

(Approved at the June 2-3, 2025 BOT Meeting/Retreat)

COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON
UNIVERSITY OF CHARLESTON, SC

Board of Trustees Special Meeting Minutes
Zoom Video Conference
April 15, 2025
3:00 p.m.

Presiding:
Renée Romberger, Chair, Board of Trustees

Board Members Participating via Zoom Video Conference – Trustees Beth Burke, Hank Futch, Darryl Fyall, Andy Gianoukos, David Hay, Shawn Holland, Matt Klein, Toya Pound, Renée Romberger (chair), Penny Rosner, Brian Stern, Steve Swanson (vice chair), Tav Swarat, Craig Thornton, Ricci Welch (secretary), Derrick Williams and Neysa Williams

Board Members Absent – Trustees Laurin Burch and Henrietta Golding

President’s Cabinet Participating via Zoom Video Conference – President Andrew Hsu, Suzanne Austin, Chuck Baker, Alicia Caudill, John Loonan, Ron Menchaca and Paul Patrick

Other Attendees via Zoom Video Conference – Board Staff: Betty Craig and Elizabeth Kassebaum; IT Staff: Joh-nette Brown

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Romberger called this special meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. noting that the meeting notice has been posted and the press notified as required by the Freedom of Information Act.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The motion was made by Trustee Derrick Williams, and seconded by Trustee Steve Swanson, to go into Executive Session for the purpose of “Receipt of legal advice where the legal advice relates to a pending, threatened, or potential claim or other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege”, “Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements and proposed purchase/lease of property”, and “Consideration of Candidates’ Qualifications for Commencement Speakers and Candidates’ Qualifications for Honorary Degrees.” All in favor.

The motion was made by Trustee Tav Swarat, and seconded by Trustee Neysa Williams, to come out of Executive Session and resume regular session at 3:44 p.m. All in favor.

Chair Romberger noted that no action was taken in Executive Session.

MOTION APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Upon careful review of all of the associated issues, the Administration recommends the Board of Trustees make a motion to approve Candidates A, B, C, D & E, based on availability, to receive honorary degrees during the May 2025, December 2025 or May 2026 Commencement Ceremonies.

The motion was made by Trustee Ricci Welch and seconded by Trustee Steve Swanson. The Chair called for the yeas and nays, and the motion was approved. All in favor.

MOTION APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

After careful review of all associated issues, the Board of Trustees entertained a motion authorizing President Andrew Hsu to take a request to the Foundation Board to sell Trujillo.

The motion was made by Trustee Derrick Williams and seconded by Trustee David Hay. The Chair called for the yeas and nays, and the motion was approved. All in favor.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

The motion was made by Trustee Toya Pound, and seconded by Trustee Derrick Williams, that the meeting be adjourned at 3:47 p.m. All in favor.