

MINUTES
SOUTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL ZOOM MEETING
ORANGEBURG, SOUTH CAROLINA
AUGUST 21, 2025

CALL TO ORDER/OPEN SESSION:

Chairperson Douglas Gantt called the meeting to order at 4:32 PM. Sam Watson noted that proper notice was given regarding the meeting to comply with the Freedom of Information Act. The agenda was circulated to the members (Attachment 1). Trustee Rodney Jenkins extended the invocation.

Board Members Present Via Zoom: Starlee Alexander, Jameel Allen, Louveta Dicks, Douglas Gantt, Rodney Jenkins, Darrell Johnson, Robert Reese, Monica Scott, Wilbur Shuler, Macie Smith, William Oden, and Daniel Varat. *Ex-Officio Members:* Stephen Beatty, Alexander Thierry, Zaria Tucker, and Yolanda Williams.

Administrators & Others via Zoom: President, Alexander Conyers; CFO, Gerald Smalls; General Counsel, Nashiba Boyd; Administrative Coordinator and Recorder, Eartha Mosley. There were approximately 22 other Zoom observers.

Media Via Zoom: *The Times and Democrat – Dionne Gleaton.*

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The Chair asked for the adoption of the agenda. ***Trustee Monica Scott made a motion to adopt the agenda. Trustee Louveta Dicks seconded the motion. The Motion was Approved.***

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

He thanked everyone for their attendance. The Chair commended the Charlotte Chapter on a fantastic job with the recent Alumni National Convention. He continued by stating that today's meeting will be held regarding the proposed university policy for all organizations and the policy for the University's Information Technology Services. President Conyers and Attorney Nabisha Boyd will give details concerning the new policies.

Chairman Gantt reminded the board members that as the University moves forward with R2, changes will be implemented. He reminded the board members to stay within the bylaws. All issues pertaining to the board should be discussed among themselves and/or with the Chairman. Persons violating the law would face consequences.

PRESIDENT'S UPDATES

The President shared that this is the first week of classes. The SGA officers will lead the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the remodeled Kirkland W. Green Student Center, scheduled for February 2026, marking the beginning of the \$20 million expansion of the Kirkland W. Green Student Center. A Loyal Daughter, Ms. Lauren Dawson, presented a \$10,000 check in honor of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lamar Dawson. Recently, an anonymous donor gifted the University with 1,300 shares of one stock valued at \$407,000.

President Conyers having served on the following affiliations before his present role at the University: Executive Member on the STATE Club, Executive Level as National Chairperson for the National Alumni Association, Washington, DC Chapter Alumni President, Ex-Official on the Real Estate Foundation, and Ex-Official on the University Foundation, saw a need for University's Affiliation Agreement with the Board of Trustees, which all the University's Affiliated Foundations, Entities and Organizations must comply with this agreement.

Attorney Nashiba Boyd elaborates on the two proposed policies: Policy 1.6, Affiliated Foundations, Entities, and Organizations, and Policy 4.1, University Computing and Information Technology Service. She shared all policies and procedures across the entire campus, which were reviewed. The intent is to update policies and procedures to align with the University's efforts to enhance its performance.

She began with Policy 1.6. The policy Affiliated Foundations, Entities, and Organizations. This policy would provide guidelines for recognizing a corporation, support foundation, organization, or other entity as an affiliated of South Carolina State University and also to establish standards and requirements to ensure that the relationships between SCSU and each Affiliated Entity are stable and long-term, productive and efficient, separate and independent, but aligned in mission and enterprise, while maximizing the support of each Affiliated Entity for the benefit of SCSU.

Policy 4.1 University Computing and Information Technology Service. This was developed by the Chief Information Officer and his team to protect the University. The purpose is to formally adopt the SCSU Computing and Information Technology Policy Manual as the governing document for the use, management, and protection of the University's computing and information technology resources. This adoption ensures that all faculty, staff, students, contractors, and affiliates operate within a consistent and comprehensive framework of technology standards, practices, and responsibilities.

The Chairman requested a motion to approve Proposed Policy 1.6, Affiliated Foundations, Entities, and Organizations. Trustee Jameel Allen made the motion to approve the policy, and Trustee Darrell Johnson seconded it. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

The Chairman asked for a motion to approve Proposed Policy 4.1. University Computing and Information Technology Service. Trustee Darrell Johnson made the motion to approve the policy, and Trustee Rodney Jenkins seconded it. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

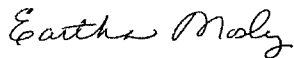
Attorney Boyd mentioned the President is seeking to re-affiliate with the SC State University Advancement Foundation. The Foundation currently has three members (Hank Allen, Chuck Whipple, and Isaiah Reese) and approximately \$200,000 in its account and is not currently affiliated with the university. The current mission is to assist with the fundraising. It would provide the University with an alternative through special projects, sponsored research, fundraising (R2), and strategic investment in student and faculty facilities. After some discussion, the Chairman asked for a motion to approve the reaffiliation with the SC State University Advancement Foundation.

The Chairman requested a motion to approve reestablishing the relationship with the SC State University Advancement Foundation. Trustee Jameel Allen made the motion to approve, and Trustee Macie Smith seconded it. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 5:39 PM.

Submitted by,



Eartha Mosley
Recorder

Attachments

- 1 – Agenda
- 2 – Bond Resolutions (3)