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University of South Carolina  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Finance and Infrastructure Committee

In Person, Floyd Boardroom, Pastides Alumni Center  
and By Microsoft Teams  
September 15, 2023

OPEN SESSION

I. Call to Order

Chair Adams called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. Secretary Howell confirmed Trustees attending in person and by Microsoft Teams audio and video conference.

Committee Members in attendance:

C. Dan Adams, Chair  
Alex English  
C. Edward Floyd  
Brian C. Harlan  
Miles Loadholt (online)  
Reid T. Sherard  
Charles H. Williams  
Rose Buyck Newton, *Board Vice Chair*  
Thad H. Westbrook, *Board Chair*

Other Trustees in attendance:

Henry L. Jolly Jr.  
Richard A. Jones Jr.  
Hubert F. Mobley  
E. Scott Moise  
Leah B. Moody  
Emma W. Morris  
C. Dorn Smith III  
John C. von Lehe Jr.  
Ellen Weaver (online)

Others in attendance:

Wayne Outten, USC Columbia Faculty Senate Chair  
Emmie Thompson, USC Columbia Student Government President

Robin Roberts, Advisor to the Advancement, Engagement and Communications Committee

Administrators in attendance:

Michael Amiridis, President

Cameron Howell, University Secretary and Secretary of the Board of Trustees

Donna Arnett, Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost

Terry Parham, General Counsel

Ed Walton, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Media in attendance:

Riley Edenbeck, the *Daily Gamecock*

Win Hammond, the *Daily Gamecock*

Alexa Jurado, the *State*

Notice:

Chair Adams 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 Committee; and a quorum was present to conduct business.

MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Adams stated there was a need for an Executive Session to discuss proposed contractual matters pertaining to gift naming agreements with the College of Nursing and with the Athletics Department and for receipt of legal advice regarding a potential claim.

Mr. Sherard made the motion to enter Executive Session, and Mr. Harlan seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.

Chair Adams invited the following to remain: Trustees, Dr. Outten, Ms. Thompson, Mr. Roberts, President Amiridis, Secretary Howell, Chancellors, Provost Arnett, Mr. Cole, Ms. Dodenhoff, Ms. Dunleavy, Dr. Fritz, Mr. Gruner, Mr. Parham, Mr. Sobieralski, Mr. Tanner, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Tolliver, Mr. Walton, and Board of Trustees Staff

EXECUTIVE SESSION

– Executive Session Removed

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

II. Approval of Gift Naming Opportunities

Chair Adams stated the following two gift naming opportunities were presented in Executive Session without objection.

A. Athletics: Dr. Charlotte Lindler Ellis Head Coach's Office

B. College of Nursing: Sigma Theta Tau International, Inc. Alpha Xi Chapter #036  
Student Study Space

Mr. Sherard made the motion to approve the two gift naming opportunities, and Mr. English seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved.

Chair Adams stated the gift naming opportunities would be included on the Finance and Infrastructure Committee's written consent agenda for consideration by the full Board later in the day.

III. Approval of the Executive Budget Request

Mr. Sherard made the motion to approve the 2024-25 executive budget and Mr. Williams seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.

Chair Adams stated the FY2024-25 Executive Budget Request will be reviewed for approval by the full Board later in the day.

IV. Capitol Renewal Updates

University Architect Derek Gruner and Chief Operating Officer Jeff Perkins presented capitol renewal updates.

Chair Adams stated the updates were received as information.

V. Project and Planning Updates

Mr. Gruner presented project and planning updates.

Chair Adams stated the update was received as information.

VI. Project/Infrastructure Approvals

Mr. Gruner presented the following projects for approval.

A. Large Projects

1. Campus Housing Master Development Phase I
2. Stadium and River District Development
3. Green and Garnet Phase II
4. Athletics Field House Renovation and Expansion
5. Land Acquisition: Health Sciences Campus- 16 acres

## 6. Land Acquisition: River Property- 589 acres

Dr. Floyd made the motion to approve the large projects as presented and posted to the Board portal. Mr. English seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved.

### B. Other Project Approvals

#### – 1728 College Street Renovation

Ms. Newton made a motion to approve the 1728 College Street renovation as presented and posted to the Board portal. Mr. William seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion carried.

## VII. Organizational Excellence Update

University Organizational Excellence Officer Stacey Bradley presented an update.

Chair Adams stated the update was received as information.

## VIII. IT Update

Interim CIO Ms. Beth Brigdon presented an IT Update.

Chair Adams stated the update was received as information.

## IX. AGB Topical Assessment

Chair Adams stated that at the request of the Governance Committee, the Finance and Infrastructure Committee was tracking activities and making enhancements related to topical items from the AGB self-assessment tool. An update was posted to the Board portal and received as information.

## X. Charter Review

Chair Adams stated the updated Finance and Infrastructure Committee charter was posted to the Board portal for review in advance of the meeting. He asked Committee members to review the charter and submit any proposed changes to Secretary Howell and Committee liaison Joe Sobieralski by October 2, 2023. Unless there are specific requests by members of the Committee, there will be no changes to the charter at this time.

## XI. Other Matters

Chair Adams called for any other matters for the Committee. There were none.

XII. Adjournment

Chair Adams declared the meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cameron Howell  
Secretary