

(Approved at the August 21, 2026 BOT Meeting)

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

**Board of Trustees Executive Committee
and Board Prep Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, March 17, 2026

3:00 p.m.

Zoom Video Conference Only

Presiding:

Renée B. Romberger, Chair, Board of Trustees

Executive Committee Members Participating via Zoom – Trustees Renée Romberger (chair), Henrietta Golding, Steve Swanson (vice chair); Ricci Welch (secretary) and Derrick Williams

Other Board Members Participating via Zoom – Trustees Hank Futch, Darryl Fyall, Andy Gianoukos, David Hay, Shawn Holland, Matt Klein, Toya Pound, Penny Rosner, Brian Stern, Craig Thornton and Neysa Williams

Other Board Members Absent – Trustees Laurin Burch, Beth Burke and Tav Swarat

President's Cabinet Participating via Zoom – President Andrew Hsu, Suzanne Austin, Chuck Baker, Mark Berry, Alicia Caudill, Katarina Fjording, Jimmie Foster, Dan Frezza, Amy Goble, Courtney Howard, John Loonan, Christine Mahoney, Ron Menchaca, Kevin McCord, Michelle McGrew, Paul Patrick, Sasan Pouretezadi and Matt Roberts

Others Participating via Zoom – Elizabeth Kassebaum, Betty Craig and Joh-nette Brown (IT Representative)

Welcome/Call to Order

Chair Romberger welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. noting that the meeting notice has been posted and the press notified as required by the Freedom of Information Act.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

The motion was made by Trustee Steve Swanson, and seconded by Trustee Derrick Williams, that the minutes of the December 12, 2025 Executive Committee Meeting be approved as presented. The Chair called for the yeas and nays, and the minutes were approved.

The motion was made by Trustee Steve Swanson, and seconded by Trustee Ricci Welch, that the minutes of the January 8, 2026 Board of Trustees Prep Meeting for the January 15-16, 2026 Board of Trustees Meeting be approved as presented. The Chair called for the yeas and nays, and the minutes were approved.

Brief Review of March 26-27, 2026 Board of Trustees Meeting Schedule

Chair Romberger shared a brief review of the March 26-27, 2026 Board of Trustees Meeting Schedule:

Thursday's Schedule:

Board of Trustees Meeting – Public Session – 8:30 a.m. – Tate 202

- Call to Order/Welcome
- President's Report
- Advancement Committee Meeting with Vision, Strategy and Priorities Session (Executive Session)
- Other Vision, Strategy and Priorities Sessions (Public Session)
- Buffet Lunch
- BOT Connections (formerly Talk Abouts)
- Student Success Committee Meeting
- Athletic Committee Meeting
- Finance Committee Meeting
- Governance Committee Meeting
- Old Business/New Business
- Meeting Recesses – approx.. 5:00 p.m.

Friday's Schedule:

Board of Trustees Meeting – Executive Session – 8:30 a.m. – Tate 202

- Call to Order/Welcome

Board of Trustees Meeting – Public Session – 10:00 a.m. – Alumni Hall

- Approval of Meeting Minutes
- Alumni Association Board President's Report
- Foundation Board Chair's Report
- Charleston Athletic Fund President's Report
- Faculty Senate Report
- Staff Advisory Committee Report
- Moment of Mission
- Property Committee Meeting
- Academic Affairs Committee Meeting
- Board of Trustees Committee Chairs' Reports
- Committee Resolutions and Motions
- Board of Trustees Chair's Report
- Old Business/New Business
- Meeting Adjourns – approx. 2:00 p.m.

Further, Chair Romberger noted that we remain committed to an open and transparent process towards Good Governance and Best Practices with our meeting structure.

Board Committee Reports

Board Committee Chairs (and Board Committee Liaisons) reviewed their respective Committee Meeting Agendas for the March 26-27, 2026 Board of Trustees meeting.

Student Success Committee – Alicia Caudill (Committee Liaison)

Athletics Committee – Committee Chair Shawn Holland

Finance Committee – John Loonan (Committee Liaison)

Governance Committee – Committee Vice Chair Penny Rosner

Property Committee – Committee Chair David Hay

Academic Affairs Committee – Committee Chair Matt Klein

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The motion was made by Trustee Henrietta Golding, and seconded by Trustee Steve Swanson, to go into Executive Session at 3:20 p.m. for the (1) 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; (2) Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements and proposed purchase/lease of property; (3) Personnel matters – legal matters covered by attorney-client privilege; and (4) Discussion of trade secrets where public disclosure would expose commercially valuable plans, marketing services, and competitive information. All in favor.

The motion was made by Trustee Steve Swanson, and seconded by Trustee Henrietta Golding, to come out of Executive Session at 3:49 p.m. All in favor.

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

Motion to Adjourn

The motion was made by Trustee Ricci Welch, and seconded by Trustee Derrick Williams, that the meeting be adjourned at 3:50 p.m. All in favor.