

**EXCERPT FROM THE PRELIMINARY REPORT
OF THE REAFFIRMATION COMMITTEE**

Statement Regarding the Report

The Board of Trustees of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) is responsible for making the final determination on reaffirmation of accreditation based on the findings contained in this committee report, the institution's response to issues contained in the report, other assessments relevant to the review, and application of the Commission's policies and procedures. Final interpretation of the Principles of Accreditation and final action on the accreditation status of the institution rest with SACSCOC Board of Trustees.

Name of the Institution: **University of South Carolina - Columbia**

Date of the Review: **November 3-4, 2020**

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Board Dismissal

4.2 The governing board

- 4.2.e has appropriate and fair processes for the dismissal of a board member.
(*Board dismissal*)

Compliance

As detailed in Board of Trustees Bylaws (Article II Section 1) board members are state officials and subject to dismissal from their positions pursuant to specific statutes of the State of South Carolina. The protocols and procedures for dismissal vary dependent upon the way the Trustee was selected for board service.

Documentation was presented for the legal authority of dismissal, and Trustees elected by the General Assembly may be dismissed according to Article XV, Section Three of the Articles of Impeachment of the South Carolina Constitution: "For any willful neglect of duty, or other reasonable cause, which shall not be sufficient ground of impeachment, the Governor shall remove any executive or judicial officer on the address of two thirds of each house of the General Assembly: Provided, that the cause or causes for which said removal may be required shall be stated at length in such address." The Gubernatorial designee may be removed at the pleasure of the Governor. The Gubernatorial Appointee and the Alumni Association Representative are subject to removal according to the same process of removal described above. The Governor is subject to removal by impeachment as provided in the South Carolina Constitution.

Through a combination of state laws and policies of the Board of Trustees, fair and appropriate policies exist for the dismissal of a member and the compliance report states that no member of the Board of Trustees has been dismissed on a violation of policy or South Carolina state code since 2010.