

South Carolina Governor's School for Science & Mathematics  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
Via Conference Call  
June 13, 2013  
Noon

**Governing Board members present via conference call:**

Dr. Leroy Davis, Chairman  
Mr. Hal Campbell  
Mr. Dwight Floyd  
Dr. Perry Halushka  
Dr. Doris Helms  
Ms. Trena Houp, designee for Dr. Richard Sutton  
Mr. Rick Ott, designee for Dr. Mick Zais  
Dr. Chris Przirembel  
Mr. Ken Smith  
Mr. Lee Stogner  
Mr. Art Tompkins  
Ms. Carolyne Williams

**Staff:**

Dr. Murray Brockman, President  
Ms. Kim Bowman  
Mr. Ernie Boyd  
Ms. Susan Coker  
Mr. Danny Dorsel  
Mr. Robert Fletcher  
Mr. Randy LaCross  
Dr. Emilye Mobley  
Mr. Jon Shannon

**Item 1-2:** Call to Order and Roll Call

Dr. Leroy Davis, Chairman, called the meeting to order at noon. Roll was taken with a quorum present. Board members were reminded of the next meeting scheduled for Thursday, September 19, 2013 in Hartsville.

**Item 3:** Approval of Minutes – April 11, 2013

Dr. Davis asked for a motion to approve the April 11, 2013 draft of minutes as written. Motion was made by Mr. Ott, seconded by Mr. Smith, and unanimously approved.

#### **Item 4:** GSSM Board By-Laws

As in the previous April 11, 2013 Board meeting, Dr. Brockman continued with the presentation of proposed changes and modifications to the GSSM By-Laws as follows:

Proposed changes in [red](#), previously approved changes in [blue](#).

#### **Article II**

Section 1. **COMPOSITION.** The Board of Trustees of the Governor’s School for Science and Mathematics shall be composed of [17](#) ~~18~~ members as follows:

- (1) One member from each congressional district, appointed by the Governor;
- (2) four members appointed from this State at large by the Governor;
- (3) the President or ~~Executive Director~~ [Chairman of the Board of Directors](#) of the South Carolina Governor’s School for Science and Mathematics Foundation, Inc. *ex officio*;
- (4) the Provost (or Vice-President for Academic Affairs) from each of the following research institutions, serving as [non-voting](#), *ex officio* members, [or their non-voting designees](#):
  - a. The Medical University of South Carolina
  - b. Clemson University
  - c. University of South Carolina
- (5) the State Superintendent of Education, *ex officio*, [or his or her designee](#); and
- (6) the Executive Director of the Commission on Higher Education, *ex officio* or [his or her designee](#); and
- ~~(7) the respective chairmen of the Senate Education Committee and the Education and Public Works Committee of the House of Representatives, ex officio;~~

Notes:

COMPOSITION. There are 17 board members, rather than 18, allocated by the enabling legislation.

- (3) The GSSM Foundation Board of Directors changed its head title from “President” to “Chairman” of the Board. Legal opinion recommends retaining “President” to conform to usage when the law was passed. Dr. Brockman proposed adding either the “President” or the “Chairman” of the Foundation Board of Directors to serve *ex officio*. He also proposed asking the Foundation to give the head of their Board two (2) titles, “President” or “Chairman” and allow the person in that position to choose their title preference. The words “*ex officio*” also need to be added.
- (4) Legal opinion notes that the lack of inclusion of designees in the enabling legislation suggests that designees of Provosts were not intended to vote.

Continuing:

**Article III, Item 7:** Based upon legal discussions, the staff recommends the retention of existing language as follows with no changes:

“Approve all gifts where restrictions are indicated, designate the use of unrestricted gifts, and approve and designate the use of testamentary gifts.”

**Article V, Section 1 (b):** Recommended change recognizing our existing Standing Committees. These Committees were omitted by transcription error in earlier drafts.

- (b) The following shall be the Standing Committees of the Board of Trustees
- (i) Executive Committee
  - (ii) Committee on Facilities and Finance
  - (iii) Committee on Academic Affairs and Outreach
  - (iv) Committee on Student Development
  - (v) Committee on Institutional Advancement

**Article VI, Sections 2-5:** Sections are added for each of the four standing Committees, with a brief description of their duties.

Section 2. COMMITTEE ON FACILITIES AND FINANCE. The Committee on Facilities and Finance shall consist of a Chair elected by the Committee and at least two other members approved by the Board as a whole.

The Committee on Facilities and Finance shall hear all matters pertaining to school finances, budgeting of state funds, all capital expenditures, major improvements and facilities operations. The Chair or his or her designate will present these matters to the Board with appropriate committee recommendations.

Section 3. COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AND OUTREACH. The Committee on Academic Affairs and Outreach shall consist of a Chair elected by the Committee and at least two other members approved by the Board as a whole.

The Committee on Academic Affairs and Outreach shall hear all matters pertaining to school academics, curricula, graduation or certification standards, and major program changes in both the Residential school and the Outreach programs. The Chair or his or her designate will present these matters to the Board with appropriate committee recommendations.

Section 4. COMMITTEE ON STUDENT DEVELOPMENT. The Committee on Student Development shall consist of a Chair elected by the Committee and at least two other members approved by the Board as a whole.

The Committee on Student Development shall hear all matters pertaining to school residential life, including school and college admissions, counseling, student health, discipline, and major program changes in the Residential school. The Chair or his or her designate will present these matters to the Board with appropriate committee recommendations.

Section 5. COMMITTEE ON INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT. The Committee on Institutional Advancement shall be chaired by the President or Chairman of the Board of Directors of the GSSM Foundation, and shall consist of at least two other members approved by the Board as a whole.

The Committee on Institutional Advancement shall hear all matters pertaining to fundraising and marketing for the school, and expenditures of private funds. The Chair or his or her designate will present these matters to the Board with appropriate committee recommendations.

**Article VII, Section 8.** A typographical error to be corrected as follows:

Section 8: MEETINGS OF COMMITTEES. Meetings of Committees shall be called by the Secretary at the ~~direction~~ discretion of the Chairman of the Board, the Chairman of the particular committee concerned, the Director of the School, or any two (2) members of the committee of which a meeting is to be called. Notice of the time and place of a meeting of a committee shall be given to all members of the Board by letter at least five (5) working days before the time appointed for the meeting.

Following a review of the proposed changes, Dr. Davis allowed time for discussion. He then asked for a motion to approve all six changes as presented and recommended.

**Motion:**

**Motion** was made by Dr. Przirembel to approve all changes in red as recommended, seconded by Mr. Lee, and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Tompkins referred to Article XI, Section 1 regarding clarification of the school seal as opposed to the school logo. Following discussion, Dr. Davis requested a presentation of the GSSM seal and logo at the September 2013 board meeting for additional discussion, clarification, and approval.

**Item 5:** President's Report

Dr. Brockman began by reporting the success of GSSM graduation which was held on Saturday, June 1, 2013. Pamela Lackey, President of ATT South Carolina presented the address to the senior class.

The presentation continued with an overview of the following:

- (1) Overall status of GSSM
- (2) Significant growth in Outreach
- (3) Residential growth –the addition of faculty and staff
- (4) Growth in the incoming class of 2015

Dr. Brockman recognized board member Dr. Doris Helms, Provost, Clemson University, who will be retiring at the end of June 2013. He thanked her for her service, support and valuable contributions to the GSSM Board of Trustees.

**Item 6:** Facilities and Finance Committee Report  
2013-2014 Foundation Allocation Request

Dr. Davis presented the floor to Committee Chair Mr. Ott . Mr. Ott reported that the Finance Committee has reviewed, supports, and recommends the 2013-2014 Foundation Allocation Request for approval from the full board. Staff member Ernie Boyd provided brief comments regarding the request.

**Motion:** To approve the GSSM Foundation Allocation Request and incorporate items into the GSSM 2013-2014 Budget Plan A

Dr. Davis opened the floor for discussion and followed with the Committee's recommendation and motion for approval. A second motion was not needed due to the Committee's recommendation. A vote was taken and unanimously approved by the board.

**Item 7:** Facilities and Finance Committee Report  
Budget for FY 2013-2014

Dr. Davis presented the floor to Committee Chair Mr. Ott, who deferred the floor to staff member Mr. Ernie Boyd. Mr. Boyd presented the financial report as follows:

- (1) Summary of the current financial status of GSSM
- (2) Presentation of fiscal year 2012-2013 – Current budget status – Balances and end of year projections
- (3) Presentation of budget proposal for fiscal year 2013-2014 Budget Plan A – New State Priorities

Upon completion of the report, Committee Chairman Mr. Ott recommended on behalf of the Finance Committee the approval of the GSSM budget proposal for fiscal year 2013-2014 Plan A. Following thorough discussion, the motion was presented as follows:

**Motion:** To approve and adopt the GSSM Budget Plan A for 2013-2014 as presented.

Following the Committee recommendation, a second motion was not needed. A vote was taken and unanimously approved by the board.

**Item 8:** Facilities and Finance Committee Report  
Budget Proposal to the Governor and General Assembly for Fiscal Year 2014-2015

Dr. Davis presented the floor to Committee Chair Mr. Ott, who deferred the floor to staff member Mr. Ernie Boyd.

Mr. Boyd began by stating that the Governor annually submits a state budget proposal to the General Assembly prior to the start of the legislative session in January. GSSM is required to submit an itemized Budget Request during August to request funds in the Governor's budget proposal. This timing necessitates GSSM Board action on funding priorities for the school during the June Board meeting.

Mr. Boyd presented the report as follows:

- (1) Background financial information pertaining to GSSM growth
- (2) New funding requirements for core GSSM programs at full growth
- (3) Additional program priorities anticipated
- (4) Options for state budget request

Following thorough discussion, the Finance Committee's recommendation was as follows:

**Motion:** Adopt the "Basic" Option for the 2014-2015 GSSM State Budget Request which includes:

- Funding for Armed Security (Law Enforcement Officers) \$150,000

- Includes three FTE positions for above (to replace temporary assignments)
  - Funding for DHEC – required nursing support for distribution of prescription medicines \$100,000
- Total Request \$250,000

Due to a Committee recommendation, a second motion is not needed. A vote was taken and unanimously approved by the board.

**Item 9:** Academic Affairs and Outreach Committee Report

For future consideration, Dr. Brockman presented a proposed Constitution for a Faculty Senate at GSSM. A legal opinion has been requested concerning the suitability of a Faculty Senate for a high school. The proposed Constitution needs to be carefully reviewed and Dr. Brockman invited all board members to review and submit comments and suggestions.

**Item 10:** Student Development Committee Report

Committee Chair Ms. Williams offered the floor to staff member Dr. Mobley who presented the report as follows:

- Divisional Updates and Reports
- Student Development Highlights and 2013-14 Initiatives
- Admissions Report
- College and Scholarships Report
- The student population for 2013-14 will include 96 Seniors and 124 Juniors.

**Item 11:** New Business

U.S. News & World Report Rankings: GSSM does not participate in this process.

Dr. Brockman presented background information on the U.S. News & World Report Rankings and the process by which these rankings are obtained through academic placement exams (AP). He continued by presenting GSSM’s position regarding AP exams and the reasons for not participating in the ranking process. GSSM teaches beyond the AP curriculum. Thorough discussion followed. A suggestion was recommended to compare the GSSM curriculum with the Advanced Placement curriculum.

A review of GSSM’s previous, current, and projected marketing campaigns will be presented at the September 2013 board meeting.

**Item 12:** Approval of the Consent Agenda

Dr. Davis asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion offered by Dr. Przirembel, seconded by Dr. Helms, and unanimously approved.

**Item 13:** Adjourn

Dr. Davis thanked all board members for their time. He especially acknowledged and thanked Dr. Doris Helms, retiring board member, for her service, support, and valuable contributions to GSSM and to the GSSM Board of Trustees.

Motion to adjourn at 2:30 pm by Dr. Halushka, seconded by Ms. Williams, and unanimously approved.

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Dr. Leroy Davis, Chairman  
Board of Trustees  
SC Governor's School for Science & Mathematics

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Mr. L. Dwight Floyd, Vice Chairman  
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