

Clemson University  
Clemson, South Carolina

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**CLEMSON UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Executive Board Room  
Wilbur O. and Ann Powers College of Business  
Clemson, SC  
July 19, 2024  
8:30 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 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, Chair Wilkerson called the meeting and retreat to order at 8:36 a.m. with the following present:

Trustees: Kim Wilkerson, *Chair*; Nicky McCarter, *Vice Chair*; David Dukes, Nikki Haley, Ronnie 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

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*; 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*; 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, *CCIT*; and Graham Neff, *Director of Athletics*

Guests: Barbara Howard, *CCIT*; Danielle Arrington, *Office of the Executive Secretary to the Board of Trustees*; Nick Collier, *Office of Institutional Excellence*; Joe Galbraith, *Marketing and Communications*

Media: Caitlin Harrington, *Post and Courier*

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

Joe Galbraith introduced members of the media in attendance.

#### Clemson Elevate Metrics

Lisa Knox, Angie Leidinger, and Bob Jones presented. They discussed the Clemson Elevate timeline, FY24 priorities and highlights, and a review of FY25 priorities. FY25 priorities included investments in well-being planning, military and veteran engagement, the College of Veterinary Medicine, Workday ERP Implementation, improved research infrastructure, and facilities long-range plan alignment, among others.

#### Executive Session

Chair Wilkerson stated it was necessary to enter executive session to receive updates regarding economic development projects related to innovation campuses and to discuss personnel matters. She stated that no decisions would be made, and no votes would be taken. She stated they would reconvene in public session.

Trustee McKissick moved to enter executive session. Trustee McCarter seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. The committee entered executive session at 8:53 a.m. and returned to public session at 9:52 a.m.

#### Annual Governance Session

April Purvis presented. She discussed the meaning of board governance and reviewed the Board of Trustees Board Manual statements on governance.

#### Executive Session

Chair Wilkerson stated it was necessary to enter executive session to receive legal advice covered by the attorney client privilege concerning pending litigations and claims involving athletics, and certain laws applicable to governance, to discuss personnel matters related to performance reviews of senior executives and the Clemson Elevate plan, to discuss pending contractual negotiations related to Healthcare services, and to receive updates regarding economic development projects related to innovation campuses. She stated that no decisions would be made, and no votes would be taken. She stated they would not reconvene in public session.

Trustee McAbee moved to enter executive session. Trustee Smith seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. The committee entered executive session at 9:56 a.m.

Adjourn

There being no further business, Chair Wilkerson adjourned the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*April S. Purvis*  
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April Purvis  
Executive Secretary to the Board of Trustees

<i>April S. Purvis</i>	10/18/24
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