

University of South Carolina
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Finance and Infrastructure Committee

In Person, Floyd Boardroom, Pastides Alumni Center
and By Microsoft Teams
August 23, 2024

OPEN SESSION

I. Call to Order

Board Chair Westbrook called the meeting to order at 11:13 a.m. Secretary Howell confirmed Trustees attending in person and by Microsoft Teams audio and video conference.

Committee Members in attendance:

C. Dan Adams, Chair (online)
Alex English
C. Edward Floyd (online)
Brian C. Harlan
Reid T. Sherard
Charles H. Williams
Rose Buyck Newton, *Board Vice Chair*
Thad H. Westbrook, *Board Chair*

Other Trustees in attendance:

W. Michael Bond
Henry L. Jolly Jr.
Richard A. Jones Jr.
Hubert F. Mobley
Leah B. Moody
Emma W. Morris
C. Dorn Smith III
John C. von Lehe Jr.
Ellen Weaver

Others in attendance:

Patton Byars, USC Columbia Student Government President
Wayne Outten, USC Columbia Faculty Senate Chair
Robin Roberts, Advisor to the Advancement, Engagement and Communications Committee
(online)
David Seaton, Advisor to the Governance Committee (online)

Administrators in attendance:

Michael Amiridis, President

Cameron Howell, University Secretary and Secretary of the Board of Trustees

Donna Arnett, Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost

Terry Parham, General Counsel

Ed Walton, Executive Vice President for Administration and Chief Financial Officer

Media in attendance:

Natalie Campbell, the *Daily Gamecock*

Ian Grenier, the *Post & Courier*

Jessica Holdman, *SC Daily Gazette*

Alexa Jurado, the *State*

Notice:

Board Chair Westbrook stated notice of the meeting and agenda had been posted and the press notified as required by the Freedom of Information Act; the agenda and supporting materials had been circulated to the Committee; and a quorum was present to conduct business.

MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Board Chair Westbrook stated there was a need for an Executive Session to discuss proposed contractual matters related to gift naming agreements and pending IT procurements.

Mr. Harlan made the motion to enter Executive Session. Mr. Sherard seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.

Board Chair Westbrook invited the following to remain: Trustees, Mr. Byars, Dr. Outten, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Seaton, President Amiridis, Secretary Howell, Chancellors, Dr. Arnett, Mr. Bible, Ms. Dunleavy, Ms. Epting, Mr. Elliott, Dr. Fritz, Mr. Gruner, Mr. Parham, Mr. Sobieralski, Mr. Tallant, Mr. Tanner, Mr. Tolliver, Mr. Walton, and Board support staff.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

– Executive Session Removed

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Board Chair Westbrook suspended the meeting at 12:20 p.m. for the Board of Trustees luncheon.

Board Chair Westbrook resumed the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

II. Gift Naming Opportunities

Senior Vice President for Development Will Elliott presented seven gift naming opportunities for approval

- A. Athletics
 - Tommy Suggs 2001 Entrance – names player’s entrance at Williams Brice Stadium
- B. College of Education
 - 1. Southeastern Freight Lines Courtyard
 - 2. The Milliken Incubator for Workforce Innovation
- C. College of Information and Communications
 - Jim Hoagland Forum
- D. School of Music
 - DuBose Saxophone/Voice Studio
- E. College of Nursing
 - 1. Carole Cato Student Study Space
 - 2. Dr. Marilyn Chassie Sonnenberg Classroom

Mr. Sherard made a motion to approve the gift naming opportunities as presented. Mr. Harlan seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved.

Board Chair Westbrook stated the gift naming opportunities would be included on the Finance and Infrastructure Committee’s written consent agenda for consideration by the full Board later in the day.

III. Approval of the FY2026 Executive Budget Request

Mr. Sherard made a motion to approve the FY2025-26 executive budget request. Mr. Harlan seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved.

IV. Organizational Excellence Update

University Organizational Excellence Officer Stacey Bradley presented an update.

The update was received as information.

V. Project and Planning Updates

Associate Vice President for Facilities Management and University Architect Derek Gruner presented project and planning updates.

- A. Capital Renewal Update
- B. Health Sciences Campus
- C. Brain Health Center

The updates were received as information.

VI. Project/Infrastructure Approvals

Mr. Gruner presented projects for approval.

A. 2024 Master Plan

Ms. Newton made a motion to recommend full Board approval of the 2024 master plan as presented. Mr. Sherard seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved.

Board Chair Westbrook stated the 2024 master plan would be included on the Finance and Infrastructure Committee's written consent agenda for consideration by the full Board later in the day.

B. Large Institutional Funded Project Approvals

1. Jones PSC Second and Third Floor Instructional and Research Lab Renovations Phase II
2. Benson School Renovation
3. USC Aiken Soccer Facility Phase II
4. USC Upstate George Dean Johnson Acquisition

Mr. English made a motion to recommend full Board approval of the large institutional funded projects as presented. Mr. Sherard seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved.

Board Chair Westbrook stated the large institutional funded projects would be included on the Finance and Infrastructure Committee's written consent agenda for consideration by the full Board later today.

VII. IT Update

An IT update was prepared by the Division of Information Technology and included in materials circulated for review.

The update was received as information.

VIII. Other Matters

Board Chair Westbrook called for any other matters to come before the Committee. There were none.

IX. Adjournment

Board Chair Westbrook declared the meeting adjourned at 1:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cameron Howell
Secretary