

**South Carolina Governor's School for Science and Mathematics**  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
Hartsville, SC  
In-Person and Zoom Video Conference  
November 17, 2022

Noon

**Governing Board Members Present In-Person**

Mr. Robert Brown, Chair  
Mr. William Hudson Denney  
Mr. Dennis Getter  
Mr. Heyward Hilliard

**Governing Board Members Present via Zoom:**

Ms. Charmeka Childs  
Dr. Jane Joseph  
Dr. Rusty Monhollon  
Ms. Heather Srulevich  
Dr. David Tedeschi  
Dr. Cynthia Young

**Guests Present:**

Dr. Lance Riddle  
Dr. Kristin Walker  
Ms. Armelle Varillas

**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 12:02 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.

Chairman Brown welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Item 2:**

**Approve the minutes of the Regular Board of Trustees meeting on September 9, 2022.**  
The minutes were approved as submitted.

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### **Item 3: President's Report – Danny Dorsel**

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

- Professional Development
- Master Planning
- Enrollment: Applications opened on October 1 for the Class of 2025
  - a. Residential Application Received - 162
  - b. STEM Foundations Applications Received - 14
  - c. Accelerate Engineering Applications Received -13
- Recruitment Events: Preview Days; Unlock Your Potential Regional Information Sessions; SCCANGOGOVIE (Zoom); Coffee & Conversations; and At Home with STEM Foundations (Zoom)
- Employment Updates
- Outreach Program
  - a. After School Programs; Elementary School Programs; STEM Scholars; INSIDE GSSM; Summer Programs
- Student Development
- Academic Affairs
- Research & Inquiry
- Hydroponic Research Lab
- Alumni Reconnection

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

### **Item 4: Finance, Facilities, and Operations**

#### **Financial Report as of October 31, 2022 - Information Only**

On behalf of the Finance, Facilities, and Operations committee, Mr. Heron, Vice President of Finance and Operations, reviewed the finance report as of October 31, 2022.

#### **State Budget Request - 2023-2024 Fiscal Year**

Mr. Heron discussed the State Budget Request for the fiscal year 2023-2024 presented to the Governor and the Executive Budget Office. The Board of Trustees received Mr. Heron's report, and a copy is on file.

### **Item 5: GSSM Foundation Report - Beth Dinndorf - (Item 6 was moved to Item 5)**

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

- Fundraising Results as of 11/3/2022
- Fall Campaigns in Progress
- Day of Gratitude & Giving In Honor of Elizabeth Bunn
- Around the World with GSSM - Fundraising Results
- The 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Townes Award Celebration - Honoring the Honorable Jay Lucas
- Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Updates
- GSSM Leaders - Fundraising Results

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

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**Item 6:** Update and Input on the Master Planning Process - Mr. Jon Shannon and Mr. Alex Lay '03. Mr. Shannon and Mr. Lay presented a report with the following highlights.

- The Master Planning Schedule
- Summary from Focus Group Meeting
- Master Planning Process Next Steps

There was some discussion on the architectural layouts, the absence of the newly acquired land behind the school in the designs, and assurance that GSSM is building a school that will serve the community's needs.

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

### **Item 7:** Faculty Senate Update

Dr. Lance Riddle gave an update on behalf of the Faculty Senate. Dr. Kristin Walker discussed her experience as a physics instructor at GSSM.

### **Item 8:** Student Council Update

Ms. Armelle Varillas, Class of 2023, discussed why she chose GSSM and her experience as a student in the residential program.

### **Item 9:** Recess

Chairman Brown requested a 7-minute recess at 1:38 pm. Chairman Brown reconvened the meeting at 1:45 pm.

### **Item 10:** New Business - GSSM Inclusion Statement

On behalf of the Committee for Inclusive Excellence, Mr. Dorsel presented a summary of the GSSM Inclusion Statement to the Board of Trustees for endorsement.

**Action:** Vote to endorse the GSSM Inclusion Statement prepared by the Committee for Inclusive Excellence.

Chairman Brown requested a motion to endorse the GSSM Inclusion Statement. Mr. Hilliard approved to endorse GSSM's inclusion statement. Mr. Denny seconded.

Chairman Brown opened the floor for discussion. The motion passed.

### **Item 11:** Approval of Consent Agenda

Chairman Brown requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

**Action:** Mr. Hilliard approved, and Mr. Denney seconded.

Chairman Brown opened the floor for discussion. There was some discussion on the number of applications received for the incoming junior class and strategies implemented to increase the applicant pool.

The motion passed.

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**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 Thursday, February 9, 2023, at noon in Columbia, SC.

**Item 14:** Adjournment

Chairman Brown requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Hilliard motioned to adjourn. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm.

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Robert (Bob) Brown, Chairperson

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*Notice of the meeting's time, date, location, and agenda was provided to the public on November 10, 2022, on the school's website and in publicly accessible areas at 401 Railroad Avenue, Hartsville, South Carolina.*