

South Carolina Governor's School for Science and Mathematics
Board of Trustees Meeting
In-Person and Zoom Video Conference
May 21, 2021

Noon

Governing Board Members Present In-Person

Mr. Robert Brown, Chairperson
Mr. William H. Denny
Mr. Dennis Getter
Dr. Henry Tisdale
Mr. James Gergen
Dr. Rusty Monhollon

Governing Board Members Present via Zoom:

Ms. B. Charmeka Childs
Dr. DeWitt (Ty) Coleman
Mr. John Michael Florence
Dr. Judith Salley-Guydon – left @ 12:55 pm
Mr. Heyward Hilliard
Dr. Rainey Knight, Vice-Chairperson
Dr. Cynthia Young – joined @ 12:20 pm
Dr. David Tedeschi

Guests Present Via Zoom:

Dr. Kathryn de Ridder-Vignone - Faculty

Staff Members Present In-Person and via Zoom Video:

Mr. Danny Dorsel	Mr. Chris Lambert - Video
Mrs. Elizabeth Dinndorf	Dr. Emilye Mobley
Mr. Brock Heron	Mr. Jon Shannon
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 record keeper took the roll, and a quorum was present.

Item 2: Approval of the Board of Trustees meeting minutes from February 11, 2021

Chairman Brown asked all in favor of approving the minutes from the February 11, 2021 Board of Trustees meeting by saying, "Aye." There were none opposed. The minutes from February 11, 2021, were unanimously approved by the board.

Item 3: Interim President's Report – Mr. Danny Dorsel

Mr. Dorsel began his report with GSSM's mission statement. His presentation consisted of the following school updates.

1. Spring Semester Updates:
 - a. Residential students returned to campus and finished the semester well.
 - b. Virtual engineering and math students returned to school buildings and finished the semester well.
 - c. Outreach will offer STEM experiences for 3rd-10th grade students online.
 - d. Outreach is preparing for in-person and online camps on campus, at schools, and home.
2. Virtual Program Highlights
 - a. Completion Ceremony – Keynote Address delivered by Malik Hubbard, Class of 2019
3. Admissions Updates
 - a. GSSM Residential – 380 applications submitted (Class of 2023)
 - b. GSSM Virtual – 112 applications submitted (Class of 2023)
 - c. GSSM Outreach – Registration is open for summer experiences on campus, at local schools, and home.
4. College Admissions Updates
 - a. GSSM Residential – 1,110 applications at 230 colleges and universities
 - b. GSSM Virtual – Over 90 percent enrolled in engineering majors and minors.
5. Future Plans at GSSM
 - a. Expansion of on-campus and year-round research opportunities
 - b. Global Initiatives
 - c. Online Core STEM Diploma Pilot Program
 - d. Creating a position that will specialize in diversity, equity, and inclusion
 - e. Hydroponics Lab
 - f. Engineering space, outdoor classrooms, and recreational structures
 - g. Land use, acquisition, and growth planning

Item 4: Education Policies and Practices Committee Report- Dr. Judith Salley

Dr. Salley deferred the reporting from the Education, Policies, and Practices Committee on the Online Core STEM Diploma Program to Mr. Dorsel.

Mr. Dorsel gave a brief background on the development of the GSSM Online Core STEM Diploma program. The pilot program will begin in August 2021 with approximately fourteen students. The entry point is designed for incoming junior students who want a STEM education but prefer to stay home.

The Board of Trustees discussed the long-term goals of the program.

Chairman Board asked all in favor of approving the GSSM Online Core STEM Diploma program, based on the recommendations of the Education, Policies, and Practices committee, to indicate by saying "Aye." None were opposed. The Board of Trustees unanimously approved the GSSM's Online Core STEM Diploma program.

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

In the absence of Board of Trustees Member Ms. Melvin, Chairman Brown turned the floor over to Mr. Heron to present the financial report. Mr. Heron presented the following items before the Board.

A. 2020-2021 Continuing Budget: For Information Only

B. 2021-2022 GSSM Budget - Pre-Approval: Attachment 2

Mr. Heron stated that the 2021-2022 budget was pre-approved by the subcommittee on Facilities, Finance, and Operations. Mr. Heron requested approval from the entire board based on the subcommittee's recommendations.

Action: Chairman Brown stated that based on the recommendation from the subcommittee on Facilities, Finance, and Operations, the 2021-2022 budget was sent to the entire Board for final approval. Chairman Brown asked all in favor of the Senate version of the budget to indicate by saying, "Aye." None were opposed. The board unanimously approved the 2021-2022 budget.

C. 2021-2022 GSSM Foundation Allocation Approval: Attachment 3

Mr. Heron presented the Foundation Allocation for approval to the Board. Mr. Dorsel explained the breakdown of the allocations.

Action: Chairman Brown asked all in favor of approving the 2021-2022 GSSM Foundation Allocation to indicate by saying "Aye." None were opposed. The board unanimously approved the 2021-2022 GSSM Foundation Allocation.

Item 6: GSSM Foundation Report – Mrs. Elizabeth Dinndorf

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

- A. Update: 2021 Townes Award Event – Funds raised for GSSM
- B. Upcoming Fundraising Events:
 - Around the Globe with GSSM – October 7, 2021
 - Townes Award Event – March 23, 2022
- C. 2020-2021 – Year-to-Date Fundraising Results
- D. COVID-19 Impact on Fundraising
- E. GSSM Hydroponics Lab
- F. Alumni Engagement
- G. Funding GSSM Students and Residential Programs

- H. Gates Cambridge Scholarship Award Recipient – Anish Chaluvadi (GSSM Class of 2017)
- I. Future Business Leaders of America – State Winners and National Qualifiers

Item 7: Institutional Advancement Committee Report – Mr. James Gergen

Mr. Gergen thanked the members of the Institutional Advancement Committee for their work on the MOU. The Executive Committee unanimously approved the MOU of the Foundation. Mr. Gergen reviewed the eleven-word edit made to the MOU after the Foundation Executive Committee had already approved it.

Action: MOU between GSSM and GSSM Foundation Approval

Mr. Getter motioned to consider the nine-page MOU agreement adopted with the edits discussed at this meeting. Mr. Gergen seconded. There being no further discussion, Chairman Brown asked all in favor to indicate by saying "Aye." None were opposed. The motion carried.

Ms. Dinndorf will begin work on drafting the Service Level Agreement and the Gift Acceptance Agreement of the MOU. Chairman Brown proposed developing an Ad Hoc Committee that will participate in drafting those agreements.

Item 8: Faculty Senate Update – Dr. Kathryn de Ridder-Vignone

Dr. Kathryn de Ridder-Vignone provided the Board of Trustees with brief updates from the following sub-committees.

- A. Presidential Search Sub-Committee
- B. Recruitment and Retention Sub-Committee
- C. COVID-19 Re-entry Plan Sub-Committee

Break

Chairman Brown moved for a 7-minute break at 1:38 pm and stated the Board would reconvene to open session at 1:45 pm.

Item 9: Pre-planning for Board of Trustees Retreat- For Discussion Only

Chairman Brown discussed joining the Foundation Board on their Retreat on September 16-17, 2021, in Columbia, SC. The Board agreed on the proposed topics for discussion at the retreat as listed on the agenda. Other topics discussed for consideration were: Outreach and training on FOIA.

Item 10: New Business – Mr. Danny Dorsel

Mr. Dorsel presented a proposal to name GSSM's Visual Arts Studio after the founding Visual Arts Coordinator, Ms. Patz Fowle.

Action: Approval of Name for Visual Arts Studio

Mr. Denny motioned to approve naming the Visual Arts Studio after Ms. Patz Fowle. Mr. Hilliard seconded. There being no further discussion, Chairman Brown asked all in favor to indicate by saying "Aye." None were opposed. The motion carried.

Item 11: Approval of the Consent Agenda – Information Only

Chairman Brown called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda presented for information only. Mr. Getter motioned to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Denny seconded. There being no further discussion, Chairman Brown asked all in favor to indicate by saying "Aye." None were opposed. The motion carried.

Item 12: Executive Session (Closed)

Chairman Brown called for a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss the progress on the Presidential Search. Mr. Denny motioned to move into Executive Session. Dr. Monhollon seconded. There being no further discussion, Chairman Brown asked all in favor to indicate by saying "Aye." None were opposed. The motion carried.

Item 13: Reconvene to Open Session

Chairman Brown reconvened the meeting to Open session at approximately 2:25 pm and stated no action was taken by the Board while in Executive Session.

Item 14: Reminder of Future Board Meetings Schedule

September 16-17, 2021 – Joint Board Retreat with the GSSM Foundation will be confirmed.
November 18, 2021 – The meeting will be held at noon, with the location to be determined.

Other Business

1. MOU between GSSM and USC - Dr. Tedeschi indicated that the MOU would expire in August. USC will work on a new agreement with GSSM over the summer break.
2. MOU between GSSM and Clemson - Dr. Young indicated that the MOU would expire in August. Clemson will work on a new agreement with GSSM over the summer break.

Item 15: Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Brown called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Monhollon motioned to adjourn, and Mr. Denny seconded. None were opposed. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 2:35 pm.

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