

**South Carolina Governor's School for Science and Mathematics**  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
In-Person and Zoom Video Conference  
February 11, 2021

Noon

**Governing Board Members Present In-Person**

Mr. Robert Brown, Chairperson  
Mr. William H. Denny  
Mr. Dennis Getter

**Governing Board Members Present via Zoom:**

Ms. B. Charmeka Childs  
Dr. Judith Salley-Guydon  
Mr. Heyward Hilliard  
Dr. Rainey Knight, Vice-Chairperson  
Ms. Barbara Melvin  
Dr. Henry Tisdale  
Mr. James Gergen  
Dr. Cynthia Young  
Dr. Rusty Monhollon  
Ms. Molly Spearman  
Dr. David Tedeschi

**Guests Present Via Zoom:**

Ms. Kara Brown - PAC  
Ms. Heidi Buckley - PAC  
Dr. Kathryn de Ridder-Vignone - Faculty  
Mr. Shane Farmer – President. Alumni Assoc.  
Mr. Vernie Williams - Attorney

**Staff Members Present In-Person and via Zoom Video:**

Mr. Danny Dorsel	Mr. Chris Lambert - Video
Mrs. Elizabeth Dinndorf	Dr. Emilye Mobley - Video
Mr. Brock Heron	Mr. Jon Shannon - Video
Mr. Randy La Cross	Mrs. Bridget Lloyd

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

Chairman Brown called the meeting to order at approximately 12:05 pm. The roll was taken with a quorum present.

**Item 2: Future Board Meeting Schedule**

Chairman Brown requested to change the November 11, 2021 Board of Trustees meeting to November 18, 2021, to observe Veteran's Day.

**Item 3: Approval of the Board of Trustees meeting minutes from November 19, 2020**

Chairman Brown asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2020 Board of Trustees meeting, with an amendment to the May 29, 2020 minutes as follows: "The motion

was carried with the unanimous support of all except the abstaining Board member.” Mr. Gergen made a motion to approve the November 19, 2020 minutes with the amendment as stated. Ms. Spearman seconded and unanimously carried by the Board.

**Item 4: Interim President’s Report – Mr. Daniel Dorsel**

Mr. Dorsel began his report by thanking the faculty and staff for all they do for the school. His presentation consisted of the following school and programs updates:

- Mission and History
- Programs Overview
  - GSSM Residential – Virtual fall semester with 2-week periods of residency; synchronous instruction; hybrid spring semester; two-way classroom technology; and virtual summer research and inquiry program.
  - GSSM Virtual: – Virtual summer learning experiences.
  - GSSM Outreach: – Virtual summer STEM with GSSM program; Elementary Explore Series; the ENGAGE, SPARK, STEM Scholars, and PASE were held virtually.
- 2020-2021 School Year
- Looking Ahead:
  - GSSM Residential: In-person and virtual summer research and inquiry opportunities. Resume the full in-person residential program in the fall.
  - GSSM Virtual: In-person summer learning experiences; Explore new partner schools, and expand the synchronous virtual course offerings.
  - GSSM Outreach: In-person and virtual summer camp opportunities; Resume STEAM bus activities.
- Moving GSSM Forward
  - Hydroponics Lab will impact residential, virtual, outreach, and the local community.
  - Develop Partnership with the Governor’s Schools: Science and Math, Arts and Humanities, and Agriculture at de la Howe.
  - GSSM Online Diploma Pilot Program will seek the state’s most talented and motivated students interested in pursuing an advanced STEM education while remaining at home. The Program Pilot has the approval of the Board for further exploration. Mr. Dorsel will present the proposal for the Online Diploma Pilot Program at the next Board meeting.

**Item 5: Finance, Facilities, and Operations – Mr. Brock Heron**

Mr. Heron stated there was no action needed at this meeting. Mr. Heron’s financial report consisted of the following topics as information only.

- Financial Report as of December 31, 2020
- The Budget Process
- The Governor’s plan to move the SC Governor’s Schools from under the Department of Administration.

**Item 6: GSSM Foundation Report – Mrs. Elizabeth Dinndorf**

Mrs. Dinndorf’s report included a summary of the following updates:

- The 2020-21 Year to Date Fundraising Results

**Item 6: GSSM Foundation Report – Mrs. Elizabeth Dinndorf (continued)**

- The Impact of the Pandemic on Fundraising

- Breckin Muzzy Interim Scholarship Fund
- 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Townes Award Celebration will be held on March 17, 2021
  - 2021 Townes Award Recipient – Nephron Pharmaceuticals
  - Acknowledgment of Sponsors

**Item 7: GSSM School Reports:**

- Faculty Senate Report – Dr. Kathryn de Ridder-Vignone
- Parent Advisory Committee – Ms. Kara Brown and Dr. Heidi Buckley
- Alumni Association – Mr. Shane Farmer

**Item 8: New Business:**

- Presidential Search Update - Mr. John Florence shared information on the start of the Presidential Search as information only.

**Item 9: Approval of Consent Agenda**

Chairman Brown called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda submitted for informational purposes. Mr. Hilliard motioned to approve. Mr. Denny seconded and unanimously carried by the Board.

**Item 10: Executive Session (Closed)**

Chairman Brown called for a motion to enter into Executive Session to receive legal advice concerning the MOU between GSSM Foundation and Executive Director's Development Office position. Mr. Gergen motioned to approve. Mr. Getter seconded and unanimously carried by the Board.

**Break**

Chairman Brown moved for a 5-minute break at 1:50 pm, with the Board convening at 1:55 pm into Executive Session.

**Item 11: Reconvene to Open Session**

Chairman Brown called for a motion to reconvene to Open Session at approximately 2:35 pm and stated no action was taken by the Board while in Executive Session. Mr. Getter motioned to approve. Mr. Denny seconded and unanimously carried by the Board.

Mr. Getter motioned to proceed with hiring the Executive Director of the Development Office. Mr. Denny seconded and unanimously approved by the Board.

**Item 12: Adjournment**

There being no further business, Chairman Brown called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Denny motioned to approve. Dr. Tedeschi seconded and unanimously approved by the Board.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm.

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Robert Brown, Chairperson  
Board of Trustees  
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Date