

South Carolina Governor's School for Science and Mathematics

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

November 13, 2025

Location: Hartsville, SC

(In-person and Zoom Video Conference)

12:00 P.M.

Governing Board Members Present In-Person

Mr. W. Hudson Denney, Vice-Chair

Mr. Dennis Getter

Governing Board Members Present via Zoom

Mr. Heyward Hilliard

Dr. Henry Tisdale

Dr. Kristi Austin

Dr. Jane E. Joseph

Dr. L. Jeffrey Perez

Mr. Royce Shannon

Dr. David Tedeschi

Dr. Cynthia Y. Young

Governing Board Members Absent

Mr. Bob Brown, Chair

Mr. John M. Florence

Ms. Wardie C. Sanders

Guests Present

Ms. Alyssa Reiser Prince

Aishwarya Prabhakaran, Class of 2026

Staff Members Present

Mr. Danny Dorsel

Dr. Jenifer Blair

Ms. Beth Dinndorf

Mr. Randall La Cross

Dr. Matt Martin

Ms. Elizabeth Oswald-Sease

Ms. Bridget Lloyd

Staff Members Absent

Mr. Matthew Dowdell

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Item 1: Call to Order and Roll Call:

Vice Chair Hudson Denney, presiding in the absence of Chair Bob Brown, called the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 12:05 p.m. A quorum was confirmed. The minutes were recorded by Bridget Lloyd.

Item 2: Approval of the Regular Board of Trustees meeting minutes on September 12, 2025.

Vice Chair Denney asked for any corrections to the minutes of the September 12, 2025 meeting. Hearing none, Mr. Dennis Getter moved to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Heyward Hilliard seconded. The motion was carried unanimously.

Item 3: President's Report - Information Only

President Danny Dorsel welcomed to Mr. Hudson Denney on his recent appointment as Vice Chair. He also announced the appointment of Ms. Wardie Sanders as a new member of the Board, succeeding Dr. Rainey Knight.

Highlights of the President's report included:

- Statewide Outreach Camps - Summer 2025
- Research Opportunities at GSSM
- Growth in Global Engagement
- Bio-Technology Congress scheduled for May 2026 at GSSM
- NCSS Faculty and Staff Presentations
- GSSM Nominations for Awards
- Google Grant and Two-Year Fellows Program
- Legislative Support Updates
- Highlights from the Consent Agenda

The report was received placed on file.

Item 4: Finance, Facilities, and Operations

Mr. Dorsel announced the resignation of Ms. Elizabeth Oswald-Sease, Vice President of Finance and Business Operations, effective December 31, 2025.

Ms. Oswald-Sease noted that legislative updates had been addressed earlier in the meeting and confirmed that there were no additional updates at this time. No further discussion was held.

Item 5: GSSM Foundation Report

Ms. Beth Dinndorf, Executive Director of the GSSM Foundation reported the following updates.

- Addition of two part-time team members:
 - Amy Howard, Director of Development and Corporate Relations
 - Catherine DeMino, Advancement Services Coordinator
- Fundraising results as of October 31, 2025

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- Alumni Reconnect Events (2025-2026)
- Alumni Salute to Veterans Event
- Gratitude Postcards to friends and supporters.
- Giving Tuesday Fundraising Campaign
- Networking Initiatives
- Townes Award Update honoring Gov. Henry McMaster - March 18, 2026

The report was received and placed on file.

Item 6: Faculty Senate Update

Ms. Alyssa Reiser Prince reported no updates from the Faculty Senate.

Amendment to Agenda

Vice Chair Denney proposed advancing Item 8 (New Business) ahead of Item 7 (Student Update). The agenda was adjusted accordingly. Due to the temporary absence of the student presenter and the meeting progressing more quickly than anticipated, the Student Update was deferred to Item 12.

Item 7: New Business

No items were presented.

Item 8: Break

The Board unanimously agreed to proceed with the meeting without taking a scheduled break.

Item 9: Approval of Consent Agenda

Vice Chair Denney requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as published. Mr. Dennis Getter moved to approve. Mr. Heyward Hilliard seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 10: Executive Session, if necessary, to discuss legal matters.

Vice Chair Denney reported that there were no legal matters requiring discussion or action at this meeting. Executive Session was not held.

Item 11: Reminder of Upcoming Board of Trustees Meetings and GSSM Programs

Vice Chair Denney noted that the 2026 calendar of meetings and events has been published and is available for reference.

Item 12: Student Update

Ms. Aishwarya Prabhakaran (Class of 2026), Student Council President and Robotics Team member, shared her academic experiences, research involvement, and future goals.

Item 13: Adjournment

Upon motion duly made by Vice Chair Denney, seconded by Mr. Dennis Getter, the meeting adjourned at 12:53 p.m. by unanimous consent.

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Robert (Bob) Brown, Chairperson
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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 November 5, 2025