

(Approved at the August 20-21, 2026 Board of Trustees Meeting)

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

**Board of Trustees Special Meeting Minutes
Zoom Video Conference
August 3, 2026
4:00 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, David Hay, Shawn Holland, Matt Klein, Toya Pound, Renée Romberger (chair), Penny Rosner, Steve Swanson (vice chair), Tav Swarat, Craig Thornton, Ricci Welch (secretary), Derrick Williams and Neysa Williams

Board Members Absent – Trustees Henrietta Golding and Brian Stern

President's Cabinet Participating via Zoom Video Conference – President Andrew Hsu, Chuck Baker, Mark Berry, Alicia Caudill, Courtney Howard, Michelle McGrew and Paul Patrick

Other Attendees via Zoom Video Conference – Board Staff: Betty Craig and Elizabeth Kassebaum; IT Staff: Johnette Brown; Paul Garbarini (Avery Center); Madison Lee (Community Outreach Coordinator at Preservation Society; Michael Renault; and Sam Wilkes (media)

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Romberger called this special meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. noting that the meeting notice has been posted and the press notified as required by the Freedom of Information Act.

STUDENT HOUSING

Paul Patrick provided information regarding student housing. He noted that early move-in for students will be next week, August 12-14, and that all students have been placed, noting that four off-campus locations are being utilized: (1) Rooms at Liv on King (289 King Street), (2) Courtyard on Lockwood (35 Lockwood Drive), (3) Hilton Garden Inn (45 Lockwood Drive), and (4) Residence Inn (90 Ripley Point Drive).

Also, he noted that the academic calendar has changed this year. Classes will start on Monday and Convocation will be on Sunday in Cistern Yard.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The motion was made by Trustee Beth Burke, and seconded by Trustee Derrick Williams, to go into Executive Session for the purpose of “Receipt of legal advice and discussion of matters incidental to proposed contractual arrangements regarding student housing”. All in favor.

The motion was made by Trustee Ricci Welch, and seconded by Trustee Beth Burke, to come out of Executive Session. All in favor.

Chair Romberger noted that no action was taken in Executive Session when the Board discussed student housing.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

The motion was made by Trustee Derrick Williams, and seconded by Trustee Craig Thornton, that the meeting be adjourned at 4:48 p.m. All in favor.