

Clemson University
Clemson, South Carolina

MINUTES
CLEMSON UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Web/Teleconference
July 24, 2020
8:00 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, Trustee McKissick, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. with the following present:

Trustees: Smyth McKissick, *Chairman, presiding*; David Dukes, Ronald 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, and Allen Wood

Administration: James P. Clements, *President*; George Askew, *Vice President for Public Service*; Max Allen, *Vice President and Chief of Staff*; Anthony Wagner, *Executive Vice President for Finance and Operations*; Chip Hood, *General Counsel and Secretary to the Board of Trustees*; Chris Miller, *Interim Vice President for Student Affairs*; Robert H. Jones, *Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost*; Kyra Lobbins, *Associate Deputy Chief of Staff*; Tanju Karanfil, *Vice President for Research*; Robert Donato, *Chief Strategy Officer*; Angie Leidinger, *Vice President for External Relations*; Dan Radakovich, *Director of Athletics*; Brian O'Rourke, *Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations*; Mark Land, *Vice President for University Relations*; Lee Gill, *Chief Diversity Officer*; and Russ Kaurlo, *Vice President and Chief Information Officer*

Guests: Doug Henry, *CCIT*; Joe Galbraith, *University Relations*; Jon Clayton, *CCIT*; Rick Petillo, *CFO*; Cathy Howe, *Director, Internal Audit*; Lynn Cole, *Internal Audit*; Lisa Knox, *Finance and Operations*; Laura Stoner, *Land and Capital Asset Stewardship*; Rose Ellen Davis-Gross, *Office of the Board of Trustees*; and Sally Mauldin, *Office of the Board of Trustees*

Media: Several media outlets and other guests joined the meeting via live stream hosted online by Clemson TV.

Sally Mauldin called roll of the Board of Trustees.

Chairman McKissick noted that a quorum of the Board of Trustees was present along with the Administration, faculty leadership, and staff leadership.

Joe Galbraith noted that members of the media were in attendance via Clemson TV.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Summer Retreat 2019 Minutes
 - b. Spring Quarterly Full Board Minutes
 - c. Spring Quarterly Committee Minutes
 - d. Web/Teleconference Meeting
 - i. June 12, 2020
2. Approval of the ACC Certification
3. Approval of the FY21 Audit Plan
4. Approval of University Advisory Committee for Naming Land and Facilities – Staggering Membership
5. Campaign Plan Endorsement:

The Board of Trustees endorses a two-phased plan (leadership and public) for the next University-wide capital campaign and direct the Administration to begin evaluation, planning, and initial execution with a comprehensive plan to be brought to the Board for approval at a later date.

Trustee Peeler moved to approve the consent agenda. Trustee Smith seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Executive Session

Chairman McKissick said it was necessary to go into executive session to discuss pending contractual matters related to property transactions listed on the agenda and to receive legal advice concerning claims and liabilities and other matters covered by the attorney client privilege. He noted that no votes or action would be taken while in executive session.

Trustee Dukes moved to go into executive session. Trustee McCarter seconded the motion. The Full Board entered into executive session at 8:03 a.m. and returned to open session at 8:25 a.m.

Action Items

Approval of FY21 Fees – Housing and Dining Rates & Academic Fee Schedule

Delegation of Authority to the Administration to Set Parking Fees and Fines

Tony Wagner presented proposed housing and dining rates and the academic fee schedule for consideration. Housing rates reflect no increase for first year students and Bridge students and a 3.71% average increase for continuing students. Dining rates reflect a 2.3% increase. Mr. Wagner also requested a delegation of authority to the administration to set parking fees and fines.

Trustee Smith moved to approve the housing and dining rates, the academic fee schedule, and the delegation of authority to set parking fees and fines. Trustee Dukes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously following a roll call vote.

Approval: Dunlap Property Acquisition and Disposition

Mr. Wagner presented the proposal. Clemson University is the recipient of an estate gift of property totaling 1.0461 acres of vacant land in Blowing Rock, North Carolina. Probate for the estate has already closed and the property was deeded to the University prior to the University going through the State's approval process to accept the property. The University is now conducting the appropriate and required investigative studies to get the State's approval of the acquisition.

Along with approval of the acquisition, the University is also requesting approval to transfer the property to its related organization, CUREF, which was established to accept gifts of real property. CUREF will then sell the property with proceeds to be used to support Clemson University.

Trustee McAbee moved to approve the property acquisition and disposition. Trustee Smith seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously following a roll call vote.

Approval: Acquisition of Right of Way from Pickens County

Mr. Wagner presented the right of way acquisition. In 1962 Pickens County inherited an abandoned section of the former Route 28 from SCDOT adjacent to University property. With this abandonment, Pickens County was to take over maintenance of this section of roadway; however, while the former road ROW was shown in the County system, the University has maintained it as part of the adjacent property.

Over the last several months, the University has been working with Pickens County to request the formal assignment of the ROW and maintenance obligations to the University given the location and proximity of the road ROW to University owned property and that the University has been maintaining the ROW for a number of years.

This proposed acquisition of ROW is of significant value to the University because it would allow Clemson additional protection of its property lines from surrounding landowners, greater control and enhancement of stormwater runoff and the ability to work with the City on such, and greater ability to development and enhance the adjoining University owned property at some point in the future.

Additionally, pursuance of this acquisition will require Pickens County Council to pass an ordinance relinquishing its claims and rights to the road ROW to the University before the University can take the proposed acquisition through the State process.

Finally, this proposed acquisition has been reviewed by Campus Planning, Capital Projects, the OGC, and the Office of Land and Capital Asset Stewardship. All divisions believe this to be in the best interest of the University.

Trustee McAbee moved to approve the right of way acquisition. Trustee Wilkerson seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously following a roll call vote.

Information Items

President's Report – President Clements provided an update.

COVID-19 Return Plan Update – Chip Hood presented various models forecasting the potential spread of COVID-19 upon the students' return to campus in the fall. Provost Bob Jones provided an update on academic preparations for the upcoming semester. Mr. Wagner provided an update on facilities preparations for return to operations as well as the financial impact of COVID-19 on the University.

Executive Session

Chairman McKissick said it was necessary to go into executive session to receive legal advice regarding liabilities and claims including those arising from the COVID-19 pandemic and other matters covered by the attorney client privilege, to discuss pending contractual matters, and to discuss personnel matters including the annual review of the President.

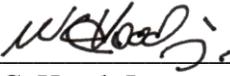
He noted no votes or action would be taken while in executive session. He noted the Board did not anticipate reconvening in open session. Trustee McCarter moved to enter into executive session. Trustee Smith seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board entered into executive session at 9:43 a.m. and returned to open session at 3:13 p.m.

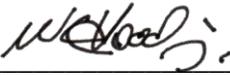
Adjourn

There no being no further business, Chairman McKissick adjourned the meeting at 3:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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



Approved

10/23/2020

Date