

(Approved at the October 16-17, 2025 BOT Meeting)

COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON
UNIVERSITY OF CHARLESTON, SC
Board of Trustees Special Meeting Minutes
Zoom Video Conference
October 8, 2025
2:00 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), Steve Swanson (vice chair), Tav Swarat, Craig Thornton, Ricci Welch (secretary), Derrick Williams and Neysa Williams

Board Members Absent – Trustees Brian Stern, Penny Rosner and Henrietta Golding

President’s Cabinet Participating via Zoom Video Conference – President Andrew Hsu, Suzanne Austin, Chuck Baker, Alicia Caudill, John Loonan, Ron Menchaca, Mark Berry, Sasan Poureelezadi, Matt Roberts, Courtney Howard, Jimmie Foster and Paul Patrick

Other Attendees via Zoom Video Conference – J. R. Barnhart, Peggy Cieslikowski and Staff: Betty Craig and Elizabeth Kassebaum; IT Staff: Joh-nette Brown

CALL TO ORDER

In Chair Romberger’s temporary absence, Vice Chair Swanson called this special meeting to order at 2:00 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 Tav 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 “Personnel matters-legal matters covered by attorney-client privilege”; and “Discussion of trade secrets where public disclosure would expose commercially valuable plans, marketing services, and competitive information.” All in favor.

Chair Romberger and Trustee Toya Pound and Secretary Ricci Welch joined the meeting in executive session at 2:30 p.m.

The motion was made by Trustee Craig Thornton, and seconded by Trustee Derrick Williams, to come out of Executive Session and resume regular session at 2:54 p.m. All in favor.

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

MOTION TO ADJOURN

The motion was made by Secretary Ricci Welch, and seconded by Trustee Craig Thornton, that the meeting be adjourned at 2:58 p.m. All in favor.