

**South Carolina Governor's School for Science and Mathematics**

Board of Trustees Meeting

Hartsville, SC

In-Person and Zoom Video Conference

September 9, 2022

9:00 am

**Governing Board Members Present In-Person**

Mr. Robert Brown, Chair  
Ms. Charmeka Childs  
Mr. William Hudson Denny  
Ms. Stephanie DiStasio  
Mr. John Michael Florence  
Mr. Dennis Getter  
Mr. Heyward Hilliard  
Dr. Jane Joseph

**Governing Board Members Present via Zoom:**

Dr. Rainey Knight, Vice-Chair  
Dr. Henry Tisdale  
Dr. Cynthia Young

**Guests Present:**

Dr. Lance Riddle  
Dr. Leslie Washington - Video  
Ms. Margaret O'Brien

**Staff Members Present:**

Mr. Danny Dorsel  
Mr. Brock Heron  
Mr. Randy La Cross  
Ms. Bridget Lloyd  
Dr. Emilye Mobley  
Dr. Michael Newsome  
Mr. Jon Shannon

**Item 1: Call to Order and Roll Call:**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees at the South Carolina Governor's School for Science and Mathematics was called to order at approximately 9:05 am by Chairman Bob Brown. A quorum was present, and the meeting, having been duly convened, was ready to proceed with business. Bridget Lloyd recorded the minutes.

Chairman Brown welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Item 2:**

**Approve the minutes of the Regular Board of Trustees meeting on May 27, 2022.**

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Chairman Brown asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. Hearing none, Chairman Brown requested a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Hilliard approved. Mr. Denny seconded. Chairman Brown asked all in favor of approving the minutes by saying 'Aye.' None were opposed, and the motion carried. The minutes were approved as submitted.

### **Item 3: President's Report – Danny Dorsel**

President Dorsel presented his report, which included the following updates:

- 2022 Summer Research Program Highlights
- GSSM Around the Globe:
  - a. Summer student research at the German Cancer Research Center and Fraunhofer Institute
  - b. GSSM and Clemson faculty and staff in India
  - c. Faculty and students in the Netherlands and Belgium for "Bike to the Future."
- GSSM Around the State Highlights:
  - a. CREATEng, iTEAMS, GoSciTech, and Summer STEM Virtual
- Second Annual Opening of School Institute - Faculty & Staff
- Students: Move-In Days
- STEM Foundations Convocation
- Fall Athletics
- Campus Life: Student Activities
- Enrollment Update
  - a. Residential, Accelerate, and STEM Foundations Pilot
  - b. Unlock Your Potential - Upcoming Enrollment Activities
- Hydroponic Research Lab and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
- Campus Master Planning Update
- Land and House Updates
- 2023-2024 Budget Requests
- Student's STEM Journey at GSSM

The Board of Trustees received Mr. Dorsel's report, and a copy is on file.

### **Item 4: Finance, Facilities, and Operations**

#### **Approval of State Budget Request for Fiscal Year 2023 - 2024**

On behalf of the Finance, Facilities, and Operations committee, Mr. Heron, Vice President of Finance and Operations, noted that the committee had reviewed the budget and recommended that the budget be presented to the board and seconded.

After much discussion and clarification on the adjustment made to Item 2 - Adjusted Salary Increase for Instructors, on page 10, Chairman Brown asked for a motion to approve the State Budget Request for the Fiscal Year 2023 - 2024.

Mr. Getter motioned to approve the State Budget Request for the Fiscal Year 2023 - 2024 pending receipt of an explanation of the adjustment made to Item 2, Adjusted Salary Increase for Instructors, on page 10. Ms. Childs seconded. Chairman Brown asked all in favor to say 'Aye.' None were opposed. The motion carried.

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### **Item 5:** Update and Input on the Master Planning Process

The Board of Trustees received Mr. Shannon's report on the update on the master planning process.

### **Item 6:** GSSM Foundation Report

Mr. Dorsel presented the GSSM Foundation report on behalf of Ms. Dinndorf, GSSM Foundation Executive Director, and the following highlights were discussed.

- New Employees at the Foundation
  - a. Shane Farmer, Analytics & Development Manager
  - b. Caitlin Sperka, Advancement Services Manager
- 2022-2023 Fundraising Goal and Results
- 2021-2022 Revenue as of August 2022
- 2022 Corporation Donations: Goal and Results
- 2022 Grants: Goal and Results
- Alumni Donations: Goal and Results
- Spring Fundraising Campaign: Clyde Smith Annual Fund for Summer Science Programs
- Increased Alumni Participation
- Update: Parents, Employees, and Friends Campaign
- Update: Corporate and Personal Gifts
- GSSM Hydroponic Lab - Delivered
- Update: Around the World with GSSM Fundraiser Event - October 6, 2022
- Update: Future Business Leaders of America Club (FBLA)

The Board of Trustees received the Foundation's report, and a copy is on file.

### **Item 7:** Faculty Senate Update

Dr. Lance Riddle updated the Faculty Senate, and Dr. Leslie Washington discussed her teaching experience as a chemistry teacher in the accelerated dual enrollment program.

### **Item 8:** Student Council Update

Ms. Maggie O'Brien '23 shared her experience as a student in the STEM Foundations program.

### **Item 9:** Recess

Chairman Brown requested a 10-minute recess at 10:50 am and reconvened at 11:05 am.

### **Item 10:** New Business - Approval of Course Catalog Changes.

On behalf of Dr. Tedeschi, Educational Policies and Practices Chairperson, Dr. Joseph gave the board a brief context of the changes made in the course catalog. Dr. Joseph noted that the committee had reviewed and approved the course catalog changes, and the committee recommended that the course catalog changes be presented to the board and seconded.

Chairman Brown asked if there were further discussions. After discussing the non-calculus physics course added to the catalog, Chairman Brown asked all in favor of approving the course changes by saying 'Aye.' None were opposed, and one abstention from Dr. Knight.

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**Item 11:** Approval of Consent Agenda

Chairman Brown asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

**Action:** Mr. Hilliard motioned to approve, and Mr. Getter seconded. Chairman Brown requested, "All in favor say 'Aye.'" None were opposed. The motion passed.

**Item 12:** Standing Committee Reports

None

**Item 13a & 13b:** Reminder of Upcoming Board of Trustees Meeting for 2022 - 2023

Chairman Brown reviewed the upcoming meeting dates as informational only. The next meeting will be Thursday, November 17, 2022, at noon.

**Item 14:** Adjournment

Chairman Brown requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Getter motioned to approve. Mr. Hilliard seconded. Chairman Brown asked all in favor to say 'Aye.' None were opposed. Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 11:15 am.

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Robert (Bob) Brown, Chairperson  
Board of Trustees  
SC Governor's School for Science and Mathematics

*Notice of the meeting's time, date, location, and agenda was provided to the public on September 1, 2022, on the school's website and in publicly accessible areas at 401 Railroad Avenue, Hartsville, South Carolina.*