

South Carolina Governor's School for Science and Mathematics

Board of Trustees Meeting

Hartsville, S.C.

September 12, 2019

9:00 a.m.

Governing Board Members Present

Ms. Carolyne Williams, Chair, Presiding
Mr. Arthur Tompkins, Vice-Chair
Mr. John Barnes - via telephone
Mr. Robert (Bob) Brown
Dr. Randy Collins
Dr. Carol Fegahli-Bostwick – via telephone
Dr. Joe Griffin
Dr. Rusty Monhollon
Dr. Anne Pressley – via telephone
Dr. Chris Przirembel
Dr. Judith Salley – via telephone
Mr. Lee Stogner
Dr. David Tedeschi

Guests Present via Conference Call:

Mr. Shane Farmer, GSSM Alum, is representing the Alumni Board – left at 10:57 a.m.

Staff Members Present:

Dr. Ershela Sims	Mrs. Bridget Lloyd
Mrs. Beth Dinndorf	Dr. Emilye Mobley
Mr. Danny Dorsel	Mr. Jon Shannon
Mr. Brock Heron	
Mr. Randy LaCross	

Item 1: Call to Order and Roll Call:

Ms. Carolyne Williams, Chair, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at approximately 9:10 a.m. The roll was taken with a quorum present.

Item 2: Reminder of Future Board Meetings:

Ms. Williams reminded everyone of the upcoming Board meetings. Ms. Williams advised the Board of the possibility that the January 30th meeting may move to Columbia.

Thursday,	January 30, 2020,	Hartsville	Noon
Thursday,	April 9, 2020,	Columbia	Noon
Thursday,	June 11, 2020	Conference Call	Noon

Item 3: Approval of the Minutes of June 13, 2019, GSSM Board of Trustees Meeting:

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Ms. Williams asked for a motion to approve the minutes of June 13, 2019, meeting of the GSSM Board of Trustees. Motion to approve by Dr. Randy Collins, seconded by Mr. John Barnes, and unanimously approved by the Board.

Ms. Williams asked for a motion to approve the minutes of July 12, 2019, Special Called meeting of the GSSM Board of Trustees. Motion to approve the July 12, 2019 minutes by Mr. Bob Brown with corrections to Item #6. The new text will read, "Ms. Williams reconvened to open session and stated no motions were made during the closed session." Dr. Prziembel seconded the motion, and unanimously approved by the Board.

Ms. Williams asked for a motion to approve the minutes of July 30, 2019, Special Called meeting of the GSSM Board of Trustees. Motion to approve by Mr. Bob Brown, seconded by Dr. Ty Coleman, and unanimously approved by the Board.

Item 4: Introductions – Ms. Carolyne Williams

Ms. Williams called for introductions of the Board of Trustees, faculty, and staff. Ms. Williams welcomed everyone to the Board meeting.

Item 5: President's Report – Dr. Ershela Sims

Dr. Sims began her report with pictures from Move-In day. Dr. Sims' report included a summary of highlights from the summer programs and the school year.

- Summer Programs and Outreach – Dr. Ershela Sims/Mr. Randy LaCross
 - Summer Program for Research Interns and Research Scholars Experience Program
 - GoSciTech Camp – More than 1300 students attended
 - CREATEng & iTEAMS - Satellite Camps
 - Accelerate Base Camp (Coker University), Clemson Research Camp, and USC Electrical Engineering Camp
 - Virtual Summer Experience – 25 rising sophomores in the Accelerate program participated
 - LaunchPad – attended by 34 rising juniors
 - Outreach Camps – located in 42 out of 46 counties
- Capital Improvements Projects & Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Highlights – Dr. Ershela Sims/Mr. Brock Heron
- Information Technology Initiatives – Dr. Ershela Sims/Mr. Jon Shannon
- Admissions and Enrollment Update – Dr. Ershela Sims
- Student Support Initiatives – Dr. Ershela Sims/Mr. Danny Dorsel/Dr. Emilye Mobley
- New Outreach and Virtual Partnerships – Dr. Ershela Sims
- Strategic Plan Progress and Update – Dr. Ershela Sims
- The Year Ahead: Key Objectives – Dr. Ershela Sims

Item 6: Finance, Facilities, and Operations – Mr. Art Tompkins '92 and Mr. Brock Heron

Mr. Tompkins, Chair of the Finance Committee called upon Mr. Heron, VP for Operations for the report. Mr. Heron reviewed the budget request for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. GSSM is requesting approval of the following FTEs from the state.

- 2 - FTEs positions for the Virtual Program
- 2 - FTEs positions for the Residential Program
- 3 - FTEs positions for the Support Staff

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- 3 - FTEs positions for the Maintenance Staff
- Funding for the new Center for Creative Inquiry building.
- Funding to upgrade classroom technology

Action Item A: Approve GSSM State Budget Priorities Request for the 2020-2021 Academic Year.

Motion: The Finance Committee unanimously approved the State Budget Priorities Request for the 2020-2021 academic year. The approved motion does not need a second. Ms. Williams called for a vote in favor of the motion. The Board voted unanimously to approve.

Item 7: Foundation Executive Director Report – Ms. Elizabeth Dinndorf

Ms. Dinndorf began her report by stating the Foundation supports GSSM in its mission to transform lives. Ms. Dinndorf's report included the following highlights from the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 academic year.

2018-2019 Fundraising Campaign Results:

- Corporate Gifts - Goal Exceeded
- Donations for Summer Camps - Goal Exceeded
- Alumni, Friends and Parents donations- Goal decreased

GSSM Elementary Steam Bus - customization is completed

New Foundation Board Members

Unrestricted funds donation increased

2019-2020 Fundraising Campaign:

- Townes Award - Goal Exceeded
 - The Townes Award will be awarded to the GSSM alumni and students.
- Student Aid

Item 8: Alumni Update – Mr. Shane Farmer

Mr. Patrick Cleary submitted an Alumni update to the Board ahead of the meeting. (A copy is located in the Board Minutes Book.) Mr. Farmer presented the following alumni update from the letter.

- The Alumni is working to improve communications between the school and the alumni association.
- The Alumni is working to improve alumni to alumni, and alumni to student connections.
- The Alumnus of the year was named.
- The Alumni desire a participatory role in the search process for a new President.

Item 9: New Business: None

Item 10: Approval of Consent Agenda:

Ms. Williams called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion approved by Dr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Tompkins, and unanimously approved by the Board.

Item 11: Executive Session (Closed Session):

Ms. Williams called for a motion to convene into Executive Session at 11:00 a.m. for receipt of legal advice and to discuss a personnel and contractual matter. Motion approved by Mr. Stogner and seconded by Dr. Collins, and unanimously approved by the Board.

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Return to Open Session:

The Board returned to open session at 12:10 p.m. Ms. Williams stated that no action was taken in Executive Session.

Dr. Przirembel read the following motion:

I move to change the effective date of Dr. Hector Flores' resignation from July 30, 2019, to July 31, 2019, making July 31, 2019, his last official date of employment. Mr. Tompkins seconded the motion, and unanimously approved by the Board.

Item 11: Adjourn:

Ms. Williams declared the meeting officially adjourned at 12:15 p.m.



Ms. Carolyn Williams, Chairperson

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