

South Carolina Governor's School for Science and Mathematics

Board of Trustees Meeting

Hartsville, SC

In-Person and Zoom Video Conference

May 27, 2022

Noon

Governing Board Members Present In-Person

Mr. Robert Brown, Chair

Ms. Connie Cain

Mr. John Michael Florence @ 1:10 pm

Mr. Dennis Getter

Dr. Jane Joseph

Dr. David Tedeschi

Dr. Henry Tisdale

Governing Board Members Present via Zoom:

Ms. B. Charmeka Childs

Mr. William Hudson Denny

Mr. John Michael Florence

Mr. Heyward Hilliard

Dr. Christina Melton

Guests Present:

Dr. Kathryn deRidder-Vignone

Dr. Elaine Parshall

Dr. Lance Riddle

Ms. Camille Day

Mr. James White

Staff Members Present In-Person:

Mr. Danny Dorsel

Ms. Elizabeth Dinndorf

Mr. Brock Heron

Mr. Randy La Cross

Mr. Chris Lambert

Ms. Bridget Lloyd

Dr. Emilye Mobley

Dr. Michael Newsome

Mr. Jon Shannon

Item 1: Call to Order and Roll Call:

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees at the South Carolina Governor's School for Science and Mathematics was called to order at approximately 12:05 pm by Chairman Brown. A quorum was present, and the meeting, having been duly convened, was ready to proceed with business. Bridget Lloyd recorded the minutes.

Chairman Brown reviewed the agenda and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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Item 2A:

Approval of the minutes of the Regular Board of Trustees meeting on February 10, 2022.

Mr. Getter motioned to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2022, meeting. Mr. Hilliard seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion carried.

Item 3: President's Report – Danny Dorsel

President Dorsel presented his report, which included the following highlights:

- GSSM Opportunities for Students
 - a. Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)
 - b. SC Junior Academy of Science (SJAS) Competition
 - c. Chess Team Competition
 - d. Bike Rodeo Competition
 - e. Science Bowl Competition
 - f. Mock Trial Competition
 - g. Robotics Competition
 - h. Student Driven Math-a-thon - The community event raised money for families in Ukraine
- Recent Recognition
 - a. GSSM Eagles CubeSat Team Competition
 - b. Published In First Light: The Online Journal of Exceptional High School Writing
- Campus Events - May 2022
- Class of 2022 College Acceptances
- Enrollment Update:
 - Residential: 143 rising seniors; 130 incoming juniors
 - Accelerate: 26 rising seniors; 33 rising juniors, and 47 incoming sophomores
 - STEM Foundations Pilot: 12 rising seniors; 4 incoming juniors
- Update: GSSM Master Planning
- Faculty and Staff Recruiting Development - Interchange Staffing, LLC

The Board of Trustees received Mr. Dorsel's report, and a copy is on file.

Item 4A: Finance, Facilities, and Operations

Financial Report as of April 30, 2022 - Information Only

Mr. Heron presented the financial report as of April 30, 2022, as information only. Discussions were held during the report. The report required no further action and will be placed on file.

GSSM Preliminary State Budget Request for the 2022-2023 Academic Year

Mr. Heron presented the preliminary state budget request for the 2022-2023 academic year on behalf of the Finance Committee. The Finance committee had previously approved the budget; a second was unnecessary.

Action: Approval of the Preliminary GSSM State Budget Request for the 2022-2023 Academic Year.

There was no further discussion. The Board of Trustees voted unanimously to approve the budget.

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State Budget Request for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year - Information Only

Mr. Heron presented a draft budget request for the 2023-2024 fiscal year as information only. The budget included requests not approved in the 2022-2023 budget. The final budget will be presented to the Board of Trustees at the September 2022 board meeting.

Chairman Brown opened the floor for discussion. There was no further discussion. The report required no other action and will be placed on file.

Item 5: Update on the Master Planning Process

Mr. Shannon's presented the report on the Master Planning process and included updates on the following phases.

- Master Planning Process Update
- Inclusion: Research and Input Phase
- Estimated Timeline for Board Presentation
- Hartsville Community Development Foundation (HCDF) Property Update

Item 6: GSSM Foundation Report

Ms. Dinndorf, Executive Director, GSSM Foundation, presented a report with the following highlights.

- GSSM Foundation Mission
- Donors and Alumni Reconnects
- Foundation Fundraising Results as of May 26, 2022
- Townes Award Celebration: Net Profit
- Hydroponic Lab Expected Delivery Date: Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on September 8, 2022.
- Clyde Smith Annual Fund Campaign for Summer Science Programs
- Update: Projected Endowment Withdrawal

The Board of Trustees received Ms. Dinndorf's report, and a copy is on file.

Item 7: Board Nominating Committee

Chairman Brown turns the floor over to the Nominating Committee Chair, Mr. Hilliard.

On behalf of the nominating committee, Mr. Hilliard submitted the following nominations: for Board Chair Bob Brown; for Board Vice-Chair, Dr. Rainey Knight. Mr. Hilliard motioned for the Board to approve the committee's nominations.

Approval on a vote for Board Chair

Chairman Brown opened the floor for other nominations for Board Chairperson. Hearing none, Chairman Brown asked all in favor to say 'Aye.' Any opposed 'No.' None were opposed. The motion passed with an abstention from Chairman Brown due to a conflict of interest.

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Approval on a vote for Board Vice-Chair

Chairman Brown opened the floor for discussion or other nominations for Board Vice-Chair. Hearing none, Chairman Brown asked all in favor to say 'Aye.' Any opposed 'No.' None were opposed. The motion passed.

Item 8: Faculty Senate Update

Dr. Kathryn deRidder-Vignone and Dr. Lance Riddle provided updates on the Faculty Senate. Dr. Elaine Parshall presented projects completed by students in her engineering class.

Item 9: Student Council Update

Ms. Camille Day '22 and Mr. James White '22 discussed their experiences at GSSM.

Item 10: Break

Chairman Brown requested a 5-minute break at 1:33 pm and reconvened at 1:38 pm.

Item 11: New Business - Board Resignations

Chairman Brown announced and accepted the resignations of Dr. DeWitt Coleman and Dr. Judith Salley effective as of July 1, 2021, and February 10, 2022, respectively.

Item 12: Approval of Consent Agenda

Chairman Brown opened the floor for discussion. After some discussion, Chairman Brown requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Action: Mr. Hilliard approved, and Dr. Tedeschi seconded. Chairman Brown requested, "All in favor say 'Aye.' Any opposed 'No.' None were opposed. The motion passed.

Item 13: Standing Committee Reports

Educational Policies and Practices:

On behalf of the Committee on Educational Policies and Practices, Dr. Tedeschi requested the Board's approval to accept the changes to the course catalog. The committee approved the changes, and a second was not needed from the Board.

Chairman Brown recommended postponing the vote until the next Board meeting to allow the review of the changes. The topic will be placed on the agenda for the next Board meeting.

Item 14: Reminder of 2022 Schedule of Board Meetings

Chairman Brown reviewed the upcoming meeting dates. The graduation ceremony will be held on Saturday, May 28, 2022. There was some discussion on the GSSM Board participating in a joint retreat with the GSSM Foundation Board on September 8-9, 2022.

Item 16: Adjournment

Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 1:46 pm.

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Robert (Bob) Brown, Chairperson
Board of Trustees
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Notice of the meeting's time, date, location, and agenda was provided to the public on May 23, 2022, on the school's website and in publicly accessible areas at 401 Railroad Avenue, Hartsville, South Carolina.