

Clemson University  
Clemson, South Carolina

MINUTES  
**Finance and Facilities Committee**  
**CLEMSON UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Executive Board Room  
Madren Center  
Clemson, South Carolina  
April 20, 2023  
1:30 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 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 Dukes, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:25 p.m. with the following present:

Committee Members: David Dukes, *Chair, presiding*; Smyth McKissick, *Vice Chair*; Nikki Haley, Nicky McCarter, Mark Richardson, Bill Hendrix, *Emeritus*; and David Wilkins, *Emeritus*

Trustees: Ronnie Lee, Louis Lynn, Patti McAbee, Bob Peeler, Bill Smith, Joe Swann and Kim Wilkerson

Trustees Emeriti: J.J. Britton and Allen Wood

Administration: James P. Clements, *President*; Tony Wagner, *Executive Vice President for Finance and Operations*; Max Allen, *Vice President and Chief of Staff*; Hank Morrow, *Executive Secretary to the Board of Trustees*; Robert Donato, *Chief Strategy Officer*; Chip Hood, *General Counsel*; Robert H. Jones, *Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost*; Angie Leidinger, *Vice President for External Relations*; Brian O'Rourke, *Vice President for Development*; Amy Smith, *Vice President for University Relations and Chief Marketing Officer*; Lisa Knox, *Assistant Vice President and Executive Director for Office of Institutional Excellence*; Rick Petillo, *Chief Financial Officer*; George Askew, *Vice President for Public Service and Agriculture*; Tanju Karanfil, *Vice President for Research*; Chris Miller, *Vice President for Student Affairs*; Tracy Arwood, *Chief Ethics and Compliance Officer*; Brian Voss, *Vice President and Chief Information Officer*; Felicia Benton-Johnson, *Vice President Diversity & Inclusion Excellence* and Graham Neff, *Director of Athletics*

Guests: Doug Henry, *CCIT*; Joe Galbraith, *Communications*; Beth Crocker, *Office of General Counsel*; Brian Powell, *Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees*; Adam Fisher, *Internal Audit*; Jeff Kallin, *Athletics*; Melinda Fischer, *Outgoing Staff Senate President*; Jake Anderson *Incoming Staff Senate President* and Kristina Sanderson, *Office of the Board of Trustees*

Media: Caitlin Herrington, *Post and Courier*; and David Ferrara, *Seneca Journal*

Hank Morrow called roll of the committee. Trustee Dukes noted a quorum was present.

Joe Galbraith introduced media in attendance.

**Information Items:**

1. Finance and Facilities Update.....**Tony Wagner & Rick Petillo**

**Executive Session**

Trustee Dukes said it was necessary to go into executive session related contractual matters for the enterprise resource planning systems. No decisions will be made, and no votes will be taken. This committee will reconvene in public session.

Trustee McCarter moved to go into executive session. Trustee Haley seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. The committee entered executive session at 1:50 p.m. and returned to public session at 2:05 p.m.

**Action Items:**

1. Approval: Tillman Auditorium Renovation Phase 2 ..... Tony Wagner

Action Requested – Request Phase II approval for \$11,500,000 to establish the project budget for the renovation of Tillman Hall Auditorium

Prior Actions – Phase 1 approved by BOT February 2022

**Project Description and Justification –**

This project is to renovate the approximately 13,165 square foot auditorium in the historic Tillman Hall. Tillman Hall is approximately 95,700 square feet and has not been renovated since 1981. The auditorium is not ideally suited for classroom instruction or for hosting campus speakers for students, faculty, and staff. The large stage for theatrical productions is no longer needed and reducing the stage will provide more room for seating. The auditorium does not meet current ADA standards. This auditorium will become the largest teaching auditorium on campus and is a high capital priority for Academic Affairs. The renovated space will create a modern auditorium that will respect its historical significance and become a premier gathering space in the heart of campus. The project will include renovating and improving the Tillman Hall Auditorium to make it function as both a large scale, approximate 600-seat classroom, and an auditorium space. New

restrooms will also be installed in a portion of the existing main building, returning the stage to a more manageable scale, creating back-of-house spaces for guest lecturers and performers, and opening the space to more natural light. The renovation will also improve the HVAC and lighting systems and install new interior finishes.

Finance

- The renovation is estimated at \$11.5 million and will be funded with Maintenance & Stewardship Funds.

Schedule

- Construction is planned to begin September 2023 with a completion date of January 2025.

2. Approval: Proviso Projects Phase 1 & Phase 2 ..... Tony Wagner

Action Requested – Approval of projects listed below that will not need State approval for this fiscal year

Prior Actions – N/A

Project Description and Justification – The University requests approval to proceed with the three projects noted below under 2023 budget proviso 117.140.

For the current fiscal year, permanent improvement projects, as defined in Title 2, Chapter 47 of the 1976 Code, where the cost is at least one million dollars but not greater than five million dollars for public research universities and not greater than two million dollars for all other public institutions of higher learning shall be exempt from the requirements of Section 2-47-50, except that a project shall not be considered approved without an institutions governing board having first voted to approve the project in a public session. Institutions shall provide a report of projects approved by their governing boards pursuant to this provision to the Chairman of the Commission on Higher Education, the Joint Bond Review Committee, and the State Fiscal Accountability Authority by November 15th of the current fiscal year.

New Projects:

- Life Science Building Atrium Renovation - \$1,900,000
- Parking – P5 Lot Expansion (Hwy 76) - \$3,000,000
- Parking – Commons Court Lot Expansion (Lightsey Bridge) - \$2,300,000

Life Science Building Atrium Renovation – \$1,900,00 Funded by College of Science

A renovation of the Life Sciences Atrium on Clemson’s main campus is needed to house the department chair and their staff in a more central location for the ongoing education and research of the Department of Genetics and Biochemistry. The department chair and staff currently occupy space in the D-wing of Poole Agricultural Center. The Life Sciences Building currently houses the Eukaryotic Pathogens Innovation Center, The Clemson Light Imaging Center, and the Science Genomic Support Center.

This project will utilize space around the three-story open atrium, providing an aesthetic focal point. In total, the department will gain 12 new offices and be relocated to be in closer proximity to other Life Sciences faculty, staff, and students.

Renovation will begin May 2023 and will be completed in August 2023.  
Trustee assignment and involvement is not recommended.

**Parking – P5 Lot Expansion (Hwy 76)- \$3,000,000 Parking Improvement Funds**  
The expansion of the existing P5 Park-N-Ride lot by 293 parking spaces is intended to create additional parking inventory to expand and support Commuters and Park-N-Ride permit holders. This project will support the loss of commuter spots from the new Advanced Material Innovation Complex and Lehotsky Hall Replacement. During construction this project will not displace any existing parking.  
Construction will begin May 2023 and will be completed in August 2023.  
Trustee assignment and involvement is not recommended.

**Parking – Commons Court Lot Expansion (Lightsey Bridge) - \$2,300,000 Parking Improvement Funds**  
The expansion of parking in this area of the Lightsey Bridge complex is intended to create 207 additional parking spaces for Lightsey Bridge resident students so they can be relocated from the R4 parking lot. The Lightsey Bridge Complex and the R4 parking lot are both located across the street from the Botanical Gardens.  
The Parking Long-Range Framework Plan directs construction of peripheral parking lots to pedestrianize core campus areas. With Perimeter Road in the process of being widened to 4 lanes, this new parking area will adhere to the Framework Plan and create a peripheral lot right off the main thoroughfare along the outskirts of campus.  
Construction will begin May 2023 and will be completed in August 2023.  
Trustee assignment and involvement is not recommended.

3. Reappointment of University Court Judges..... Rick Petillo

**Requested Action**

In June 2021, the Board of Trustees appointed Gary Clary as Chief Judge and Director of the University Court and Appointment of Lindsey Simmons as Associate Judge, each with 2-year terms beginning June 16, 2021. Subsequently, on June 1, 2022 Judge Simmons assumed the position of Director and Chief Judge and Judge Clary assumed a part-time position as an Associate Judge, along with adjustments in salary, without modifying the original appointment terms.

The original 2-year appointments expire on June 16, 2023. Since the judges were originally appointed, the University’s outstanding caseload has decreased substantially, the Court has been run in a professional manner, and the Court is best-in-class without a marked increase in staffing. The University is requesting reappointment of Lindsey Simmons as the Chief Judge and Director of the University Court and Gary Clary as Associate Judge of the University Court, both with terms to expire on June 16, 2025. Proposed compensation would not change from current salaries. The University does not believe that additional action will be necessary from the Governor’s office if the Board renews the appointment. Attached to this request are resumes for Mr. Clary and Ms. Simmons for the Board’s consideration.

## II. Legal Background

The Board of Trustees shall recommend for commissioning by the Governor a “recorder”<sup>1</sup> to act as a magistrate judge to hear offenses that take place within the territorial limits of the University (University land within a 5-mile radius of the university building). The Board can request the commissioning of one or more full or part time judges, set terms for their appointment (typically 2-4 years for municipal judges), and set or delegate the authority to set their compensation.

Trustee Dukes explained that our capital project and proviso projects will be voted on by the full board tomorrow and the reappointment of our judges will go on the consent agenda for consideration by the full board, also.

### Information Item:

1. Staff Senate Video

### Written Reports Only:

1. Capital Investment Update
2. Staff Senate Reports
3. IT Update

Trustee Dukes referred to the previously distributed written reports regarding capital investment updates, Staff Senate, a Section 8.08 resolution, and an IT update.

### Other Business

### Adjourn

There being no further business, Trustee Dukes adjourned the meeting at 2:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Hank Morrow

Executive Secretary to the Board of Trustees

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Approved

July 20, 2023

Date