

South Carolina Governor's School for Science and Mathematics
Board of Trustees Meeting
401 Railroad Avenue, Hartsville, SC 29550
September 7, 2017
9:00 am

Governing Board Members Present:

Mr. Hal Campbell, Chairman
Dr. Argentin Anderson, joined during Executive Session, approx. 9:30am
Mr. John Barnes
Mr. Dwight Floyd
Dr. Perry Halushka
Dr. Anne Pressley
Dr. Chris Przirembel
Dr. Judith Salley
Mr. Jack Sanders
Mr. Ravi Sastry *
Mr. Lee Stogner
Mr. Art Tompkins

Governing Board Members Present via Conference Call:

Dr. Randy Collins
Dr. Helen Doerpinghaus
Dr. Carol Feghali-Bostwick
Ms. Carolyne Williams

Staff Members Present:

Dr. Hector Flores
Ms. Kim Bowman
Mr. Ernie Boyd
Ms. Susan Coker
Mr. Danny Dorsel
Mr. Randy LaCross
Dr. Letita Mason
Dr. Emilye Mobley
Mr. Jon Shannon
Dr. Ershela Sims

Guests Present:

Mr. Steve Matthews, President, GSSM Foundation Board of Directors
Ms. Jasmine Drain
Mr. Vernie Williams
Mr. Michael Pack

Item 1: Call to Order and Roll Call

Mr. Campbell, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:02 am. Roll was taken with a quorum present.

Item 2: Future Board Meetings

Mr. Campbell reminded everyone of future Board meetings as follows:

Thursday	January 11, 2018	Hartsville	Noon
Thursday	April 19, 2018	Columbia	Noon
Thursday	June 14, 2018	Conference Call	Noon

Mr. Campbell then welcomed all new Board members and asked that they introduce themselves.

Dr. Judith Salley – 6th Congressional District

Mr. Ravi Sastry – VP GSSM Foundation Board of Directors *

Dr. Carol Feghali-Bostwick (appointed 4/4/2017) as Designee for Dr. Lisa Saladin, Provost, MUSC

Mr. Dwight Floyd – 2nd Congressional District and GSSM Alum, Class of 1990

*Mr. Steve Matthews was introduced as the current President of the GSSM Foundation Board of Directors. The holder of this position also serves ex officio on the GSSM Board of Trustees. However, Mr. Matthews serves on another state board, and due to legislation prohibiting dual office holding, Mr. Matthews is unable to serve on the GSSM Board of Trustees. Therefore, Mr. Ravi Sastry is representing the Foundation Board as a guest.”

Introductions continued of all Board members present.

GSSM President, Dr. Hector Flores, introduced Dr. Letita Mason as the new GSSM Director of Admissions who began her employment on September 1, 2017.

Mr. Campbell acknowledged and welcomed all GSSM Staff members.

Item 3: Approval of the minutes of the June 15, 2017 meeting via conference call of the GSSM Board of Trustees

Mr. Campbell asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2017 meeting via conference call of the GSSM Board of Trustees. Motion to approve by Mr. Sanders, seconded by Dr. Halushka, and unanimously approved by the Board.

Item 4: Executive Session (Closed Session)

Mr. Campbell asked for a motion to enter into Executive Session. Motion by Mr. Tompkins, seconded by Dr. Prziembel and unanimously approved by the Board.

Return to Open Session

The Board returned to Open Session.

There was a motion to return to Executive Session to receive a legal update. Motion by Mr. Tompkins, seconded by Dr. Prziembel and unanimously approved by the Board.

Return to Executive Session (Closed Session)

Return to Open Session

Mr. Campbell advised the Board of the return to Open Session. He then read the following motion that resulted from Executive Session:

Motion:

(Mr. Chair) "I move that we authorize the Executive Committee to prepare a letter to the GSSM Foundation Board of Trustees, the substance of which was reviewed in executive session, summarizing the GSSM Board's grave concerns regarding a personnel matter and other related concerns."

Motion seconded by Dr. Halushka. Mr. Campbell asked if there was any discussion. Hearing none, a vote was taken and unanimously approved by the Board.

Item 5: Facilities, Finance, and Operations – Allocations Update

Mr. Ernie Boyd, GSSM VP Operations and CFO, provided an update pertaining to Allocations.

Item 6: President's Report

Dr. Flores waived his President's Report in the interest of time. He encouraged Board members to review the draft of the Strategic Plan. He also proposed to convene an extraordinary session of the Board exclusively dedicated to the Strategic Planning discussion.

Item 7: New Business

See Item 6 – Dr. Flores proposed an extraordinary session of the Board.

Item 8: Approval of the Consent Agenda

Mr. Campbell asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion to approve by Dr. Halushka, seconded by Dr. Przirembel, and unanimously approved by the Board.

Item 9: Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Dr. Halushka and unanimously approved by the Board. Meeting adjourned at 12:27 pm.

Mr. Hal Campbell, Chairman
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