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University of South Carolina

BOARD OF TRUSTEES - CALLED

January 14, 2022

The University of South Carolina Board of Trustees convened in a called meeting at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, January 14, 2022 in the Floyd Boardroom of the Pastides Alumni Center and via Microsoft Teams video and audio conference.

Members present were Dr. C. Dorn Smith III, Board Chair; Mr. Thad H. Westbrook, Board Vice Chair; Mr. C. Dan Adams; Mr. Alex English; Dr. C. Edward Floyd; Mr. Brian C. Harlan; Mr. Richard A. Jones Jr.; Mr. Toney J. Lister; Mr. Miles Loadholt; Ms. Leah B. Moody; Ms. Rose Buyck Newton; Mr. John C. von Lehe Jr.; Mr. Eugene P. Warr Jr.; and Mr. Charles H. Williams. Members participating by Microsoft Teams video and audio conference were Mr. J. Egerton Burroughs, Mr. Hubert F. Mobley, Ms. Emma W. Morris, Mr. Robin D. Roberts, Ms. Molly M. Spearman, and Mr. Mack I. Whittle Jr.

Also present were USC Columbia Faculty Senate Chair Dr. Audrey Korsgaard and USC Columbia Student Government President Mr. Alex Harrell.

Others in attendance were Interim President Harris Pastides; Secretary Cameron Howell; Mr. Todd Carroll of Womble Bond Dickinson; Deputy Director of Athletics Chance Miller; Vice President of System Affairs Derham Cole; General Counsel Terry Parham; Vice President for Student Affairs and Vice Provost Dennis Pruitt; College of Arts and Science Interim Dean Joel Samuels; Assistant Vice President, Media and External Engagement Jeff Stensland; Director of Athletics Ray Tanner; Vice President for Communications Larry Thomas; and Board of Trustees support staff.

OPEN SESSION

I. Call to Order

Chair Smith called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Chair Smith asked Trustees in the room to introduce themselves. Secretary Howell confirmed Trustees attending via Microsoft Teams video and audio conference.

Chair Smith called on Mr. Jeff Stensland to introduce members of the media, and Mr. Stensland did as requested.

Chair Smith stated notice of the meeting and agenda had been posted and the press notified as required by the Freedom of Information Act; the agenda and supporting materials had been circulated to the Board; and a quorum was present to conduct business.

MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Smith advised there was a need for an Executive Session to consider an employment contract for an assistant football coach. Dr. Floyd made the motion to enter Executive Session, and Ms. Moody seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion carried. Chair Smith invited the following to remain: Trustees, Secretary Howell, Dr. Korsgaard, Mr. Harrell, Mr. Carroll, Mr. Miller, Mr. Parham, and Mr. Tanner.

Chair Smith stated there would be no action taken in Executive Session. He asked those not asked to remain in Executive Session to exit the Boardroom.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

– Executive Session Removed

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

II. Approval of Contract for Assistant Football Coach

Chair Smith called for a motion to approve the employment contract of Assistant Football Coach Sterling Lucas in alignment with the term sheet posted to the Board portal. Ms. Newton so moved, and Mr. von Lehe seconded the motion. A vote was taken and approved.

Chair Smith declared the contract approved.

MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Smith advised there was a need for an Executive Session to receive legal advice and to consider candidates for the position of President of the University of South Carolina. Mr. Jones made a motion to enter Executive Session, and Mr. Lister seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion carried. Chair Smith invited the following to remain: Trustees, Secretary Howell, Dr. Korsgaard, Mr. Harrell, Mr. Carroll, and Mr. Parham.

Chair Smith stated there would be no action taken in Executive Session. He asked those not asked to remain in Executive Session to exit the Boardroom.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Executive Session Removed

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

III. Presidential Election

Chair Smith called for a motion to elect Dr. Michael Amiridis as the 30th President of the University of South Carolina. Mr. Williams made the motion, and Mr. Warr seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.

Specifics of compensation for Dr. Amiridis would be discussed and approved by the Board at a subsequent meeting, Chair Smith announced.

IV. Adjourn

Chair Smith declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cameron Howell

Secretary