

Clemson University  
Clemson, South Carolina

MINUTES  
**TELECONFERENCE OF THE  
CLEMSON UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Clemson, South Carolina  
March 19, 2020  
7:30 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 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 McKissick, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. with the following present:

Trustees (all via phone/video): Smyth McKissick, *Chairman, presiding*; David Dukes; Ronnie Lee; Louis Lynn, Patti McAbee; Nicky McCarter; Bob Peeler; Cheri Phyfer; Mark Richardson; Bill Smith; Joe Swann; Kim Wilkerson; and David Wilkins

Trustees Emeriti: J.J. Britton, Bill Hendrix, Tom McTeer, and Allen Wood

Administration: James P. Clements, *President*; Chip Hood, *General Counsel and Secretary to the Board of Trustees*; Max Allen, *Vice President and Chief of Staff*; Robert Donato, *Chief Strategy Officer*; Bob Jones, *Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost*; Mark Land, *Vice President for University Relations*; Angie Leidinger, *Vice President for External Affairs*; and Tony Wagner, *Executive Vice President for Finance and Operations*

Guests: Joe Galbraith, *Media Relations*; Rose Ellen Davis-Gross, *Office of the Board of Trustees*; Cathy Howe, *Director, Internal Audit*; Lynn Cole, *Internal Audit*; Greg Mullen, *Chief, CUPD*; Andrew Newton, *Office of General Counsel*; and Sally Mauldin, *Office of the Board of Trustees*

Media: Kathryn Foessel, *WSPA-TV*; and Riley Morningstar, *The Journal*

Joe Galbraith noted there were members of the media in attendance telephonically.

Sally Mauldin called roll of the Board of Trustees. Chairman McKissick noted that a quorum was present.

Information Item

1. COVID-19: University Status and Preparations

President Clements spoke about the current state of Clemson University with respect to COVID-19. Greg Mullen provided an update from CUPD. Provost Jones provided an update on academics. Tony Wagner provided a finance and operations update.

Questions and discussion followed.

Executive Session

Chairman McKissick said it was necessary to go into executive session to discuss contractual matters, personnel matters, and to receive legal advice regarding liabilities and claims and other matters covered by the attorney client privilege.

He said no votes or action would be taken while in executive session.

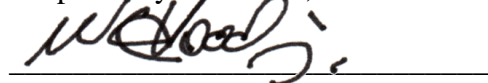
Trustee McCarter moved to enter into executive session. Trustee McAbee seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board entered into executive session at 8:10 a.m. and returned to open session at 8:45 a.m.

Adjourn

There being no further business, Chairman McKissick adjourned the meeting at 8:46 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



W. C. Hood, Jr.

Secretary to the Board of Trustees

Approved:



Signature

April 23, 2020

Date