

CLEMSON UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Clemson, South Carolina

MINUTES
BOARD TELECONFERENCE

Friday, August 17, 2007

8:00 a.m.

**Trustee House / Public Affairs Conference Room
and Chief Financial Officer's Conference Room
Clemson, South Carolina**

Call to Order

After notification as required by the Freedom of Information Act, Chairman Bill Hendrix called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m. and asked Clay Steadman, General Counsel and Interim Executive Secretary, to call the roll. Those present were:

Trustees: Bill Hendrix, *Chairman, presiding*; J. J. Britton, *Vice Chairman*; Tom McTeer; Bill Amick; Louis Lynn; Joe Swann; Patti McAbee; Les McCraw; Bill Smith; Smyth McKissick; Tom Lynch; Bob Peeler; and David Wilkins. (Present via teleconference)

Trustees Emeriti: Louis P. Batson; Lawrence Gressette; Allen Wood; Fletcher Derrick; and Doug Kingsmore. (Present via teleconference.)

Administrative Council: James F. Barker, *President*; Clayton D. Steadman, *General Counsel and Interim Executive Secretary*; Doris R. Helms, *Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost*; Brett A. Dalton, *Chief Financial Officer*; Steve Copeland, *Interim Chief Business Officer*; Lawrence Nichols, *Chief Human Resources Officer*; Marvin G. Carmichael, *Assistant to the President and Chief of Staff*; Cathy Sams, *Chief Public Affairs Officer and Assistant to the President*; Debra B. Jackson, *Assistant to the President and Associate Provost for Academic Affairs* (Present in the Public Affairs Conference Room or the Chief Financial Officer's Conference Room); Bob Geolas, *Executive Director of Clemson University International Center for Automotive Research*; Angie Leidinger, *Director of Governmental Affairs* (Present via teleconference).

Guests: Robin Denny, *News Services*; Jeannette Braine-Sperry, *Office of the Executive Secretary to the Board of Trustees*; Andrew C. Land, *Office of the Executive Secretary to the Board of Trustees*; Linda Allen, *Office of the General Counsel*; Josh Bell, *Undergraduate Student Body President*; Callie Boyd, *Undergraduate Student Body Vice President*; John Masslon, *Student*.

Media: Anna Simon, *The Greenville News*; Jim Hammond, *The State* (via telephone).

Introductions

No introductions were made.

U.S. News and World Report Rankings

Chairman Hendrix announced that Clemson had moved to 27th from 30th in the *U.S. News and World Report* rankings of top public universities. He congratulated President Barker and the administration, the faculty, staff, and the students on this accomplishment. Chairman Hendrix then asked President Barker for his comments.

President Barker noted that it is always a pleasure to comment on such news, and he congratulated the administrative team, the faculty, staff, and the students. He also thanked and congratulated the General Assembly, the alumni and donors, and the Board of Trustees for their support. President Barker also said that if we continue to focus on being better in everything we do, the rankings will take care of themselves.

Executive Secretary to the Board of Trustees

Chairman Hendrix stated that it was necessary to take action regarding a personnel and contractual matter. He said that this was the fourth meeting and the first public session at which the Trustees had discussed the matter. The matter was the employment of Chalmers Eugene Troutman, III, as Executive Secretary to the Board of Trustees, and that the issue needed to be resolved.

Trustee Amick moved that, pursuant to Chapter Five, Section B of the *Trustees' Policy Manual*, the employment of Chalmers Eugene Troutman, III, be terminated immediately.

Trustee Peeler seconded the motion. Trustee McCraw spoke to the motion, which he supported. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Chairman Hendrix then instructed that General Counsel Clayton D. Steadman would serve as Interim Executive Secretary to the Board of Trustees, that General Counsel Steadman was to notify Mr. Troutman of the Board's decision immediately, and that the Board of Trustees would begin the search process for a new Executive Secretary.

Adjourn

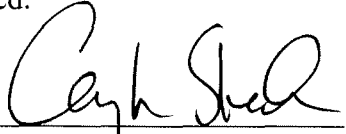
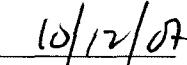
There being no further business, Chairman Hendrix entertained a motion to adjourn. It was moved and seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 8:19 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Clayton D. Steadman
Interim Executive Secretary to the Board of Trustees

Approved:


Signature
Date