

Clemson University  
Clemson, South Carolina

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

Clemson, South Carolina  
April 1, 2020  
4:00 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 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 4:00 p.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; Mark Richardson; Bill Smith; Joe Swann; Kim Wilkerson; and David Wilkins

Trustees Emeriti: J.J. Britton, Bill Hendrix, 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*; Jon Clayton, *CCIT*; Doug Henry, *CCIT*; John Wright, *Student*; Marilyn Hazlett, *Student*; Ben Brandes, *Student*; Kaitlyn Frey, *Student*; and Sally Mauldin, *Office of the Board of Trustees*

Media: Riley Morningstar, *The Journal*; Zoe Nicholson, *Greenville News*; and Matt Moore, *WYFF*

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

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

Action Item

1. COVID-19 Refunds

Tony Wagner presented the Administration's proposal regarding rebates and grants to students to address the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Trustee Peeler moved to delegate authority to the Administration to issue rebates and to make grants to students to address the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, including addressing items such as housing and dining, parking, and other such fees as it deems justified, in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$25 million. Trustee McCarter seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Chairman McKissick noted that Trustee Phyfer was unable to participate in the meeting, but she fully supports COVID-19 refunds and would have voted in favor as well.

Adjourn

There being no further business, Chairman McKissick adjourned the meeting at 4:14 p.m.

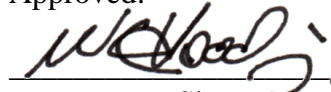
Respectfully submitted,



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W. C. Hood, Jr.  
Secretary to the Board of Trustees

Approved:



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Signature

April 23, 2020

Date