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University of South Carolina
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Governance Committee – Called

By Microsoft Teams

Hosted from Osborne Administration, Suite 206

January 12, 2024

OPEN SESSION

I. Call to Order

Chair Newton called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m. Secretary Howell confirmed Trustees attending in person and by Microsoft Teams audio and video conference.

Committee Members in attendance:

Rose Buyck Newton, Chair (online)

C. Dan Adams (online)

Hubert F. Mobley (online)

E. Scott Moise (online)

Leah B. Moody (online)

Thad H. Westbrook, *Board Chair*

Committee Members absent:

Alex English

C. Dorn Smith

Other Trustees in attendance:

Brian C. Harlan (online)

Henry L. Jolly Jr. (online)

Richard A. Jones Jr. (online)

Reid T. Sherard (online)

John C. von Lehe Jr. (online)

Others in attendance:

Wayne Outten, USC Columbia Faculty Senate Chair (online)

Robin Roberts, Advisor to the Advancement, Engagement and Communications Committee (online)

Administrators in attendance:

Michael Amiridis, President

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

Donna Arnett, Executive Vice President and Provost (online)

Terry Parham, General Counsel

Ray Tanner, Athletics Director

Media in attendance:

Lou Bezbek, the *State*

Chris Clark, GamecockCentral.com

David Cloniger, the *Post & Courier*

Alan Cole, GamecockScoop.com

Dwayne McLemore, the *State*

John Whittle, BigSpur.com

Notice:

Chair Newton 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

Chair Newton stated there was a need for an Executive Session for the receipt of legal advice regarding an amendment to the employment agreement of Assistant Football Coach Sterling Lucas and an employment agreement for Assistant Football Coach James Coley.

Mr. Mobley made the motion to enter Executive Session, and Ms. Moïse seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.

Chair Newton invited the following to remain: Trustees, Dr. Outten, Mr. Roberts, President Amiridis, Secretary Howell, Dr. Arnett, Dr. Fritz, Mr. Parham, Mr. Tanner, Mr. Tolliver, and Board support staff.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

– Executive Session Removed

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

II. Approval of Athletics Contracts

General Counsel Terry Parham presented two Athletics contracts for approval.

A. Approval of Amendment #2 to Employment Agreement for Assistant Football Coach Sterling Lucas

Mr. Mobley made a motion to approve amendment #2 to the employment agreement for Assistant Football Coach Sterling Lucas as presented. Ms. Moïse seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved.

B. Approval of Terms of Employment Agreement for Assistant Football Coach/Wide Receiver Coach James Coley

Mr. Mobley made a motion to approve the terms of employment agreement for Assistant Football Coach James Coley as presented. Ms. Moody seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved.

III. Adjournment

Chair Newton declared the meeting adjourned at 4:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cameron Howell
Secretary