

South Carolina Governor's School for Science and Mathematics

Board of Trustees Meeting
Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd Conference Room
Columbia, SC
In-Person and Zoom Video Conference
February 9, 2023

Noon

Governing Board Members Present In-Person

Mr. Robert Brown, Chair
Ms. Stephanie DiStasio
Mr. Dennis Getter
Dr. Rainey Knight, Vice-Chair
Dr. David Tedeschi
Dr. Henry Tisdale

Governing Board Members Present via Zoom:

Mr. Hudson Denny
Mr. John Michael Florence
Mr. Heyward Hilliard
Dr. Jane Joseph
Ms. Barbara Melvin
Ms. Heather Srulevich
Dr. Cynthia Young

Guests Present:

Dr. Lance Riddle
Ms. Michelle Harter
Dr. Roberto Robles-Valencia
Briggs Murray - Student

Staff Members Present:

Mr. Danny Dorsel
Ms. Beth Dinndorf
Mr. Brock Heron
Mr. Randy La Cross
Mr. Christopher 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 12:10 pm by Chairman Bob Brown. A quorum was present, and the meeting, having been duly convened, was ready to proceed with business. Bridget Lloyd recorded the minutes.

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Chairman Brown welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Item 2:

Approve the minutes of the Regular Board of Trustees meeting on November 17, 2022.

Chairman Brown requested a motion to approve the minutes as they were distributed. Mr. Getter moved to approve. Dr. Tedeschi seconded. The minutes of November 17, 2022, were approved as distributed.

Item 3: President's Report

Mr. Dorsel's report began by reminding everyone of GSSM's mission, vision, and values statement, focusing on the phrase "sense of community between students, faculty, and staff." He reported on the following events and updates.

- January Interim Courses
- Parents and Friends Seminar Day
- GSSM Outreach Program Events
 - a. INSIDE GSSM Day - March 4, 2023
 - b. Elementary Program
- Enrollment Updates as of February 7, 2023, for Residential, Accelerate, and STEM Foundations
- Consent Agenda Highlights
- Hydroponic Research Lab Update
- Master Planning Update

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

Item 4: Draft Master Plan Review

Mr. Lay, '03 (Project Architect), and Ms. Smyth (Project Manager) of McMillan Pazdan Smith Architecture presented their report on the campus master plan's progress, refined design schemes, and the next steps.

The Board of Trustees discussed recommendations for the refined design schemes.

Chairman Brown requested rearranging the order of Items #5 - #9 on the agenda.

Item 9: Break

Chairman Brown requested a five minutes recess at 1:40 pm. The meeting reconvened at approximately 1:45 pm.

Item 7: Faculty Senate Update

Dr. Lance Riddle gave an update on behalf of the Faculty Senate. Dr. Spencer Tyce discussed his experience as a history teacher at GSSM.

Item 8: Student Update

Ms. Cecilia Taylor, Class of 2023 at River Bluff HS. Ms. Taylor discussed her experience as a student in the Accelerate program.

Item 5: Finance, Facilities, and Operations

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On behalf of the Finance, Facilities, and Operations committee, Mr. Heron presented the Financial Report as of December 31, 2022, as information only.

Item 6: GSSM Foundation Report

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

- Fundraising Results as of February 2023
- Advocacy and Connections for GSSM & the Foundation
- Fall Alumni Reconnect Events and Return on Investments
- Day of Gratitude Results - November 2022
- Increased Parent Engagement
- Grant Results
- Around the World with GSSM Funding Results
- Updates on the Townes Award Dinner on March 15

The Board of Trustees received the Foundation's report; a copy is on file.

Item 10: New Business

None.

Item 11: Approval of Consent Agenda

Chairman Brown requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Dr. Tedeschi moved to approve. Mr. Getter seconded. The Consent Agenda was approved as distributed.

Item 12: Standing Committee Reports

None

Item 13: Reminder of Upcoming Board of Trustees Meeting for 2023 - Information Only

Chairman Brown reviewed the upcoming meeting dates. The next meeting will be Friday, May 26, 2023, at noon in Hartsville, SC.

Item 14: Adjournment

Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 2:26 pm.

Robert (Bob) Brown, Chairperson
Board of Trustees
SC Governor's School for Science and Mathematics

Notice of the meeting's time, date, location, and agenda was provided to the public on February 2, 2023, on the school's website and in publicly accessible areas at 401 Railroad Avenue, Hartsville, South Carolina.