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University of South Carolina
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Called Meeting

April 14, 2021

The University of South Carolina Board of Trustees convened in a called meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 14, 2021, by Microsoft Teams video and audio conference hosted from Room 107-C of the Osborne Administration Building.

Members participating in person were Mr. Brian C. Harlan; Mr. Hubert F. Mobley; Ms. Leah B. Moody; and Mr. Thad H. Westbrook, Vice Chair.

Members participating via Microsoft Teams video and audio conference were Dr. C. Dorn Smith III, Chair; Mr. C. Dan Adams; Mr. J. Egerton Burroughs; Mr. Alex English; Dr. C. Edward Floyd; Mr. Richard A. Jones Jr.; Mr. Toney J. Lister; Ms. Emma W. Morris; Ms. Rose Buyck Newton; Mr. Robin D. Roberts; Mr. John C. von Lehe Jr.; and Mr. Mack I. Whittle Jr. Mr. Charles H. Williams recused himself. Mr. Miles Loadholt, Ms. Molly M. Spearman, and Mr. Eugene P. Warr Jr. were absent.

USC Columbia Student Government President Mr. Alex Harrell and the Board's Strategic Advisor Mr. David Seaton participated via Microsoft Teams video conference.

Others present in the room were President Robert L. Caslen Jr.; Acting Secretary Cameron Howell; Chief of Staff Mark Bieger; Presidential Faculty Fellow Susan Bon; Associate Vice President for Finance and Budget Kelly Epting; Senior Associate Provost for Social Innovation and eLearning Diana Hill-Mitchell; General Counsel and Executive Director of Compliance Programs Terry Parham; Vice President for Student Affairs and

Vice Provost for Academic Support Dennis A. Pruitt; Athletic Director Ray Tanner; Assistant Vice President and Chief of Staff for the Division of Administration and Finance and University Treasurer Joe Sobieralski; Assistant Vice President of Media and External Engagement Jeff Stensland; and Board of Trustees support staff.

OPEN SESSION

I. Call to Order

Chair Smith called the meeting to order, welcomed everyone, and asked Acting Secretary Howell to confirm Trustees participating by Microsoft Teams video and audio conference.

Chair Smith called on Mr. Stensland to introduce members of the press. Mr. Stensland advised Dwayne McLemore with the *State*, Collyn Taylor with Gamecock Central, and David Cloninger with the *Post and Courier* were participating via Microsoft Teams audio conference.

Chair Smith stated notice of the meeting had been posted and the press notified as required by the Freedom of Information Act, the agenda and supporting materials had been circulated to the Board, and a quorum was present to conduct business.

MOTION TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Smith advised there was a need for an Executive Session to consider proposed contractual matters regarding online programs and sponsorships and an Athletics' coaching employment agreement. Mr. Jones made a motion to enter Executive Session, and Ms. Morris seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously. Chair Smith invited the following to remain: Trustees, President Caslen, Acting Secretary Howell, Mr. Harrell, Mr. Seaton, members of the President's Executive Council, Dr. Hill-Mitchell, and Board of Trustees support staff. He stated no action would be taken in Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

– Executive Session Removed –

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

II. Approval of Online Programs Contract and Sponsorship

Chair Smith called for a motion to approve the official sponsor and on-line education program agreement between Soccer United Marketing, LLC and the University as presented in Executive Session and posted to the Board portal. Ms. Moody so moved, and Ms. Morris seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion carried.

III. Approval of Contract for Athletics Coach

Chair Smith called for a motion to approve the Athletics' employment contract of Jeff Poppell as the Head Swimming and Diving Coach effective April 14, 2021 with an annual compensation as \$175,000 as presented in Executive Session and posted to the Board portal. Mr. Jones so moved, and Mr. Adams seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion carried.

IV. Approval of Carolina Online E-Rate

Chair Smith stated the Carolina Online tuition rate was incorporated into the Soccer United Marketing LLC contract with the University and approved as part of the previous motion to approve the contract.

V. Adjournment

There being no other matters on the called meeting agenda, Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at 9:42 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cameron Howell
Acting Secretary