

South Carolina Governor's School for Science and Mathematics

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

February 12, 2026

Location: Hartsville, SC

(In-person and Zoom Video Conference)

12:00 P.M.

Governing Board Members Present In-Person

Mr. Bob Brown, Chair

Dr. Daniel Ervin

Mr. Dennis Getter

Mr. Harvey Glick

Mr. Heyward Hilliard

Ms. Wardie Sanders

Dr. David Tedeschi

Governing Board Members Present via Zoom

Mr. Hudson Denney, Vice Chair

Dr. Henry Tisdale

Mr. Royce Shannon

Dr. Cynthia Young

Dr. L. Jeffrey – Joined at 12:11

Dr. Jane E. Joseph

Dr. Kristi Austin – Joined at 12:08

Governing Board Members Absent

Mr. John M. Florence

Guests Present

Ms. Alyssa Reiser Prince

Ms. Jackie Weber

Julia Candeo, Class of 2027

Staff Members Present

Mr. Danny Dorsel

Ms. Beth Dinndorf

Mr. Matthew Dowdell

Mr. Randall La Cross

Dr. Matt Martin

Ms. Bridget Lloyd

Staff Members Absent

Dr. Jenifer Blair

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Item 1: Call to Order and Roll Call:

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 12:05 p.m. by Chair Bob Brown. A quorum was present. Bridget Lloyd recorded the minutes.

The Chair recognized and welcomed the following newly appointed Trustees: Dr. Daniel Ervin, Mr. Harvey Glick, and Ms. Wardie Sanders.

Item 2: Approval of Minutes of November 13, 2025, Regular Meeting.

Mr. Dennis Getter moved that the minutes of the November 13, 2025, regular meeting be approved. Mr. Heyward Hilliard seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 3: President's Report - Information Only

Mr. Danny Dorsel presented the President's Report, which included updates on:

- January Interim Courses
- Parents and Friends Seminar Day
- Current Searches Underway
- Consent Agenda Highlights
- Artificial Intelligence Summer Institute and Summer Fellows
- Statewide Educational Impact
- STEM Day at GSSM

Mr. Dorsel reminded the Trustees that the 2026 Statement of Economic Interests Report is due by March 30, 2026.

The President's report was received and filed.

Item 4: Finance, Facilities, and Operations

The Finance, Facilities, and Operations Report was received, and a copy is on file with the official minutes.

Item 5: GSSM Foundation Report

Ms. Beth Dinndorf, Executive Director of the GSSM Foundation, presented updates including:

- Campaigns Goal
- Fundraising Results: Alumni, Parents, Corporate, and Events
- Alumni Involvement/Engagement/Participation
- Google Grant Event at GSSM
- The Townes Award Event

The report was received and filed.

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Item 6: Faculty Senate Update

No report was presented.

Amendment to Agenda

The Chair proposed an amendment to the agenda to move New Business to precede the Student and Staff Updates. Hearing no objection, the agenda was amended by unanimous consent, and the Student and Staff Updates were moved to Item 9.

Item 7: New Business

The Chair reported that the Executive Committee convened before the meeting of the Board of Trustees and, pursuant to its authority, filled vacancies on the Executive and Standing Committees. The following appointments were announced:

- Mr. Heyward Hilliard – Executive Committee - Chair, Finance, Facilities, and Operations
- Mr. Dennis Getter – Executive Committee – Member-at-Large
- Mr. Harvey Glick – Finance, Facilities, and Operations Committee
- Ms. Wardie Sanders – Educational Policies and Practices Committee
- Dr. Daniel Ervin – Institutional Advancement Committee

Item 8: Approval of Consent Agenda

Mr. Heyward Hilliard moved to adopt the Consent Agenda. Mr. Dennis Getter seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 9: Student and Staff Updates

Ms. Julia Candeo presented a Student Update regarding her journey to GSSM, interim experience, and future aspirations.

Ms. Jackie Weber presented a Staff Update on GSSM's Google-supported artificial intelligence initiatives.

Item 10 and Item 11: Recess and Executive Session

At 12:52 p.m., at the request of the Chair, Mr. Heyward Hilliard moved that the Board recess and, upon reconvening, enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing gift acceptance items and legal matters. Mr. Dennis Getter seconded the motion. The motion was adopted. The Board recessed and subsequently convened in Executive Session at 1:00 p.m.

Return to Open Session

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 1:40 p.m. The Chair reported that no action was taken during Executive Session.

Actions Taken After Executive Session

Mr. Dennis Getter put forward the following motions separately:

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1. Asset Transfer Approval

Approval of the acceptance of the SC Quantum Association asset transfer of the QLiteX software platform and ABii robots to the GSSM Foundation, as outlined in the “Asset Transfer Agreement” dated December 29, 2025, between the South Carolina Quantum Association and the Governor’s School for Science and Mathematics Foundation.

Mr. Heyward Hilliard seconded. The motion was adopted.

2. Acceptance of Gift – Real Property

Approval of the acceptance of the transfer of the property at 620 W. Home Ave., Hartsville, SC 29550 to the GSSM Foundation as outlined in the “Gift Agreement” between the donor and the GSSM Foundation.

Mr. Heyward Hilliard seconded. The motion was adopted.

3. Memorandum of Understanding Approval

Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding regarding the property at 620 W. Home Ave., Hartsville, SC 29550, as outlined in the “Memorandum of Understanding” dated February 12, 2026, between the South Carolina Governor’s School for Science and Mathematics and the South Carolina Governor’s School for Science and Mathematics Foundation.

Mr. Heyward Hilliard seconded. The motion was adopted.

Item 12: Reminder of Upcoming Board of Trustees Meetings and GSSM Programs

The Chair proposed that the Joint Board Retreat, originally scheduled for September 10–11, be rescheduled to August 27–28. In alignment with this change, the Chair also proposed that the Board of Trustees' meeting, originally scheduled for September 11, be rescheduled for August 28.

The amendment to the 2026 meeting schedule was adopted by unanimous consent.

The next Board of Trustees meeting will be held on May 28, 2026, at noon in Hartsville, SC.

Item 13: Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Heyward Hilliard moved to adjourn. Mr. Dennis Getter seconded the motion. The motion was adopted by unanimous consent. The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

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Robert (Bob) Brown, Chairperson
Board of Trustees
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William Hudson Denney, Vice-Chair
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Notice of the meeting's time, date, location, and agenda was posted on the school's website and in publicly accessible areas at 401 Railroad Avenue, Hartsville, South Carolina, on February 5, 2026.