

(Approved at October 17-18, 2024 Board of Trustees Meetings)

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

**Board of Trustees Meeting  
August 8, 2024**

**Zoom Video Conference**

Presiding:

Renée B. Romberger, Chair, Board of Trustees

Trustee Shawn Holland, Chair, Student Affairs & Athletics Committee  
Trustee Penny Rosner, Chair, Academic Affairs Committee  
Trustee Laurin Burch, Chair, Budget, Finance, & Facilities Committee  
Trustee Tav Swarat, Chair, Audit and Governance Committee  
Trustee Neysa Williams, Chair, Access, Equity & Inclusion Committee  
Trustee Beth Burke, Chair, Development, Alumni, Governmental  
& External Relations Committee

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, 2024**

**9:00 a.m.**

**Board Member(s) via Zoom** – Trustees Laurin Burch, Beth Burke, Hank Futch, Darryl Fyall, Andy Gianoukos, Henrietta Golding, David Hay, Shawn Holland, Matt Klein, Toya Pound, Renée Romberger (Chair), Penny Rosner, Brian Stern, Steve Swanson (Vice Chair), Tav Swarat, Craig Thornton, Ricci Welch (Secretary), Derrick Williams and Neysa Williams

**President’s Cabinet Member(s) via Zoom** – President Andrew Hsu, Suzanne Austin, Chuck Baker, Mark Berry, Alicia Caudill, Jimmie Foster, Dan Frezza, Courtney Howard, John Loonan, Michelle McGrew, Ron Menchaca, Paul Patrick, Matt Roberts, Mark Staples and Brad Weiland

**Other Attendees via Zoom** – J.R. Barnhart, Joh-nette Brown, Betty Craig, Mark del Mastro, Greg Fawcett (Bond Consultant), Amy Goble, Elizabeth Kassebaum, Wendy Koreyva (Internal Auditor), William Veal (Faculty Senate Speaker),

(Only attending Board Members, President Hsu, Chief of Staff, President’s Cabinet, Board Office Staff, and others presenting or participating in the meetings are noted as attendees).

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

**Welcome**

Chair Romberger called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. noting that the meeting notice has been posted and the press notified as required by the Freedom of Information Act.

“Welcome to the Board meeting. Thank you all for your flexibility as we amended the full two-day August Board meeting into today’s zoom meeting. I am sorry we had to postpone our ‘Academic Distinction’ Visioning Session, but we will look forward to receiving it at the October Board meeting.

I truly appreciate all the hard work that has gone into preparing for our meetings – committee chairs, vice chairs and liaisons have really put in a lot of time and effort over the summer to create draft dashboards and agendas that will hopefully inspire, engage, and capitalize on the talent we have on our board. I hope that today works well for everyone.”

### **BOARD OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES EMERITI NOMINATIONS**

Audit and Governance Committee Chair Tav Swarat shared information regarding Board Officers and Trustees Emeriti Nominations.

NOTE: While we were off cycle last year due to the delayed Board Candidate Election process, according to the Bylaws, it is at the October Board of Trustees meeting in even-numbered years that the first order of business will be to elect Board Officers – Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary. Nominations are accepted during the preceding August board meeting.

#### **Board Officers:**

“While the current Board Officers have been in place for only a short time, according to the Bylaws, we still must have Board Officers elections at the October Board meeting in even-numbered years. Therefore, I will begin accepting nominations for the three Board Officers by email, text, call or in person beginning this morning through the end of the full Board meeting today.

At the close of today’s full Board meeting, an email will be sent to all Board members regarding the nominees. Nominated Trustees may begin soliciting support this afternoon until election(s) take place at the October 18 Board meeting. Their service as Board Officers will begin at the close of the October 18 Board meeting.”

#### **Trustees Emeriti:**

“Also, beginning this morning through the end of the full Board meeting today, I will accept nominations for Trustees Emeriti. Election of Trustees Emeriti will be held at the October 18 Board of Trustees meeting as well. Board members were emailed the names of the Former Trustees eligible for nomination.”

According to the Board Bylaws, “The Board may recognize a former trustee for loyal, dedicated and significant service to the College. Trustee Emeritus status will be granted when a former board member is nominated by the Audit and Governance Committee, then elected by a two-third majority vote of the Board. To be eligible, the former Board member must have been elected/appointed for three (3) terms. In the event that a Trustee has been elected/appointed for a fourth term, he/she then has the option to declare himself/herself a Trustee Emeritus upon his/her retirement from the Board.

At the October Board meeting in even-numbered years, the second order of business will be the election of Trustees Emeriti, if any.”

### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING RECESSED**

Chair Romberger recessed the full Board meeting and handed the floor over to Committee Chair Laurin Burch for the Budget, Finance and Facilities Committee meeting.

### **BUDGET, FINANCE AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING**

Trustee Laurin Burch, Chair; Trustee Craig Thornton, Vice Chair

**Committee Member(s) Participating via Zoom** – Trustees Laurin Burch (chair), Craig Thornton (vice chair), Hank Futch, Darryl Fyall, Andy Gianoukos, Henrietta Golding, David Hay, Matt Klein, Brian Stern, Steve Swanson, Derrick Williams, Renée Romberger (ex officio), Andrew Hsu (ex officio, non-voting)

**Call to Order**

Committee Chair Burch called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m. noting that the meeting notice has been posted and the press notified as required by the Freedom of Information Act.

**Approval of Minutes**

**The motion was made by Trustee Craig Thornton, and seconded by Trustee Brian Stern, that the minutes of the April 11, 2024 Budget, Finance and Facilities Committee Meeting and the July 25, 2024 Budget, Finance and Facilities Committee Special Meeting be approved. The Chair called for the yeas and nays, and the Minutes were approved.**

**Budget and Finance Updates** – John Loonan

- Budget & Finance FY24 Year End Close Projection
  - Revenue, Expense and Margin Projection
  - Fund Balance and Allocation Recommendation

**Facilities Management** – John Loonan

- Project 205 Land Building Acquisition

**Executive Session**

**The motion was made by Trustee Hank Futch, and seconded by Trustee David Hay, to go into Executive Session at 10:02 a.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; and (3) Discussion of trade secrets where public disclosure would expose commercially valuable plans, marketing services and competitive information. 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 Steve Swanson, and seconded by Trustee Brian Stern, to come out of Executive Session at 11:20 a.m. All in favor.**

Committee Chair Burch noted that no action was taken in Executive Session.

**Motion to Approve Bond Resolution**

Committee Chair Burch informed the Board that “Upon careful review of all of the associated issues, the Administration recommends the Board of Trustees approve the Resolution authorizing the Chief of Staff, Executive Vice President for Business Affairs and Chief Financial Officer, and General Counsel of the College of Charleston to make arrangements necessary for the offering and sale of not exceeding \$78,000,000 par amount of Higher Education Facilities Revenue Bonds, Series 2024A, of the College of Charleston.”

Committee Chair Burch dispensed with the reading of the Resolution as it was emailed to the Board of Trustees prior to the meeting and was on the screen.

## A RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF OF STAFF, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT FOR BUSINESS AFFAIRS AND CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, AND GENERAL COUNSEL OF THE COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS NECESSARY FOR THE OFFERING AND SALE OF NOT EXCEEDING \$78,000,000 PAR AMOUNT OF HIGHER EDUCATION FACILITIES REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2024A OF THE COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON

### Findings of Fact and Intent of Resolution

As an incident to the adoption of this Resolution and the issuance of the bonds provided for herein, the Board of Trustees (the “Board of Trustees”) of the College of Charleston (the “College”) finds as a fact that each of the statements hereinafter set forth is in all respects true and correct:

A. The College is an institution of higher education of the State of South Carolina, authorized by Title 59, Chapter 147, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended (the “Higher Education Act”) to issue higher education facilities revenue bonds for the purpose of financing or refinancing in whole or in part the cost of acquisition, construction, reconstruction, renovation and improvement of land, buildings, and other improvements to real property and equipment for the purpose of providing certain higher education facilities as defined under the Higher Education Act and constituting Higher Education Facilities within the meaning of the General Bond Resolution hereinafter referred to.

B. The Board of Trustees is the governing body of the College, constituted pursuant to Section 59-130-10, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended.

C. The College has determined there is a need for refinancing certain prior Higher Education Facilities Revenue Bonds issued under the General Bond Resolution (the “Series 2024A Project”).

D. Under the Higher Education Act, the issuance of the Series 2024A Bonds will be subject to the approval by the South Carolina State Fiscal Accountability Authority.

E. The College currently imposes a \$[906] per semester per full-time student “capital improvement fee” which is subject to change at the discretion of the Board of Trustees (the “Capital Improvement Fee”). \$[622] of this Capital Improvement Fee is currently pledged to bonds outstanding under the General Bond Resolution.

F. The Series 2024A Bonds will be the [seventeenth] Series of Bonds issued under a “GENERAL BOND RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF HIGHER EDUCATION FACILITIES REVENUE BONDS OF THE COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON; PRESCRIBING THE FORM OF BONDS; LIMITING THE PAYMENT OF THE BONDS SOLELY TO CERTAIN DESIGNATED REVENUES AND PLEDGING THE REVENUES TO SUCH PAYMENT; CREATING CERTAIN FUNDS AND PROVIDING FOR PAYMENTS INTO SUCH FUNDS; AND MAKING OTHER COVENANTS AND AGREEMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING” (the “General Bond Resolution”).

G. The Series 2024A Bonds would be sold in a private placement, negotiated sale or competitive sale at the discretion of and under the direction of the Office of the State Treasurer. If such Series 2024A Bonds are sold pursuant to a public sale, bids therefore would be received in the Offices of the State Treasurer of South Carolina and awarded to the bidder offering the lowest true interest cost to the College with such methodology to be determined and set forth in greater detail in the Official Notice of Bond Sale and Official Bid Form for these issues.

H. The Chief of Staff, Executive Vice President for Business Affairs and Chief Financial Officer, and General Counsel of the College, have advised the Board of Trustees that, under Section 3.3.D. of the General Bond Resolution, the College may designate additional sources of revenue for the payment of Higher Education Facilities Revenue Bonds to be issued thereunder. In order to meet the Additional Bonds test of Section 3.3 of the General Bond Resolution or the debt service coverage covenants of Section 7.1 of the General Bond Resolution, it may be necessary for the Board of Trustees to designate such an additional source of revenue.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Chief of Staff, Executive Vice President for Business Affairs and Chief Financial Officer, and General Counsel of the College, are hereby authorized to make arrangements necessary for the offering of the Series 2024A Bonds in consultation with the State Treasurer of South Carolina, including, without limitation, the preparation of a preliminary official statement, an official statement, the publication of official notices of bond sales and official bid forms and other documents necessary for the offering and sale of the Series 2024A Bonds.

2. The Series 2024A Bond Resolution, in substantially the form presented to this meeting, with such changes and additions as the Chief of Staff, Executive Vice President for Business Affairs and Chief Financial Officer, and General Counsel of the College, shall approve, is hereby approved by the Board of Trustees.

3. This resolution shall be deemed an official intent to issue the Series 2024A Bonds and allow the College to be reimbursed with, and for up to the maximum amount of, the proceeds of such bond expenditures made by the College with respect to the Series 2024A Project incurred no earlier than 60 days prior to the date of this resolution for the purposes of Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2 and all other applicable regulations of the United States Treasury Department.

4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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**The motion was made by Trustee Henrietta Golding, and seconded by Trustee Craig Thornton, recommending the Board's approval of the Resolution authorizing the Chief of Staff, Executive Vice President for Business Affairs and Chief Financial Officer, and General Counsel of the College of Charleston to make arrangements necessary for the offering and sale of not exceeding \$78,000,000 par amount of Higher Education Facilities Revenue Bonds, Series 2024A, of the College of Charleston. The Chair called for the yeas and nays, and the motion passed. All in favor.**

**Motion to Adjourn**

**The motion was made by Trustee Andy Gianoukos, and seconded by Trustee Henrietta Golding, that the Budget, Finance and Facilities Committee meeting be adjourned at 11:22 a.m. All in favor.**

## **PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Trustee , David Hay, Chair; Trustee Brian Stern, Vice Chair

**Committee Member(s) Participating via Zoom** – Trustees David Hay (chair), Hank Futch, Darryl Fyall, Brian Stern (vice chair), Steve Swanson and Craig Thornton; Renée Romberger (ex officio), Andrew Hsu (ex officio, non-voting)

### **Call to Order**

Committee Chair David Hay called the meeting to order at 11:23 a.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 Hank Futch, and seconded by Trustee Steve Swanson, to go into Executive Session at 11:24 a.m. for the “Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements and proposed purchase/lease of property”. All in favor.**

**The motion was made by Trustee Darryl Fyall, and seconded by Trustee Steve Swanson, to come out of Executive Session at 11:40 a.m. All in favor.**

Committee Chair Hay noted that no action was taken in Executive Session.

### **Motion to Adjourn**

**The motion was made by Trustee Steve Swanson, and seconded by Trustee Darryl Fyall, that the Property Committee meeting be adjourned at 11:41 a.m. All in favor.**

## **ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING**

Trustee Penny Rosner, Chair; Trustee Henrietta Golding, Vice Chair

**Committee Member(s) Participating via Zoom** – Trustees Penny Rosner (chair), Beth Burke, Henrietta Golding (vice chair), Matt Klein, Toya Pound, Brian Stern, Tav Swarat, Ricci Welch; Renée Romberger (ex officio), Andrew Hsu (ex officio, non-voting)

### **Call to Order**

Committee Chair Penny Rosner called the meeting to order at 11:41 a.m. noting that the meeting notice has been posted and the press notified as required by the Freedom of Information Act.

### **Approval of Minutes**

**The motion was made by Trustee Ricci Welch, and seconded by Trustee Tav Swarat, that the minutes of the April 11, 2024 Academic Affairs Committee Meeting be approved. The Chair called for the yeas and nays, and the Minutes were approved.**

### **Provost’s Report** – Suzanne Austin

- Dean Searches AY 2024-25
  - School of Engineering, Computing and Mathematics
  - School of Humanities and Social Sciences
- New Programs AY 2024-25
  - RN to BSN with Trident Technical College
  - Bachelor of Science in Integrated Engineering and Business

- Bachelor of Science in General Engineering
- Dashboards for the Academic Affairs Committee
  - Selectivity (Admission rate – Current vs last five years)
  - Faculty Engagement (Student/Faculty ratio – Current vs last five years)
  - Persistence (Retention rate – Current vs last five years)
  - Student Success (Graduate rate – Current vs last five years)

**Enrollment Planning Update** – *Jimmie Foster*

- Class of 2028 and Transfers
- Recent Years, New Fall Enrollments
- Top Enrolling High Schools, States and South Carolina Counties

**Motion to Adjourn**

**The motion was made by Trustee Brian Stern, and seconded by Trustee Beth Burke, that the Academic Affairs Committee meeting be adjourned at 11:57 a.m. All in favor.**

*[Recessed for lunch at 12:00 p.m.]*

**STUDENT AFFAIRS AND ATHLETICS COMMITTEE MEETING**

Trustee Shawn Holland, Chair; Trustee Andy Gianoukos, Vice Chair

**Committee Member(s) Participating via Zoom** – *Trustees Shawn Holland (chair), Laurin Burch, Hank Futch, Andy Gianoukos (vice chair), Henrietta Golding, David Hay, Toya Pound, Craig Thornton, Derrick Williams, Renée Romberger (ex officio), Andrew Hsu (ex officio, non-voting)*

**Call to Order**

Committee Chair Shawn Holland called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. noting that the meeting notice has been posted and the press notified as required by the Freedom of Information Act.

**Approval of Minutes**

**The motion was made by Trustee Derrick Williams, and seconded by Trustee Craig Thornton, that the minutes of the April 11, 2024 Student Affairs and Athletics Committee Meeting be approved. The Chair called for the yeas and nays, and the Minutes were approved.**

**Athletics Updates** – *Matt Roberts*

- House v. NCAA Settlement Update

**Student Affairs Updates** - *Alicia Caudill*

- Fraternity and Sorority Life Path Forward Updates

**Motion to Adjourn**

**The motion was made by Trustee Henrietta Golding, and seconded by Trustee Andy Gianoukos, that the Student Affairs and Athletics Committee meeting be adjourned at 1:00 p.m. All in favor.**

**FOUNDATION BOARD CHAIR’S REPORT** – *Keith Sauls*

## **DEVELOPMENT, ALUMNI, GOVERNMENTAL AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING**

Trustee Beth Burke, Chair; Trustee Toya Pound, Vice Chair

**Committee Member(s) Participating via Zoom** – Trustees Beth Burke (chair), David Hay, Shawn Holland, Matt Klein, Toya Pound (vice chair), Penny Rosner, Steve Swanson, Tav Swarat, Craig Thornton, Derrick Williams, Neysa Williams, Renée Romberger (ex officio), Andrew Hsu (ex officio, non-voting)

### **Call to Order**

Committee Chair Beth Burke called the meeting to order at 1:11 p.m., noting that the meeting notice has been posted and the press notified as required by the Freedom of Information Act.

### **Approval of Minutes**

The motion was made by Trustee Penny Rosner, and seconded by Trustee Neysa Williams, that the minutes of the April 11, 2024 Development, Alumni, Governmental and External Relations Committee Meeting be approved. The Chair called for the yeas and nays, and the minutes were approved.

### **Institutional Advancement Updates** – Dan Frezza

- FY24 Results
- FY25 Goals
- FY25 Enhancements
  - Regional program
  - Signature Events (Homecoming and Spring Alumni Weekend)

### **Marketing and Communications Updates**

There was no Marketing Update at today's meeting.

### **Motion to Adjourn**

The motion was made by Trustee Matt Klein, and seconded by Trustee Steve Swanson, that the Development, Alumni, and Governmental Affairs and External Relations Committee be adjourned at 1:32 p.m. All in favor.

## **ACCESS, EQUITY AND INCLUSION COMMITTEE MEETING**

Trustee Neysa Williams, Chair; Trustee Hank Futch, Vice Chair

**Committee Member(s) Participating via Zoom** – Trustees Neysa Williams (chair), Hank Futch (vice chair), Darryl Fyall, Shawn Holland, Penny Rosner, Ricci Welch, Renée Romberger (ex-officio, voting), Andrew Hsu (ex-officio)

### **Call to Order**

Committee Chair Neysa Williams called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m., noting that the meeting notice has been posted and the press notified as required by the Freedom of Information Act.



### **Approval of Minutes**

The motion was made by Trustee Hank Futch, and seconded by Trustee Shawn Holland, that the minutes of the April 11, 2024 Access, Equity and Inclusion Committee be approved. The Chair called for the yeas and nays, and the Minutes were approved.

### **Institutional Diversity Updates** – Courtney Howard

- Student Success Program Updates
  - Google Internship
  - 1967 Legacy Program
  - Crossing the Cistern
- Diversity Education and Training Highlights

### **Enrollment Planning** – Jimmie Foster

- Underrepresented Minority Fall Freshmen
- Scholarships for URM Students
- Programming and Impact
- Fall 2025 Recruitment

### **Motion to Adjourn**

The motion was made by Trustee Penny Rosner, and seconded by Trustee Darryl Fyall, that the Access, Equity and Inclusion Committee meeting be adjourned at 1:50 p.m. All in favor.

## **AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

Trustee Tav Swarat, Chair; Trustee Ricci Welch, Vice Chair

**Committee Member(s) Participating via Zoom** – Trustees Tav Swarat (chair), Laurin Burch, Beth Burke, Darryl Fyall, Andy Gianoukos, Brian Stern, Steve Swanson, Neysa Williams, Renée Romberger (ex-officio)

### **Call to Order**

Committee Chair Swarat called the meeting to order at 1:51 p.m. noting that the meeting notice has been posted and the press notified as required by the Freedom of Information Act.

### **Approval of Minutes**

The motion was made by Trustee Brian Stern, and seconded by Trustee Andy Gianoukos, that the minutes of the April 11, 2024 Audit and Governance Committee Meeting be approved. The Chair called for the yeas and nays, and the Minutes were approved.

### **Board Officers and Trustees Emeriti Nominations**

Committee Chair Swarat thanked the Board members for their nominations for Board Officers and Trustees Emeriti.

At the close of today's full Board meeting, an email was sent to all Board members informing them of the nominations received for Board Officers and Trustees Emeriti. The Board Officer Elections will be the first order of business for the Friday, October 18, 2024 Board of Trustees Meeting. The Trustee Emeritus Elections will be the second order of business for the Friday, October 18, 2024 Board of Trustees Meeting.

### **Governance Article**

Committee Chair Swarat shared that before each Board meeting, he will ask the Board of Trustees to read an assigned Governance Article. A particular Board member will be asked to lead the discussion about the article during the Board meeting.

Because of his experience with the Governance Article topic selected for today's meeting, President Hsu led that discussion during Executive Session.

### **Governmental Relations Report** – *Paul Patrick*

#### **Upcoming SACSCOC Board Members' Self-Evaluation Survey**

Committee Chair Swarat informed all Board members that they will receive the Upcoming SACSCOC Board Members' Self-Evaluation Survey link via email within the next week or so and asked them to complete the on-line survey no later than September 6. The results will be presented at the October Board meeting.

#### **Executive Session**

**The motion was made by Trustee Beth Burke, and seconded by Trustee Brian Stern, to go into Executive Session at 1:56 p.m. for the "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". All in favor.**

**The motion was made by Trustee Steve Swanson, and seconded by Trustee Andy Gianoukos, to come out of Executive Session at 2:34 p.m. All in favor.**

Committee Chair Swarat noted that no action was taken in Executive Session.

#### **Motion to Adjourn**

**The motion was made by Trustee Steve Swanson, and seconded by Trustee Andy Gianoukos, that the Audit and Governance Committee meeting be adjourned at 2:35 p.m. All in favor.**

### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING RECONVENED**

#### **Approval of Minutes**

**The motion was made by Trustee Tav Swarat, and seconded by Trustee Derrick Williams, that the minutes of the April 11-12, 2024 Board of Trustees Meetings; the June 10-11, 2024 Board of Trustees Meeting/Retreat; July 17, 2024 Board of Trustees Special Meeting; and July 25, 2024 Board of Trustees August Prep Meeting be approved. The Chair called for the yeas and nays, and the minutes were approved.**

#### **Committee Resolution/Motion From the Budget, Finance and Facilities Committee Meeting**

**The Budget, Finance and Facilities Committee moves that the Board approve the Resolution authorizing the Chief of Staff, Executive Vice President for Business Affairs and Chief Financial Officer, and General Counsel of the College of Charleston to make arrangements necessary for the offering and sale of not exceeding \$78,000,000 par amount of Higher Education Facilities Revenue Bonds, Series 2024A, of the College of Charleston, be approved. The Chair called for the yeas and nays, and the motion passed. All in favor.**

## **President Hsu's Report**

### Special Thanks

President Hsu began his report by thanking our Public Safety Officers, our Facilities Management Team and the members of the Emergency Management Team for their work this week.

“The hurricane and tropical storm conditions had an impact across the region, and I am proud of how our team got the campus ready to weather the storm and floodwaters and then move quickly to restore the campus.

Special thanks to Chief Chip Searson and his staff for working 12-hour shifts and keeping everyone safe.

And I want to personally thank Chief of Staff Paul Patrick for all of his organization and efforts working around the clock to keep us connected with the city and county officials before and throughout the storm. He did a great job.

Knocking on wood, I hope this is the only weather event we face this upcoming academic year.

### Introduction of Two New Members of My Senior Leadership Team

I was hoping to introduce them in person, but, of course, the weather changed our plans. I do want to take this opportunity to introduce and welcome two new members of my Senior Leadership Team.

First, I want to welcome our new School of the Arts Dean, Jayme Host. Provost Austin will cover more about Dean Host in her Academic Affairs update in October, but I wanted to remind you that Dean Host comes to us from East Carolina University, where she was the Director of the School of Theatre and Dance in the College of Fine Arts and Communication. She has a long track record of creating university partnerships with a wide range of artistic community groups, and she has already hit the ground running since she began on July 1.

I would also like to introduce Brad Weiland, our new Vice President for Facilities Management. Brad is a familiar face on campus, having joined the College back in 2019 as a senior project manager. Before that, Brad had a long and distinguished career in construction and environmental site work. Like his predecessor, Brad understands the importance that facilities management has on student success, and I look forward to seeing the campus thrive under his leadership. Welcome, Brad!

### Phi Beta Kappa Chapter on Campus

I am most excited to announce the fulfillment of one of our Academic Distinction initiatives. For years, the College of Charleston has pursued the dream of sheltering a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa on campus.

Phi Beta Kappa is considered the most prestigious honor society in the country, not just for the liberal arts and sciences, but for all academic honor societies. They only have 290 chapters across the country. For years, the College had been unsuccessful in petitioning for a chapter.

Under the leadership of Provost Suzanne Austin, that has changed. Last week, Phi Beta Kappa voted to establish a new chapter here on our campus. This is indeed a great opportunity for our students, for our faculty and for our greater university community. This invitation to establish a chapter serves as affirmation of our rising academic reputation on the national stage.

I want to thank Provost Austin and also Former Dean Gibbs Knotts, Communication Professor Beth Sundstrom and Honors College Dean Beth Meyers-Bernstein for their hard work in pulling together our application materials and navigating the multi-year review process.

Of course, this was a campus effort, and I want to also thank all of those faculty and staff members who worked behind the scenes to make our application possible and successful.

This is an incredible achievement for us, and I look forward to adding our graduates to the membership and network of Phi Beta Kappa.”

### **Chair Romberger’s Report**

First, Chair Romberger thanked Trustees Tav Swarat and Derrick Williams for hosting the Board Donor Outreach event in Columbia, SC; and Trustees Darryl Fyall and Neysa Williams for attending the SPECTRA Beach Party.

“It is so valuable to have shared responsibilities around visibility, including things like Faculty Shadowing – faculty are so grateful that Board members take the time to do it. It sends a clear message about how we care about the university and want to understand what’s going on and want to support the people doing the work.”

Chair Romberger noted that the President’s Agency Head Evaluation Process and Schedule has been postponed this year while Korn Ferry Consultants work with the Agency Head Salary Commission. Additional information will be shared when it becomes available.

“Finally, thank you to the Board Members and the Board Liaisons for your patience as we develop, implement and adjust our new meeting process and structure this year. Your feedback is greatly encouraged, and we will continue to amend and adjust as needed for good governance and best practices going forward.

At our next Board meeting in October, our in-depth visioning and strategy session will focus on Academic Distinction, and I look forward to having Provost Austin, Jimmie Foster and Dan Frezza lead that discussion.”

### **Housekeeping Items**

Elizabeth Kassebaum mentioned a few housekeeping items:

During the middle of September, information regarding the BOT/Faculty Shadowing Program will be sent to all Board members.

Upcoming Events:

- Knudt Flor’s Farewell Reception – August 12
- 1967 Legacy Reception – August 19
- Turner Tennis Center and Silcox Court Opening Ceremony – September 9
- Tip-Off Dinner – September 19

### **Executive Session #1**

**The motion was made by Trustee David Hay, and seconded by Trustee Andy Gianoukos, to go into Executive Session at 3:00 p.m. for the following purposes: (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) Consideration of Candidates' Qualifications for Commencement Speakers and Candidates' Qualifications for Honorary Degrees; (4) Employee records – legal matters and executive contract negotiations – personnel matters; (5) Personnel matters – legal matters covered by attorney-client privilege; and (6) Discussion of trade secrets (Section 30-4-40) where public disclosure would expose commercially valuable plans, marketing services, and competitive information. All in favor.

#### **Executive Session #2**

Only the Board of Trustees, Suzanne Austin, Chuck Baker, Mark Berry, Elizabeth Kassebaum and Paul Patrick remained for Executive Session.

**The motion was made by Trustee Penny Rosner, and seconded by Trustee Beth Burke, to come out of Executive Session at 4:00 p.m. All in favor.**

Chair Romberger noted for the record that no action was taken during Executive Session.

*[Public Session resumed]*

#### **Motion to Approve Candidates A and B as December 2024 Commencement Speakers and Honorary Degree Recipients**

**The motion was made by Trustee Ricci Welch, and seconded by Trustee Derrick Williams, to approve Candidate A as the December 2024 Commencement Speaker and Honorary Degree Recipient and Candidate B as an Honorary Degree Recipient. The Chair called for the yeas and nays, and the motion passed. All in favor.**

#### **Motion to Adjourn**

**The motion was made by Trustee Derrick Williams, and seconded by Trustee Brian Stern, that the meeting be adjourned at 4:00 p.m. All in favor.**