

(Approved at November 28, 2018 Special Board of Trustees Meeting)

**COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON
UNIVERSITY OF CHARLESTON, SC**

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Presidential Search Candidates Campus Interviews

Randolph Hall Boardroom¹

Presidential Search Candidates' Dinners

6 Glebe Street

November 13-16, 2018

Presiding:

David Hay, Chair

For the record, the Presidential Search Committee, chaired by Trustee Renee Romberger, was named to find the 23rd President of the College of Charleston to replace President Glenn McConnell who served as President from 2014-2018.

The Board of Trustees appointed Steve Osborne as Interim President effective July 2, 2018.

Members of the Presidential Search Committee: Trustees Renee Romberger (Chair), Demetria Clemons, Cherry Daniel, David Hay (Board Chair), and Ricci Welch; Trustee Emeritus Greg Padgett; Liz Jurisich (Speaker of the Faculty); and Godfrey Gibbison (Dean, School of Professional Services; Interim Dean, Graduate School).

The College hired R. William Funk and Associates to oversee the Presidential Search. The Search Firm received over 100 applications. With the assistance of the Search Firm, the Presidential Search Committee narrowed the pool down to ten and then five candidates. The five candidates came to Charleston for interviews by the Board of Trustees. And finally, the Board of Trustees narrowed the pool to three candidates who came for on-campus interviews November 13-16, 2018.

During the on-campus interviews, the Board of Trustees met with each candidate for 90 minutes with the spouse joining the last 30 minutes of the interview.

The Board of Trustees will meet on Wednesday, November 28, 2018, to deliberate regarding the candidates. Consideration will be given to feedback received from various campus and off-campus constituencies regarding the candidates' interviews. A final decision regarding the 23rd President of the College of Charleston will be made public by the end of November or the beginning of December.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2018

On Tuesday, November 13, Board Chair Hay called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m. at the President's House, 6 Glebe Street.

¹In accordance with requirements of the *S. C. Freedom of Information Act*, news media was notified of the time, location, and agenda for this meeting.

The Motion was made by Trustee Ricci Welch, and seconded by Trustee John Wood, to go into Executive Session for the discussion of employment – Presidential Search – consistent with S.C. Freedom of Information Act [Section 30-4-70 (a) (1)]. All in favor.

The Board of Trustees enjoyed dinner with Candidate Michael Benson, and his spouse, Debi, at 6 Glebe Street.

[Board Members Present: David and Mariana Hay, Chuck and Betsy Baker, Beth Burke, Demetria Clemons, Cherry Daniel, Hank Futch, Shawn Holland, Randy Lowell, Toya Pound, Renée Romberger, Penny Rosner, Brian Stern, Steve Swanson, Tav and Eleanor Swarat, Craig Thornton, Ricci and Jamie Welch, and John Wood – Also present were Michael and Debi Benson.]

[Board Members Absent: Trustees John Busch and Henrietta Golding]

The motion was made by Trustee Demetria Clemons, and seconded by Trustee John Busch, to recess the meeting until tomorrow morning. All in favor.

[Recess for the evening at approximately 7:20 p.m.]

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2018

Meeting resumed on Wednesday morning, November 14, at 10:15 a.m. in the Randolph Hall Boardroom.

Executive Session continued.

At 10:30 a.m., the Board of Trustees interviewed Michael Benson. Debi, his spouse, joined the interview at 11:30 a.m. Interview ended at 12:00 p.m.

[Board Members Present: David Hay (Chair), Renée Romberger (Vice Chair), Demetria Clemons (Secretary), Chuck Baker, Beth Burke, John Busch, Cherry Daniel, Hank Futch, Shawn Holland, Randy Lowell, Toya Pound, Penny Rosner, Brian Stern, Steve Swanson, Tav Swarat, Craig Thornton, Ricci Welch, and John Wood]

[Absent: Trustee Henrietta Golding]

Lunch was available for the Board of Trustees in the Randolph Hall Kitchen.

At 1:00 p.m., the Board of Trustees interviewed Candidate Andrew Hsu. Dr. Rongrong Chen, his spouse, joined the interview at 2:00 p.m. Interview ended at 2:30 p.m.

At 2:35 p.m., the Board of Trustees came out of Executive Session and recessed for the afternoon.

Meeting resumed at 5:45 p.m. at the President's House, 6 Glebe Street.

Executive Session continued.

The Board of Trustees had dinner with Candidate Andrew Hsu and his spouse, Dr. Rongrong Chen, at 6 Glebe Street.

[Board Members Present: David and Mariana Hay, Chuck and Betsy Baker, Beth Burke, John Busch, Demetria Clemons, Cherry Daniel, Hank Futch, Shawn Holland, Randy Lowell, Toya Pound, Renée Romberger, Penny Rosner, Brian Stern, Steve Swanson, Tav Swarat, Craig Thornton, Ricci Welch, John Wood – Also present were Andrew Hsu and Rongrong Chen.

[Board Members Absent: Trustee Henrietta Golding]

The motion was made by Trustee Ricci Welch, and seconded by Trustee Demetria Clemons, to recess the meeting until tomorrow afternoon. All in favor.

[Recess for the evening at approximately 7:20 p.m.]

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2018

Meeting resumed on Thursday afternoon, November 15, at 12:00 p.m. in the Randolph Hall Boardroom.

Executive Session continued.

Lunch was available in the Randolph Hall Kitchen for the Board of Trustees.

At 1:00 p.m., the Board of Trustees interviewed Candidate Rhonda Phillips. Dr. Jay Stein, her spouse, joined the interview at 2:00 p.m. Interview ended at 2:30 p.m.

[Board Members Present: David Hay (Chair), Renée Romberger (Vice Chair), Demetria Clemons (Secretary), Chuck Baker, Beth Burke, John Busch, Cherry Daniel, Hank Futch, Shawn Holland, Randy Lowell, Toya Pound, Penny Rosner, Brian Stern, Steve Swanson, Tav and Eleanor Swarat, Craig Thornton, Ricci Welch, John Wood]

[Absent: Trustee Henrietta Golding]

At 2:35 p.m., the Board of Trustees came out of Executive Session and recessed for the afternoon.

Meeting resumed at 5:45 p.m. at the President's House, 6 Glebe Street.

Executive Session continued.

The Board of Trustees had dinner with Candidate Rhonda Phillips and her spouse, Dr. Jay Stein, at 6 Glebe Street.

[Board Members Present: David and Mariana Hay, Chuck and Betsy Baker, Beth Burke, John Busch, Demetria Clemons, Cherry Daniel, Hank Futch, Shawn Holland, Randy Lowell, Toya Pound, Renée Romberger, Penny Rosner, Brian Stern, Steve Swanson, Tav Swarat, Craig Thornton, Ricci Welch, John Wood – Also present were Andrew Hsu and Rongrong Chen.

[Board Member Absent: Trustee Henrietta Golding]

The meeting continued with a Discussion/Candidate Review led by Chair Hay and Trustee Romberger.

The Motion was made by Trustee John Wood, and seconded by Trustee Demetria Clemons, to come out of Executive Session and resume regular session at 8:20 p.m. All in favor.

[Regular session resumed.]

Chair Hay noted for the record that no action was taken during Executive Session.

The motion was made by Trustee Renée Romberger, and seconded by Trustee Ricci Welch, that the meeting be adjourned. All in favor.