

(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
July 8, 2026
2:00 p.m.

Presiding:
Renée Romberger, Chair, Board of Trustees

Board Members Participating via Zoom Video Conference – Trustees Laurin Burch, Hank Futch, Darryl Fyall, Andy Gianoukos, Henrietta Golding, David Hay, Shawn Holland, Renée Romberger (chair), Penny Rosner, Brian Stern, Tav Swarat, Craig Thornton, Ricci Welch (secretary), Derrick Williams and Neysa Williams

Board Members Absent – Trustees Beth Burke, Matt Klein, Toya Pound and Steve Swanson (vice chair)

President's Cabinet Participating via Zoom Video Conference – President Andrew Hsu, Suzanne Austin, Chuck Baker, Alicia Caudill, Jimmie Foster, Michelle McGrew, Ron Menchaca and Paul Patrick

Other Attendees via Zoom Video Conference – Board Staff: Betty Craig and Elizabeth Kassebaum; IT Staff: Joh-nette Brown; Dawn Brandt, Nicole Lenez, Everett McInnis, Ashleigh Parr, Michael Renault, Megan Rowe, Dawn Willan; Kailey Cota (Post & Courier), Madison Lee (Community Outreach Coordinator at Preservation Society), Valerie Nova (Post & Courier) and Donna Walker (Business Journal); Ann Baldwin (Library Staff), Maggie Boyd (Staff Admin/Communication Dept.), Tom Kunkle and Laura Tyndall (Associate Registrar)

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Romberger called this special meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. noting that the meeting notice has been posted and the press notified as required by the Freedom of Information Act.

STUDENT HOUSING LEASES

Paul Patrick provided information regarding four proposed Student Housing Leases for the Academic Year 2026-2027 for the Board's consideration and action at today's special meeting.

Both the JBRC and SFAA approved these leases not to exceed certain limits – no more than 275 beds and not to exceed \$5.2M/year. JBRC and SFAA asked that the Board approve these leases.

The four student housing leases for a total of \$2,418,224 to accommodate 120 students for the 2026-2027 academic year include: (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).

Chair Romberger thanked Paul and his team for all the work they have done. "It is important that our students have a great freshmen experience. Everything is appreciated by the Board."

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 the four proposed student housing leases for the Academic Year 2026-2027.

The motion was made by Trustee Ricci Welch, and seconded by Trustee David Hay, to approve the four student housing leases for a total cost of \$2,418,224 to accommodate 120 students for the 2026-2027 academic year: (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). The Chair called for the yeas and nays, and the motion was approved. All in favor.

In closing, Chair Romberger asked everyone to keep Trustee Emerita Sylvia Harvey in their prayers. Sylvia was home with palliative care but has been elevated to hospice care.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

The motion was made by Trustee Ricci Welch, and seconded by Trustee David Hay, that the meeting be adjourned at 2:11 p.m. All in favor.