

South Carolina Governor's School for Science and Mathematics

Board of Trustees Meeting

Hartsville, SC

In-person and Zoom Video Conference

September 6, 2024

NOON

Governing Board Members Present In-Person

Mr. Robert Brown, Chair

Mr. William H. Denny

Mr. Dennis Getter

Dr. Jane Joseph

Dr. Henry Tisdale

Governing Board Members Present via Zoom:

Dr. Kristi Austin left at 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Heyward Hilliard left at 10:00 a.m.

Dr. Rainey H. Knight, Vice-Chair, joined at 9:30 a.m. and left at 10:15 a.m.

Ms. Barbara Melvin left at 10:00 a.m.

Dr. Cynthia Young left at 10:00 a.m.

Governing Board Members Absent

Mr. John Florence

Mr. Patrick Cleary

Dr. L. Jeffrey Perez

Dr. David Tedeschi

Guests Present:

Dr. Gordan Brown

Dr. Deidre Hall

Dr. Roberto Robles-Valencia

Ms. Ella Alexander

Staff Members Present:

Mr. Danny Dorsel

Dr. Jenifer Blair

Dr. Emilye Mobley

Ms. Elizabeth Oswald-Sease

Ms. Bridget Lloyd

Staff Members Absent:

Ms. Beth Dinndorf

Mr. Randy La Cross

Item 1: Call to Order and Roll Call:

At approximately 9:08 AM, 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.

Item 2: Approval of the Regular Board of Trustees meeting minutes on May 30, 2024.

Chairman Brown requested a motion to approve the minutes of the regular Board of Trustees meeting held on May 30, 2024. Mr. Getter moved to approve the minutes, and Dr. Tisdale seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion was passed unanimously.

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Item 3: President's Report - Information Only

Mr. Dorsel opened his section by providing a brief update from the Joint Board Retreat held the day before and encouraging members who could not attend to try to participate in next year's retreat. He then proceeded with his report to the board, including the following updates.

- 2024 Summer Research
- GSSM GoSciTech Residential, Day, and Virtual Camps
- Fourth Annual Opening of the School Institute
- Extracurricular Activities at GSSM
- Enrollment Update
 - Residential: 289 Juniors and Seniors
 - Accelerate: 87 Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors
 - STEM Foundations: 9 Seniors
 - Online STEM Courses: 13 high school students enrolled in six courses
- Recruitment Events
- Consent Agenda Highlights
- Joint Board Retreat Update
- Tuition Grants for GSSM Graduates
- Campus Growth Plan Updates
- GSSM Online Academy
- 2023-2024 Outreach Statewide Impact

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

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

Ms. Oswald-Sease presented the proposed budget request for FY2026 on behalf of the Facilities, Finance, and Operations Committee and provided an update on the school's financial plan and forecast. Ms. Oswald-Sease requested a vote of approval of the budget from the Board of Trustees.

Chairman Brown acknowledged the Facilities, Finance, and Operations Committee's approval of the budget and opened the floor for discussion. Several questions were asked, and a discussion followed.

Action: Chairman Brown moved for a vote, and the Board of Trustees unanimously supported the FY2026 budget request with no objections. The motion passed.

A copy of the financial report is on file.

Chairman Brown requested that the order of discussion be amended, moving item 10 up on the agenda. The Board of Trustees did not raise any objections.

Item 10: Approval of the Consent Agenda

Chairman Brown opened the floor for discussion and, hearing none, asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Mr. Getter motioned to approve the consent agenda as published in the board booklet, and Mr. Denny seconded. The board of trustees unanimously approved, and the motion passed.

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Item 5: GSSM Foundation Report - Information Only

Mr. Dorsel presented the GSSM Foundation report on behalf of Beth Dinndorf, Executive Director. He discussed the following updates.

- Fundraising results for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024
- 2024-2025 Foundation Fundraising Budget
- 2023-2024 Alumni Record Giving
- 2024-2025 Alumni Initiatives
- 2023-2024 Parent Counseling Sessions at the Day Camps
- 2024-2025 Campaigns
- 2024-2025 Corporate Prospects
- 2024-2025 Fundraising Events
- Mentored Summer Research for Student Interns

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

Item 6: Faculty Senate Update - Information Only

Dr. Roberto Robles-Valencia gave an update to the board on behalf of the Faculty Senate.

Item 7: Faculty and Student Update

Ella Alexander, a member of the class of 2025, discussed her journey to GSSM and her career aspirations. Dr. Gordon Brown, a chemistry faculty member, also discussed his journey to GSSM.

Item 8: Break

The Board of Trustees proceeded with the meeting without taking a break.

Item 9: New Business

No new business was reported.

Item 11: Standing Committee Reports

No standing committee reports were presented.

Item 12: Board of Trustees Meeting Schedule: 2024-2025

The next meeting will be held on November 14, 2024, at noon in Hartsville.

Item 13: Adjournment: Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at approximately 10:30 a.m.

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 posted on the school's website and in publicly accessible areas at 401 Railroad Avenue, Hartsville, South Carolina, on August 29, 2024.