

South Carolina Governor's School for Science and Mathematics

Board of Trustees Meeting

Hartsville, SC

In-person and Zoom Video Conference

September 8, 2023

9:00 a.m.

Governing Board Members Present In-Person

Mr. Robert Brown, Chair

Mr. William H. Denny

Mr. Dennis Getter

Mr. Heyward Hilliard

Dr. Jane Joseph

Dr. Henry Tisdale

Dr. Rusty Monhollon

Governing Board Members Present via Zoom

Ms. Charmeka Childs

Ms. Stephanie DiStasio

Mr. John Michael Florence

Dr. Rainey Knight, Vice-Chair

Guests Present

Dr. Roberto Robles-Valencia

Emma Johnson, Student

Staff Members Present

Mr. Danny Dorsel

Mr. Randy La Cross

Mr. Christopher Lambert

Ms. Bridget Lloyd

Dr. Emilye Mobley

Dr. Michael Newsome

Ms. Elizabeth Oswald-Sease

Mr. Jon Shannon

Item 1: Call to Order and Roll Call

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees at the South Carolina Governor's School for Science and Mathematics was called to order at approximately 9:05 a.m. by Chairman Bob Brown. A quorum was present, and the meeting, having been duly convened, was ready to proceed with business. Bridget Lloyd recorded the minutes.

Chairman Brown welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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Item 2:

Approve the minutes of the Regular Board of Trustees meeting on May 26, 2023

Chairman Brown requested a motion to approve the May 26, 2023 meeting minutes. Mr. Hilliard moved to approve the minutes. Mr. Denny seconded. There was no further discussion. Chairman Brown asked all in favor to say "Aye" and any opposed to "No." None were opposed. The motion passed.

Item 3: President's Report

Mr. Dorsel's report began with the theme for the school this year, "Leading STEM Education." He reminded everyone of the mission, vision, and values statement, highlighting the phrase "developing students." His report highlighted the following events and updates.

- 2023 Summer Research
- Global Engagement
- Statewide Engagement
- Third Annual Opening of School Institute
- Students Move-In Days
- Athletics
- Campus Life Clubs, Organizations, and Societies
- Enrollment Update
- STEM Foundations Pilot - Cessation
- Recruitment Events
- Land and House Updates
- Consent Agenda Highlights
- Joint Board Retreat Update

The Board of Trustees continued discussions on discontinuing the STEM Foundations Pilot and the role of the Board of Trustees in approving the program's termination in 2025.

There was some discussion about increasing the population of minority students and teachers at GSSM. Mr. Dorsel will report on these matters to the Board of Trustees at the November meeting.

The Board of Trustees received Mr. Dorsel's report; a copy is on file.

Item 4: Finance, Facilities and Operations - Ms. Elizabeth Oswald-Sease

On behalf of the Finance, Facilities, and Operations committee, Ms. Oswald-Sease provided a comprehensive report on the FY2024 Operating Budget allocated as of July 1, 2023, under the State Appropriations Act and previously approved by the Board of Trustees. She plans to implement a department-level budgeting system to track allocations and show how departments use funds. GSSM completed a recent financial audit with no significant findings. Ms. Oswald-Sease requested board acknowledgment of the allocated budget.

Action: Acknowledgement of the FY2024 Operating Budget Allocation.

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Chairperson Brown asked for a motion to acknowledge the FY2023-2024 Operating Budget Allocation. Mr. Hilliard motioned to approve, and Mr. Denny seconded. There was no further discussion. Chairman Brown asked all in favor to say "Aye" and any opposed to "No." None were opposed. The motion passed.

Approval of the FY2025 Budget Request

Ms. Oswald-Sease presented the FY2025 Budget Request and discussed each request's priority order and detailed explanation. Replacement of the cooling tower is GSSM's primary priority. Ms. Oswald-Sease requested approval of the FY2025 Budget Request.

Action: Approval of the FY2025 Budget Request

Mr. Getter motioned to approve the FY2025 Budget Request as presented, totaling \$6,007,333. Dr. Knight seconded. Chairman Brown opened the floor for further questions or discussion.

After some discussion, Chairperson Brown asked all in favor of approving the FY2025 Budget Allocation to say "Aye," any opposed to "No ." None were opposed. The motion passed.

Item 5: GSSM Foundation Report - Mr. Danny Dorsel

Mr. Dorsel presented the GSSM Foundation Executive Director's report on behalf of Beth Dinndorf. He discussed the following updates.

- Foundation Budget as of August 31, 2023
- 2023-2024 Fundraising Results as of August 31, 2023
- Alumni Fundraising Results
- Alumni Participation Increased
- 2023 Outstanding Alum - Joseph Pelfrey '95
- Around the World with GSSM - October 5, 2023
- 2023 Summer Research - Board Connections

The Board of Trustees received the Foundation's report; a copy is on file.

Chairman Brown requested to amend the agenda to reposition Items #6 through #8.

Item 7: Student Update

Emma Johnson, Class of 2024, discussed her computer science research experience while in Germany and why she chose to attend GSSM.

Item 8: Break

Chairman Brown requested a 10-minute break at 10:45 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 10:56 a.m.

Item 6: Faculty Senate - Dr. Roberto Robles-Valencia | Global Outreach Updates - Randall LaCross

Faculty Senate Update: None reported by Dr. Robles-Valencia.

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Global Outreach Updates: Mr. La Cross discussed the growth of the Outreach and Global Initiatives program from 2009 to - present. The Board of Trustees received Mr. La Cross's report; a copy is on file.

Item 9: New Business - None reported.

Item 10: Consent Agenda

Action: Approval of the Consent Agenda

Chairman Brown requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Hilliard motioned to approve. Mr. Getter seconded.

Chairman Brown opened the floor for discussion. Hearing none, Chairman Brown requested all in favor to say 'Aye' and any opposed to 'No.' None were opposed. The motion carried.

Item 11: Standing Committee Reports - None.

Item 12: Reminder of Upcoming Board of Trustees Meeting for 2023-2024

Chairman Brown reminded the Board of Trustees of the upcoming events and meetings. The Board of Trustees agreed to participate in the Joint Board Retreat next year with the Foundation Board of Directors. The next Board of Trustees meeting is on November 16 at noon in Hartsville.

Item 13: Adjournment

Chairman Brown requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Monhollon motioned to approve. Mr. Denny seconded. Chairperson Brown asked all in favor to say "Aye" and any opposed to "No ." None were opposed. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Robert (Bob) Brown, Chairperson
Board of Trustees
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Notice of the meeting's time, date, location, and agenda was provided to the public on August 30, 2023, on the school's website and in publicly accessible areas at 401 Railroad Avenue, Hartsville, South Carolina.