

South Carolina Governor's School for Science & Mathematics  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
401 Railroad Avenue, Hartsville, SC 29550  
September 8, 2016  
9:00 am

**Governing Board Members Present:**

Dr. Leroy Davis, Chairman  
Mr. John Barnes  
Mr. Hal Campbell  
Dr. Randy Collins  
Dr. Helen Doerpinghaus  
Dr. Perry Halushka  
Dr. Jochen Lauterbach  
Mr. Jim Lehman  
Dr. Chris Przirembel  
Mr. Jack Sanders  
Mr. Lee Stogner  
Mr. Art Tompkins

**Governing Board Members Present via Conference Call:**

Dr. Argentini Anderson  
Dr. Lisa Saladin  
Ms. Carolyne Williams

**Staff:**

Dr. Hector Flores  
Ms. Kim Bowman  
Mr. Ernie Boyd  
Ms. Susan Coker  
Dr. Karen Den Braven  
Mr. Danny Dorsel  
Mr. Randy LaCross  
Dr. Emilye Mobley  
Mr. Jon Shannon

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

Dr. Davis called the meeting to order at 9:04 am. Roll was taken with a quorum present.

**Item 2: Reminder of Future Board Meetings**

Dr. Davis reminded the Board of future Board meetings as follows:

Thursday	January 12, 2017	Hartsville
Thursday	April 6, 2017	Columbia
Thursday	June 15, 2017	Conference Call
Thursday	September 14, 2017	Hartsville

**Item 3: Approval of the minutes of the June 9, 2016 meeting and the July 27, 2016 Special Called Meeting of the GSSM Board of Trustees:**

Dr. Davis asked for a motion to approve both sets of minutes of the June 9, 2016 meeting and the July 27, 2016 Special Called Meeting of the GSSM Board of Trustees. Motion to approve by Dr. Przirembel, seconded by Mr. Stogner, and unanimously approved by the Board.

Dr. Davis paused for a few housekeeping items from Ms. Coker pertaining to the day's schedule and Convocation Ceremony which includes the formal installation of Dr. Flores as the new President of GSSM.

**Item 4: Faculty Senate Presentation**

Dr. Flores began by providing some background information pertaining to the Faculty Senate Pilot project which has been in existence for approximately three years. He introduced Dr. Roy Flannagan, Chair of the Faculty Senate, and Dr. Jennifer Brown and Dr. Nicole Kroeger, members of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee.

Dr. Flannagan provided some additional history and timelines pertaining to the creation of the pilot project. He also expressed some of the benefits of having a Faculty Senate and provided a sampling of initiatives that have taken place since the spring of 2014 (Faculty Senate Progress Report). Questions and discussion followed.

Dr. Flores concluded with comments pertaining to the high level of commitment and quality of the faculty at GSSM.

Before continuing with Item 5, Dr. Davis paused to remind Board members of the Board Subcommittees. Discussions will begin soon pertaining to assignments for vacancies on various subcommittees.

**Item 5: President's Report**

Dr. Flores began by re-affirming his decision to come to GSSM. He expressed his appreciation to the Board and Leadership Team for the various conversations, commitment, and patience with the transition.

He reminded the Board of the upcoming 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of GSSM.

Dr. Flores continued with the following highlights:

- Recent GSSM accomplishments
- Application information and snapshots
- Previous two GSSM eras and accomplishments
- New bold vision for GSSM 3.0
- Overview of GSSM Strategic Planning Committee and Task Force Themes

Thorough discussion followed among Board members and Staff regarding the Strategic Planning Process in preparation for the upcoming motion:

**Motion:**

Board to approve the Charge to GSSM President to proceed with Strategic Planning Process as described in attachment.

Dr. Davis asked for a motion to approve. Motion made by Mr. Sanders, seconded by Dr. Przirembel, and unanimously approved by the Board.

**Item 6: Facilities, Finance, and Operations**

Mr. Boyd, GSSM CFO, presented a report as outlined in the Consent Agenda Item C3. Questions and discussion took place throughout the report.

**Item 7: New Business** – None

**Item 8: Approval of the Consent Agenda**

Dr. Davis commended all GSSM Staff members for their Consent Agenda reports. He then asked for a motion to approve. Motion by Dr. Halushka, seconded by Dr. Doerpinghaus, and unanimously approved by the Board.

Before proceeding:

Dr. Flores acknowledged Dr. Karen Den Braven, Director of GSSM Engineering Programs, for her major work and efforts with the Accelerate Program. Dr. Den Braven has announced that she will be stepping down. He also acknowledged the joint efforts of Dr. Den Braven and Ms. Bowman, CEO, GSSM Foundation, in the academic and marketing work of the program.

Dr. Przirembel presented comments which followed with discussion pertaining to the Innovation Center. Dr. Davis provided follow-up and clarification that has taken place since the Special Called Board meeting on July 27, 2016. The GSSM Leadership Team revisited the Innovation Center proposal and expectations, and accepted the GSSM Foundation's proposal to fund the Innovation Center as a pilot program for one year. State funds will be used to pay for a part-time teacher/Director of the Center.

**Item 9: Executive Session (Closed Session)**

Dr. Davis asked for a motion to enter Executive Session. Motion made by Dr. Halushka, seconded by Mr. Tompkins, and unanimously approved by the Board. Dr. Davis stated that no votes will be taken in Executive Session. At the completion of Executive Session, the Board will return to Open Session.

Return to Open Session

The Board returned to Open Session. No decisions were made and no votes were taken.

**Item 10:**

Meeting adjourned at approximately 1:20 pm.

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Dr. Leroy Davis, Chairman  
Board of Trustees  
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