

South Carolina Governor's School for Science and Mathematics

Board of Trustees Meeting

Hartsville, SC

In-person and Zoom Video Conference

May 30, 2024

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Governing Board Members Present In-Person

Mr. Robert Brown, Chair
Mr. John Michael Florence
Mr. Dennis Getter
Dr. Rainey Knight
Mr. Michael Shetterly
Dr. David Tedeschi

Governing Board Members Present via Zoom:

Mr. William H. Denny
Mr. Heyward Hilliard
Dr. Jane Joseph
Dr. Henry Tisdale
Dr. Cynthia Young

Governing Board Members Absent

Ms. Barbara Melvin
Dr. Gregory Little
Dr. Kristi Austin

Guests Present:

Dr. Roberto Robles-Valencia
Ms. Irene Middleton

Staff Members Present:

Mr. Danny Dorsel
Dr. Jenifer Blair
Ms. Beth Dinndorf
Mr. Randy La Cross
Dr. Emilye Mobley
Ms. Elizabeth Oswald-Sease
Ms. Bridget Lloyd

Item 1: Call to Order and Roll Call:

At approximately 12:08 PM, Chairman Bob Brown called the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees to order. A quorum was present, and the meeting, having been duly convened, was ready to proceed with business. Chairman Brown welcomed everyone to the meeting. Bridget Lloyd recorded the minutes.

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Item 2: Approval of the Regular Board of Trustees meeting minutes on February 15, 2024.

Chairman Board requested a motion to approve the minutes of the regular Board of Trustees meeting held on February 15, 2024. Mr. Getter moved to approve the minutes, and Dr. Knight seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Item 3: President's Report - Information Only

Mr. Dorsel opened his section with an update regarding tomorrow's graduation. His report also highlighted the following events and updates.

- Class of 2024: Graduation and College Admissions
 - 122 residential students accepted to 210 colleges and universities
 - 3 STEM Foundations accepted to 3 colleges and universities
 - 13 Accelerate students will graduate from their home high schools and were accepted to 6 colleges and universities.
- Class of 2025: Research Opportunities during the summer, internationally, and during the school year
- Class of 2026: Residential - 153 students enrolled; Accelerate Program - 54 students enrolled.
- Student Life Outside the Classroom: Activities and Sports
- GoSciTech Summer Camps Schedule
 - GoSciTech - Day Camps: 10 Technical Colleges Campus and GoSciTech STEM Scholars Pilot
 - GoSciTech - Residential Camps: GSSM
 - GoSciTech - Statewide Virtual Camps
- Property Acquisition Updates
- Tuition Grants for GSSM Graduates
- New Vice President of Academics
- GSSM alum will deliver the commencement address

A copy of the President's report is on file.

Item 4: Finance, Facilities, and Operations - Information Only

Ms. Elizabeth Oswald-Sease presented a financial report on behalf of the Facilities, Finance, and Operations Committee. The report provides an update on the school's financial health. The report contained information on operating expenses as of April 30, 2024, current year-end projections as of April 30, 2024, the proposed meal fee rates, a review of the preliminary budget request for 2025-2026, and facilities and operations updates.

- FY 2024 Operating Expenses: \$17,235,997
- FY24 Projected Expenses: \$19,600,805
- FYTD Collected Revenue: \$19,598,547
- FY24 Projected Revenue: \$20,203,323

Proposed Meal Fee Increase

Ms. Oswald-Sease, representing the Facilities, Finance, and Operations Committee, has requested the Board's approval for the proposed increase in meal fee rates. The following action was submitted for approval.

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Action: GSSM may increase the meal fee rate annually by the rate of increase imposed by the food service provider, not to exceed 5% in any given year without pre-authorization from the Board of Trustees.

Chairman Brown proceeded with the motion for a vote. All present expressed their unanimous support for the proposed increase in meal fees, with no objections raised. The board approved the proposed meal fee rate increase. There was no further discussion.

Preliminary Budget Request - FY 2025-2026

Ms. Elizabeth Oswald-Sease provided a legislative update on the preliminary budget requests for FY2025. The FY2025 budget is still under negotiation, and a finalized request for FY2026 will be presented in the Fall.

A copy of the financial report is on file.

Item 5: GSSM Foundation Report - Information Only

Beth Dinndorf, Executive Director of the GSSM Foundation, shared several updates. These updates include the latest fundraising results as of May 28, 2024, information about continuing legal education classes, GSSM's 35th Anniversary and All Class Reunion event, an Endowed Scholarship for Meal Fees started by alums, and alumni fundraising results.

A copy of Ms. Dinndorf's presentation is on file.

Item 6: Faculty Senate Update - Information Only

Dr. Roberto Robles-Valencia, faculty in the Spanish department, provided a brief update on the Faculty Senate's accomplishments and objectives.

Item 7: Staff Update - Information Only

Irene Middleton, the Outreach Director of Academic Year Programs, shared an update on the programs scheduled for 2023-2024 and outlined upcoming plans for the 2024-2025 school year. These include STEM Days On the Go, STEM Days at GSSM, SPARK, ENGAGE, INSIDE GSSM, festivals, and other initiatives.

Student Update: None

At approximately 1:42 p.m., Chairman Brown announced that the Board would recess and reconvene at 1:50 p.m., resulting in a change to the scheduled break.

Item 10: Break

Chairman Brown reconvened the meeting at approximately 1:50 p.m.

Item 8: Executive Session

Chairman Brown proposed that the Board of Trustees convene an Executive Session to address a legal issue. Mr. Getter made the motion, which was seconded by Dr. Knight.

Item 9: Open Session

The Chairman, Mr. Brown, reconvened the meeting at approximately 2:10 p.m. and announced that the board had not taken action during the executive session.

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Item 11: New Business

There were no new business items to discuss.

Item 12: Consent Agenda

Chairman Brown opened the floor for discussion.

There was a discussion about the criteria for honor courses. The school clarified that the criteria for honor courses align with those of other schools. Honors courses in the catalog must be approved by the board, as they do not have specific course codes. The school must provide justification to the state for classifying a course as honors rather than introductory. Additionally, it was reported that GSSM had reached the maximum dual credit hours with Coker and Francis Marion University and had yet to establish any additional dual credit agreements with another university.

Action: Approval of Consent Agenda

Chairman Brown introduced a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Getter approved, and Dr. Tedeschi seconded. The motion was unanimously approved by all present Board of Trustees members, including Mr. Bob Brown, Dr. Rainey Knight, Mr. Dennis Getter, Dr. Jane Joseph (via video), Mr. John M. Florence, Mr. Mike Shetterly, Dr. David Tedeschi, Dr. Henry Tisdale (via video), and Dr. Cynthia Young (via video). The motion carried. There was no further discussion.

Item 13: Standing Committee Reports

No Standing Committee reports were submitted.

Item 14: Board of Trustees Meeting Schedule for 2024-2025

Chairman Brown reviewed the upcoming Board of Trustees meeting dates and other GSSM events, noting the changes in the date for the Joint Board Retreat and the Board of Trustees meeting in September 2024. The meetings will be held on Thursday, September 5, and Friday, September 6.

Item 15: Adjournment

Chairman Brown congratulated the faculty and staff on a successful year and adjourned the meeting without objection at approximately 2:20 p.m.

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 20, 2024, on the school's website and in publicly accessible areas at 401 Railroad Avenue, Hartsville, South Carolina.