

(Approved at the January 15-16, 2026 Board of Trustees Meeting)

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

**Board of Trustees Special Meeting Minutes
Zoom Video Conference
December 1, 2025
3:00 p.m.**

Presiding:

Renée Romberger, Chair, Board of Trustees

Board Members Participating via Zoom Video Conference – Trustees Laurin Burch, Beth Burke, Hank Futch, Darryl Fyall, Andy Gianoukos, Henrietta Golding, David Hay, Shawn Holland, 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 Matt Klein and Toya Pound

President’s Cabinet Participating via Zoom Video Conference – President Andrew Hsu, Suzanne Austin, Chuck Baker, Mark Berry, Alicia Caudill, Dan Frezza, John Loonan, Michelle McGrew, Ron Menchaca, Paul Patrick and Matt Roberts

Other Attendees via Zoom Video Conference – J.R. Barnhart; Board Staff: Betty Craig and Elizabeth Kassebaum; IT Staff: Joh-nette Brown; Dean Paul Schwager; and Megan Fernandes, Business Reporter at the Post & Courier

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Romberger called this special meeting to order at 3:01 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 Ricci Welch, and seconded by Trustee Steve Swanson, to go into Executive Session for the purpose of “Receipt of legal advice relating to naming opportunity for School of Hospitality and Tourism” and “Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements involving naming opportunity for School of Hospitality and Tourism”. All in favor.

On returning to open session, action may be taken on the items discussed during the executive session.

The motion was made by Trustee Darryl Fyall, and seconded by Trustee Derrick Williams, to come out of Executive Session at 3:15 p.m. and resume regular session. All in favor.

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

GENERAL SUMMARY OF THE COLLEGE’S LATEST PHILANTHROPIC EFFORTS

Dan Frezza provided a general summary regarding the College’s latest philanthropic efforts:

“CofC should be a national leader in Hospitality & Tourism. As we work with donors and industry leaders, we hear this more and more. Hence, we are seeking to create a School of Hospitality and Tourism Management from the existing department for the purpose of future naming opportunities and

philanthropic support. The President, Provost and Dean all are supportive and have been a part of this from the initial idea generation.”

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 and support the President’s efforts to formalize a philanthropic opportunity to name a new School of Hospitality and Tourism Management within the existing School of Business. The President will report back to the Board when appropriate regarding the finalization of these efforts and resulting public announcement.

The motion was made by Trustee Shawn Holland 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 Ricci Welch, and seconded by Trustee Andy Gianoukos, that the meeting be adjourned at 3:19 p.m. All in favor.