

**South Carolina Governor's School for Science and Mathematics**

Board of Trustees Meeting

Conference Call

June 13, 2019

Noon

**Governing Board Members Present via Conference Call**

Ms. Carolyne Williams, Chair, Presiding  
Dr. Argentini Anderson  
Mr. Arthur Tompkins, Vice-Chair  
Mr. John Barnes  
Dr. Randy Collins  
Dr. Carol Fegahli-Bostwick joined @12:43 p.m.  
Dr. Joe Griffin joined @ 12:07 p.m.  
Dr. Sandra Kelly  
Dr. Anne Pressley  
Dr. Chris Przirembel  
Dr. Judith Salley  
Mr. Ravi Sastry  
Mr. Lee Stogner

**Staff Members Present:**

Dr. Hector Flores	Mrs. Bridget Lloyd
Mrs. Anne Brumley	Mr. Jon Shannon
Mrs. Beth Dinndorf	Dr. Ershela Sims
Mr. Danny Dorsel	
Mr. Brock Heron	<u>Guest:</u>
	Mr. Vernie Williams, Atty

**Guests Present via Conference Call:**

Mr. Niles Brinton joined @12:15 p.m.; left @ 12:30 p.m.; re-joined @ 12:32 p.m.  
Mr. Patrick Cleary

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

Ms. Carolyne Williams, Chair, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at approximately 12:10 pm. The roll was taken with a quorum present.

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

Ms. Williams reminded everyone to make a note of the dates of future Board meetings for 2019 - 2020.

Thursday	September 12, 2019	Hartsville	
Time:	<b>9:00 a.m. – Noon, followed by Convocation at 2:00 p.m.</b>		
Thursday	January 30, 2020	Hartsville	Noon
Thursday	April 9, 2020	Columbia	Noon
Thursday	June 11, 2020	Conference Call	Noon

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### **Item 3: Approval of the Minutes of April 18, 2019, GSSM Board of Trustees Meeting:**

Ms. Williams asked for a motion to approve the minutes of April 18, 2019, meeting of the GSSM Board of Trustees. Motion to approve by Dr. Randy Collins, seconded by Mr. John Barnes, and unanimously approved by the Board.

### **Item 4: Introductions** - Dr. Hector Flores

Dr. Flores introduced the faculty, staff, and legal counsel that were present. Ms. Williams welcomed them to the Board meeting.

### **Item 5: President's Report** – Dr. Hector Flores

Dr. Flores began his report by stating GSSM had a strong finish to the 2018-2019 academic year. His report included a summary of highlights from the year.

- GSSM graduated the largest class in its history with 137 students.
- Acknowledgment of the recipients of the following awards:
  - The President's Cup Award
  - The Honorary GSSM Diploma
- Acknowledgment of the Commencement Speaker – Dr. Arthur Lupia, Assistant Director of the National Science Foundation
- Launch of a major curricular reform initiative
- Integrated management of curricula across the virtual and residential programs
- Expansion of virtual offerings to new partners and residential students
- The largest alumni reunion weekend
- Strong college acceptances and scholarships awarded
- Athletics – GSSM won its 17<sup>th</sup> Championship; along with six individual State Championships.
- Student Development – No significant disciplinary actions were taken.
- New Initiatives:
  - Team Up
  - GSSM Elementary
  - Increased Wellness Program
  - Professional Development Program
  - Extended Care Team
  - Leadership Training – USC Darla Moore School of Business
  - Integration of Residential and Virtual Curriculum
  - 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Planning
  - New International Experiences
- New faculty and staff were hired
- Expected strong start for student admissions in the Fall
- Search underway to fill the Vice President for Enrollment Management position
- A consultant was hired to increase diversity in the male student population.
- Rebranding and Marketing Design strategy is near completion
- Acknowledgment of Retiring Faculty

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### **Item 6: Finance, Facilities, and Operations** – Mr. Art Tompkins '92 and Mr. Brock Heron

Mr. Tompkins, Chair of the Finance Committee called upon Mr. Heron, VP for Operations for the report. Mr. Tompkins stated a quorum was not present for the Finance Committee meeting that was held earlier, and motion and seconded will be requested. Mr. Heron gave the following update on the 2019-2020 Budget based on the Appropriations Act for the fiscal year.

- \$308,500 was approved for the expansion of the admissions program
- 4% salary increase for Faculty
- 2% cost of living increase for staff
- Pulse Program will move to Hartsville high school

There were some discussions on the revenue carried forward.

**Action Item A:** Review and Approval of School Budget for the 2019-2020 school year.

**Motion:** Approve the Start of the Year (SOY) Budget and Foundation request for the 2019-2020 academic year (Attachment A). Mr. Tompkins made a motion to approve the 2019-2020 SOY budget, motion seconded by Dr. Przirembel, and unanimously approved by the Board.

### **Item 7: Foundation Executive Director Report** – Ms. Elizabeth Dinndorf

Ms. Dinndorf began her report by stating the Foundation expects to exceed its fundraising goals by June 30, 2019. Mrs. Dinndorf's report included the following highlights:

Revenue expected to exceed budget:

- Corporate gifts
- Grants

Revenue expected to fall below budget:

- The first employee giving campaign
- Donations from alumni, parents, and friends

Expenses are expected to fall below budget.

Looking forward to the next fiscal year:

- Broaden corporate support
- Expand the foundation base
- Broaden support from parents of alumni
- Re-engage friends

### **Item 8: Alumni Update** – Mr. Niles Brinton

In Mr. Brinton's absence, Mr. Patrick Cleary gave an alumni update. The following alumni issues were mentioned.

- Challenges with alumni engagement
- Improve alumni engagement
- Improve communications with GSSM

**Item 9: New Business:** None

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**Item 10: Approval of Consent Agenda:**

Ms. Williams called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion to approve by Dr. Prziembel, motion seconded by Dr. Kelley, and unanimously approved by the Board.

**Item 11: Executive Session (Closed Session):**

Ms. Williams requested the attendance of all regular Board members, Dr. Hector Flores, Mr. Jon Shannon, and Mr. Vernie Williams. Ms. Williams asked for a motion to enter into Executive Session. Motion made by Mr. Tompkins and seconded by Mr. Barnes.

**Return to Open Session:**

The Board returned to Open Session. Ms. Williams stated that no votes or actions were taken during Executive Session.

**Item 11: Adjourn:**

Due to lack of quorum after return to Open session, Ms. Williams declared the meeting officially adjourned at 3:20 pm.

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Ms. Carolyne Williams, Chairperson  
Board of Trustees  
SC Governor's School for Science and Mathematics