

(Approved at October 22, 2021 Board of Trustees Meeting)  
**COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON**  
**UNIVERSITY OF CHARLESTON, SC**

Board of Trustees Emergency Meeting  
Randolph Hall Boardroom  
Zoom Video Conference  
August 17, 2021  
5:00 p.m.

Presiding:  
David M. Hay, Chair, Board of Trustees

**Board Members Participating in Person** – Trustees David Hay (chair) and Demetria Clemons (vice chair)

**Board Members Participating via Zoom Video Conference** – Trustees Chuck Baker, Laurin Burch, Beth Burke, Hank Futch, Andy Gianoukos, Henrietta Golding, Shawn Holland, Toya Pound, Renée Romberger (secretary), Brian Stern, Steve Swanson, Tav Swarat, Ricci Welch and John Wood

**Board Members Absent:** Trustee John Busch, Randy Lowell, Penny Rosner and Craig Thornton

**Senior Team Members Participating in Person** – President Hsu

**Senior Team Members Participating via Zoom Video Conference:** Suzanne Austin, Mark Berry, Alicia Caudill, Renard Harris, John Loonan, Ron Menchaca, John Morris, Angela Mulholland, Paul Patrick, Mark Staples and Amy Takayama-Perez

**Other Attendees Participating via Zoom Video Conference** – Joh-nette Brown, Betty Craig, Elizabeth Kassebaum and Michelle McGrew; News Media attended

(only attending Board Members, President Hsu, Chief of Staff, Senior Leadership Team, Board Office Staff, Media, and others presenting or participating in the meeting are noted as attendees).

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Hay called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m. noting that the meeting notice has been posted and the press notified as required by the Freedom of Information Act.

Chair Hay welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending the meeting on such short notice.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**The motion was made by Trustee Brian Stern, and seconded by Trustee Beth Burke, to go into Executive Session for the purpose of “Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements and proposed purchase/lease of property.” All in favor.**

*[Only the Board Members, President Hsu, Senior Team, Elizabeth Kassebaum, Betty Craig and Joh-nette Brown remained for Executive Session. All other attendees entered the waiting room.]*

**The motion was made by Trustee Brian Stern, and seconded by Trustee John Wood, to come out of Executive Session at 5:37 p.m. and resume regular session. All in favor.**

Regular Session resumed.

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

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**The motion was made by Trustee Henrietta Golding, and seconded by Trustee Chuck Baker, that “In light of today’s South Carolina Supreme Court decision, the College of Charleston will now require wearing a face mask. The President is directed to formulate a policy to that effect.” All in favor.** *[President Hsu’s message to the campus community following the meeting is included at the end of these minutes.]*

### **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

**The motion was made by Trustee Steve Swanson, and seconded by Trustee John Wood, that the meeting be adjourned at 5:39 p.m. All in favor.**

Dear Campus Community,

In light of the South Carolina Supreme Court’s decision released today regarding face coverings at a public higher education institution, the College of Charleston, as directed by the Board of Trustees, will now require face coverings for all members of the campus community, regardless of vaccination status, while around others indoors in all of its campus facilities, including classrooms and laboratories. The mask requirement does not apply in a student’s own residence hall room, a faculty or staff member’s private office (if alone) or while eating/drinking indoors on campus.

This requirement for wearing face coverings takes effect immediately, as of Tuesday, August 17, and the requirement will be reviewed on a monthly basis to determine its appropriateness and duration.

The requirement of wearing face coverings when around others indoors aligns with the recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control (SC DHEC). I appreciate our students, faculty, staff members and visitors’ willingness to comply with this directive so that the College of Charleston may mitigate the possible spread of COVID-19 and keep our campus community safe and healthy.

Sincerely,

Andrew

**Andrew T. Hsu, Ph.D.**

President

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