

South Carolina Governor's School for Science and Mathematics

Board of Trustees Meeting

Hartsville, SC

In-person and Zoom Video Conference

May 26, 2023

Noon

Governing Board Members Present In-Person

Mr. Robert Brown, Chair
Ms. Stephanie DiStasio
Mr. Dennis Getter
Dr. Rainey Knight, Vice-Chair
Dr. David Tedeschi
Dr. Henry Tisdale

Governing Board Members Present via Zoom:

Mr. Hudson Denny
Mr. John Michael Florence
Mr. Heyward Hilliard
Dr. Jane Joseph
Ms. Barbara Melvin
Ms. Heather Srulevich
Dr. Cynthia Young

Guests Present:

Dr. Lance Riddle
Ms. Michelle Harter
Dr. Roberto Robles-Valencia
Briggs Murray - Student

Staff Members Present:

Mr. Danny Dorsel
Ms. Beth Dinndorf
Mr. Brock Heron
Mr. Randy La Cross
Mr. Christopher Lambert
Ms. Bridget Lloyd
Dr. Emily Mobley
Dr. Michael Newsome
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 12:05 p.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 February 9, 2023.

Chairman Brown requested a motion to approve the minutes as distributed. Mr. Getter moved to approve the February 9, 2023 meeting minutes. Mr. Hilliard seconded. The minutes of February 9, 2023, were unanimously approved and distributed.

Item 3: President's Report

Mr. Dorsel's report began by reminding everyone of the mission, vision, and values statement, calling special attention to the phrase "builds...confidence" inside and outside the community. His report highlighted the following events and updates.

- Class of 2023 - College Admissions
- Class of 2024 - Research Opportunities Expansion
 - Summer Research - 38 institutions; six states and two countries
 - International Research - Four institutions and nine students
 - School-Year Research - Eight different courses and 54 students
- Class of 2025 - Enrollment
 - Residential - 190 offers; 150 admitted
 - Accelerate - 53 offers, 49 admitted
 - STEM Foundations - 9 offers; 6 admitted
- New Hires and Current Job Openings
- Accelerate and STEM Foundations Program Modifications
- Real Estate Project Background and Update
- Master Plan Updates - Phasing Priorities, Sample Endorsement Statement, and Next Steps
- GSSM Upcoming Events

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

Item 4: Master Plan Final Review - Mr. Danny Dorsel and Mr. Jon Shannon

Mr. Dorsel recapped the progress of the master plan from its kick-off in May 2022 to the redesign schemes presentation to the Board of Trustees in January 2023.

Mr. Dorsel requested the Board of Trustees' consideration in endorsing the master plan vision. The following motion was placed before the Board of Trustees.

The Board of Trustees for the South Carolina Governor's School for Science & Mathematics, having previously approved the school's Strategic Plan, hereby endorses the Master Plan to enable the school's Outreach efforts to meet demand from schools across the state better to facilitate the expansion of our engineering program, to facilitate on-campus research projects, and to provide improved living and learning spaces for students and visitors.

Through this endorsement, the President is authorized and encouraged to present the plan, along with the school's vision for service to South Carolina's most talented and motivated students, to those public and private parties who may be able to support its development and help bring it to fruition. The Board anticipates regular progress updates and opportunities to provide input and guidance for future designs, plans, and decisions as may be appropriate to their responsibilities.

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Action Item: Endorsement of the Master Plan Vision

Chairman Brown requested a motion to approve the endorsement of the master plan vision as presented to the Board of Trustees. Mr. Hudson Denny motioned to approve the endorsement. Mr. Hilliard seconded.

Chairman Brown opened the floor for questions. There was one question received and answered from the floor. Chairman Brown asked all in favor to say 'Aye' and those opposed to say 'No.' None were opposed. The motion carried.

Item 5: Finance, Facilities, and Operations

On behalf of the Finance, Facilities, and Operations committee, Mr. Heron discussed and reviewed the 2023-2024 budget request and the 2024-2025 preliminary budget request. The Board of Trustees received the financial report as information only.

Item 6 GSSM Foundation Report

Ms. Dinndorf, Executive Director of GSSM Foundation, presented a report with the following updates.

- Funding Raising Results as of May 18, 2023
- 2022-2023 Year-to-Date Fundraising Results and Year-End Projections
- Spring 2023 Fundraising Campaigns

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

Item 7: Faculty Senate | Office of College Counseling & Advising Updates

Dr. Riddle gave his last update on behalf of the Faculty Senate and introduced Dr. Robles-Valencia, a Spanish teacher, as the new Faculty Senate Chair. Ms. Michelle Harter gave an update on behalf of the Office of College Counseling and Advising.

Item 8: Student Update - Mr. Briggs Murray, Class of 2023, discussed his experience as a student in the residential program and the college selection process at GSSM.

Item 9: Recess - Chairman Brown requested a 5-minute recess at 1:27 p.m. The Board of Trustees convened into Executive Session after the break.

Item 10: Executive Session

Chairman Brown called the meeting to order and convened into executive session at approximately 1:35 p.m. to discuss a legal matter.

Open Session

Chairman Brown called the meeting to open session at approximately 2:22 p.m. and stated that the Board took no motion or action while in executive session.

Item 11: New Business - None

Item 12: Approval of Consent Agenda

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Chairman Brown requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Denny motioned to approve the Consent Agenda. Ms. Melvin seconded.

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

Item 13: Standing Committee Reports - None.

Item 14: Reminder of Upcoming Board of Trustees Meeting for 2023-2024

Chairman Brown reminded the Board of Trustees of the Joint Board Retreat on September 7 and the Board of Trustees meeting on September 8 in Hartsville.

Item 15: Adjournment

Chairman Brown requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Getter motioned to approve. Dr. Tedeschi seconded. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Robert (Bob) Brown, Chairperson
Board of Trustees
SC Governor's School for Science and Mathematics

Notice of the meeting's time, date, location, and agenda was provided to the public on May 17, 2023, on the school's website and in publicly accessible areas at 401 Railroad Avenue, Hartsville, South Carolina.