitors. She introduced the board office student intern, Heidi Thurber.

Student Government and Graduate Student Government Gavel Presentation

Trustee Emeritus Britton presented gavels to the outgoing Student Body President, Ashley McCollum, and to the outgoing Graduate Student Body President, Justin Easler. Ashley McCollum introduced the incoming Student Body President, Kellan Fenegan.

Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee Report

Trustee McCarter provided a summary of information items. There were no action items. He shared a brief update from the State Crop Pest Commission including the approval of the 2024 Boll Weevil Assessment Fee at \$1.25 per acre.

Educational Policy Committee Report

Trustee Peeler presented the following recommendations from the Educational Policy Committee for approval:

- Approval of New Doctor of Veterinary Medicine
- Approval New Ph.D. in Health Psychology
- Approval of New Ed.S. in Teaching and Learning
- Approval to modify MS in Computer Science Program
- Approval to Modify Ph.D. in Planning, Design and the Built Environment Program
- Approval of growth concept for BS in Nursing

The motion passed unanimously.

Student Affairs Committee Report

Trustee McAbee provided a summary of information items. There were no action items.

Research and Economic Development Committee Report

Trustee Smith provided a summary of information items. There were no action items.

Institutional Advancement Committee Report

Trustee Richardson presented the following recommendations from the Institutional Advancement Committee for approval: approval of the Naming Opportunities associated with donors who wish to remain anonymous until the announcement.

The motion passed unanimously.

Finance and Facilities Committee Report

Trustee Dukes presented the following recommendations from the Finance and Facilities Committee for approval:

- Proviso Projects
 - R-4 Parking Lot - \$2,500,000
 - Upgrades to Madren Kitchen - \$4,300,000

The motion passed unanimously.

Compensation Committee Report

Trustee McKissick provided a summary of information and action items.

He presented the recommendation from the Compensation Committee of revisions to the Compensation Committee Charter.

The motion passed unanimously.

Executive and Audit Committee Report

As all members were present for the Executive and Audit Committee meeting, Chair Wilkerson dispensed with a report.

Written Report

Chair Wilkerson noted the previously distributed written report from the City of Clemson.

Adjourn

There no being no further business, Chair Wilkerson adjourned the meeting at 2:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

April S. Purvis

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Executive Secretary to the Board of Trustees

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Approved

07/18/24

Date Approved