

October 3-4, 1999

MINUTES
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
CLEMSON UNIVERSITY
SUNDAY-MONDAY, OCTOBER 3-4, 1999, 8:30 A.M.
MADREN CENTER
CLEMSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

After notification as required by the Freedom of Information Act, the Chairman called the meeting to order at 8:30 A.M. with the following members present: Lawrence M. Gressette, Jr., presiding; Bill Amick, J. J. Britton, Leon J. Hendrix, Harold D. Kingsmore, Louis Lynn, Patricia McAbee, Leslie McCraw, Smyth McKissick, Thomas McTeer, William C. Smith, Jr., Joe Swann, Allen Wood, Louis P. Batson, Jr., W. G. DesChamps, Paul W. McAlister, and Thornton Kirby, Executive Secretary

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: None present

OTHERS PRESENT: None present

MEDIA PRESENT: None present

Item 1. Call to Order

Statement: After notification as required by the Freedom of Information Act, the Chairman called the meeting to order at 8:30 A.M.

Item 2. Interviews with Presidential Candidates

Statement: Chairman Gressette stated that the Board needed to go into executive session to interview candidates for President and to conduct its deliberations. He advised that no decisions would be made and no actions would be taken while the Board was in executive session. Mr. McTeer made a motion to go into executive session at 8:35 A.M., Dr. Britton seconded, and the vote of approval was unanimous.

Item 3. Recess

Statement: At 4:45 P.M., Chairman Gressette advised that the meeting would be recessed until 9:00 A.M. on Monday, October 4, 1999, at which time the interview process would resume.

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Item 4. Reconvene

Statement: At 9:00 A.M., Chairman Gressette called the meeting back to order and resumed interviews in executive session.

Item 5. Open Session

Statement: Chairman Gressette reconvened the meeting in open session at 2:50 P.M. He stated that no decisions were made and no votes were taken while the Board was in executive session. He stated that the Trustees did discuss each of the three final candidates for the Presidency of Clemson University. The Chairman opened the floor to nominations for the Presidency of Clemson University.

Action: Mr. Wood nominated Dean James F. Barker to be the Fourteenth President of Clemson University. Dr. Britton made a motion to close the nominations. Mrs. McAbee seconded the motion to close the nominations and the vote of approval was unanimous.

The Chairman asked all Trustees who favor the election of James F. Barker as the Fourteenth President of Clemson University to stand. All Trustees present stood. The Chairman announced that James F. Barker has been elected by a unanimous vote to be the Fourteenth President of Clemson University.

Mr. Gressette called Mr. Barker into the room and notified him of his election. Mr. Barker accepted the position and thanked Mr. Gressette and the Board Members for their confidence in him.

Item 6. Adjournment

Statement: Mr. Smith moved that the meeting adjourn, the motion was properly seconded, and the vote of approval was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Thornton Kirby
Executive Secretary to the
Board of Trustees