

South Carolina Governor's School for Science and Mathematics

Board of Trustees Meeting

Hartsville, SC

In-Person and Zoom Video Conference

November 18, 2021

9:00 am.

Governing Board Members Present In-Person

Mr. Robert Brown, Chairperson

Mr. William Hudson Denny

Dr. Henry Tisdale

Dr. Jane Joseph

Governing Board Members Present via Zoom:

Ms. B. Charmeka Childs

Mr. John Michael Florence

Mr. Dennis Getter

Dr. Judith Salley-Guydon

Mr. Heyward Hilliard

Dr. Rainey Knight

Ms. Barbara Melvin

Dr. Cynthia Young

Dr. Rusty Monhollon

Dr. David Tedeschi – left at 1:03 pm

Guests Present:

Dr. Kathryn deRidder-Vignone

Dr. Roberto Robles-Valencia

Ms. Ainara Garcia

Mr. Firdavs Nasriddinov

Staff Members Present In-Person and via Zoom Video:

Mr. Danny Dorsel

Ms. Elizabeth Dinndorf

Mr. Brock Heron

Mr. Randy La Cross

Mr. Chris Lambert - Zoom

Dr. Emilye Mobley

Dr. Michael Newsome

Mr. Jon Shannon

Ms. Bridget Lloyd

Item 1: Call to Order and Roll Call:

Chairman Brown called the regular meeting of the SC Governor's School for Science and Mathematics Board of Trustees to order at approximately 12:02 pm. A quorum of Board of Trustees was present, and the meeting, having been duly convened, was ready to proceed with business. Bridget Lloyd recorded the minutes.

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Chairman Brown reviewed the agenda and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Item 2:

Approval of the minutes of the Regular Board of Trustees meeting on September 17, 2021.

Chairman Brown asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. Hearing none, Chairman Brown asked all in favor of approving the meeting minutes by saying, "Aye." None were opposed. The minutes of the regular Board meeting held on September 17, 2021 were approved.

Item 3: President's Report – Danny Dorsel

President Dorsel presented his report that included the following updates and initiatives.

- A. Recruitment Strategy – Increase planned travel and alumni engagement.
- B. Convocation - September 9, 2021
 - Convocation Speaker - Alumna Adaya Sturkey, '14
 - Outstanding Alum Awardee – Brygg Ullmer, '91
- C. Graduation – May 28, 2022
 - Commencement Speaker - Shontavia Johnson, '99
- C. Future Plans and On-going Initiatives:
 - Campus expansion
 - Year-round research opportunities; Global educational opportunities in India
 - The STEM Foundations Program
 - Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Updates
 - Teacher Fellows Program
 - Hydroponics lab
 - Engineering space, outdoor classrooms, and recreational structures
 - Land use, acquisition, and growth planning
 - Realignment of programs and responsibilities
 - Accelerate Reset

Item 4: Finance, Facilities, and Operations – Mr. Brock Heron

Mr. Heron gave an update on the Financial Report as of October 31, 2021, as information only. GSSM is in the process of becoming its fiscal agent under the Department of Administration.

Item 5: Update on Master Planning Process – Mr. Jon Shannon

Mr. Shannon gave an update on the progress and timeline of the master planning project.

Item 6: GSSM Foundation Report – Ms. Beth Dinndorf

Ms. Dinndorf's report included the following updates.

- A. Fundraising Progress and Forecast
- B. Fully Funded Hydroponics Lab
- C. New Scholarship – Patz Fowle Creative Courage Scholarship
- D. Past and Upcoming Events
 - Around the Globe with GSSM – October 7, 2021
 - 28th Annual Townes Award Celebration – March 23, 2022
- E. Leadership Giving

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Item 7: Board Nominating Committee – Mr. Bob Brown

Chairman Brown opened the floor for discussion on creating a Board Nominating Committee. Chairman Brown discussed the tenure of Board members and proposed the creation of a Nominating Committee. After some discussion, the Board members agreed to form an Ad Hoc Committee to determine whether a governance nominating committee should be developed.

The following Board members will serve on the Ad Hoc Committee. Mr. John Florence, Committee Chair, Mr. Bob Brown, Dr. Rainey Knight, and Mr. Heyward Hilliard

Chairman Brown postponed further discussion of the Ad Hoc Committee until the next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Item 8: Faculty Senate Update – Dr. Kathryn de Ridder-Vignone and Dr. Roberto Robles

Dr. de Ridder-Vignone and Dr. Robles discussed their professional backgrounds and Faculty Senate updates.

Item 9: Student Council Update – Ms. Ainara Garcia and Mr. Firdavs Nasriddinov

Ms. Garcia and Mr. Nasriddinov provided the Board with updates on the Student Council and discussed their individual path to GSSM.

Item 10: Break – Chairman Brown postpone the break until after the Standing Committee reports and approval of the Consent Agenda.

Item 11: New Business – None

Item 12: Approval of Consent Agenda and Standing Committee Reports

Approval of Consent Agenda

Action: Chairman Brown opened the floor for discussion on the Consent Agenda. Hearing none, Chairman Brown entertained a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Heyward approved. Ms. Melvin seconded. Chairman Brown asked, "All in favor of the motion to say 'Aye.' All opposed 'Nay.'". None were opposed. The motion carried.

There were no reports from the standing committees.

Item 13: Executive Session (Closed): Discuss Land Acquisition

Chairman Brown requested a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss land acquisition. Mr. Denny approved. Dr. Tisdale seconded. Chairman Brown asked, "All in favor of the motion to say 'Aye.' All opposed 'Nay.'". None were opposed. The motion carried.

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Recess

Chairman Brown moved that the Board of Trustees recess for 10 minutes at 1:20 pm and will convene executive session at 1:30 p.m.

Note: The Leadership Team and the minutes recorder was in Executive Session with the Board of Trustees.

Convene Executive Session

Chairman Board called the Executive Session to order at 1:30 pm. Note: The leadership team and the minutes recorder was present in executive session.

Item 14: Reconvene Open Session

Chairman Brown reconvened open session at approximately 1:45 pm and stated no action was taken by the Board while in executive session.

Chairman Brown opened the floor for any motions from the Board.

Mr. Denny entered a motion that the GSSM Board of Trustees authorizes and requests that the GSSM Foundation undertake, at its earliest convenience, the purchase of land and structures identified by the GSSM President for a price that is agreeable to the owner and approved by the GSSM President, and that any and all expenses associated with inspections, repairs, mitigations, sales commissions, taxes, closing, maintenance, or insurance, and all risks of property ownership, be the responsibility of the Foundation until such time as GSSM may request the sale of the property.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Hilliard.

Chairman Brown asked for further discussion. Hearing none, Chairman Brown asked, "all in favor of the motion to say 'Aye.' All opposed 'Nay.' None were opposed. The motion carried.

Item 15: Reminder of Future Board Meetings Schedule

Chairman Brown reminded the Board of the joint retreat with GSSM Foundation Board in September 2022. The date of the Joint Retreat is to be determined. The next meeting will be at noon on February 10, 2022, on the GSSM campus.

Item 16: Adjournment

Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 1:50 pm.

Robert (Bob) Brown, Chairperson
Board of Trustees
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