

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

Board of Trustees Meeting

Hartsville, SC

In-Person and Zoom Video Conference

February 10, 2022

Noon

**Governing Board Members Present In-Person**

Mr. Robert Brown, Chair

Mr. Dennis Getter

**Governing Board Members Present via Zoom:**

Ms. B. Charmeka Childs

Mr. William Hudson Denny

Mr. Heyward Hilliard

Dr. Rainey Knight, Vice Chair

Ms. Barbara Melvin

Dr. Henry Tisdale

Dr. Cynthia Young

Dr. Jane E. Joseph

Dr. Christina Melton

Dr. David Tedeschi

**Guests Present:**

Dr. Kathryn deRidder-Vignone

Dr. Gary Salazar

Dr. Josh Witten

Ms. Isabelle Hipple

Mr. Tremaine Richardson

**Staff Members Present In-Person:**

Mr. Danny Dorsel

Ms. Elizabeth Dinndorf

Mr. Brock Heron

Mr. Randy La Cross

Mr. Chris Lambert

Dr. Emilye Mobley

Mr. Jon Shannon

Ms. Bridget Lloyd

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

Chairman Brown called the regular meeting of the SC Governor's School for Science and Mathematics Board of Trustees to order at approximately 12:02 pm. A quorum of the Board of Trustees was present, and the meeting, having been duly convened, was ready to proceed with business. Bridget Lloyd recorded the minutes.

Chairman Brown reviewed the agenda and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

## **GSSM Board of Trustees**

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### **Item 2A:**

#### **Approval of the minutes of the Regular Board of Trustees meeting on November 18, 2021.**

Chairman Brown asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. Hearing none, Chairman Brown requested a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Getter approved. Mr. Denny seconded.

Chairman Brown asked if there were any discussions or corrections. Hearing none, Chairman Brown asked all in favor of approving the minutes by saying 'Aye.' None were opposed. The motion carried.

### **Item 2B:**

#### **Request approval to amend the minutes of the Regular Board of Trustees meeting on May 21, 2021.**

Chairman Brown yielded the floor to Mr. Dorsel. Mr. Dorsel explained the request to amend the minutes from the May 21, 2021 meeting that would change the "Online Core STEM Diploma Program" to "The STEM Foundations School." There was some discussion. The Board recommended that more information is needed to support the name change.

There was no motion or seconded. Mr. Dorsel will provide the Board with the information needed to support the name change at the next meeting.

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

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

- GSSM Outreach - Program Updates
- January Interim Update
- Enrollment Update
- Accelerate Reset Update
- Enrollment Update
- Future Plans Update
- Land Use, Land Acquisition, and Growth Planning
- Challenges at GSSM

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

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

Mr. Heron submitted the Finance and Operations financial report ending December 31, 2021. The Board raised no questions on the information contained in the report. The report was received as information and placed on file.

### **Item 4B: Approval of the Fire Safety Policy and Program Plan**

Mr. Heron presented the Fire Safety Policy and Program Plan on behalf of the Facilities, Finance, and Operations sub-committee. The committee approved the plan in a previous meeting before bringing it before the Board of Trustees.

**Action:** Chairman Brown asked all in favor of approving the Fire Safety Policy and Program Plan as submitted, say 'Aye.' Chairman Brown asked if any Board members were opposed. None were opposed. The Board approved the Fire Safety Policy and Program Plan.

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

Mr. Shannon provided additional updates to the Board of Trustees on the Master Planning process.

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

Ms. Dinndorf, Executive Director, GSSM Foundation, presented a report that included the following highlights.

- 2021-2022 Fundraising Results
- The success of the Around the Globe Event with GSSM
- Update on the Hydroponics Lab and its Investors
- Giving Tuesday Campaign Results
- Employee Campaign Results - Patz Fowle Scholarship Fund
- Upcoming Townes Award Celebration

The Board of Trustees received Ms. Dinndorf's report, and a copy was placed on file.

### **Item 7:** Board Nominating Committee

Chairman Brown gave a brief update on the discussion held at the last meeting regarding creating an Ad Hoc Committee to discuss establishing a nomination committee. The Ad Hoc Committee met and decided to form a nominating committee to guide the selection of the Chair and Vice-Chairperson of the Board.

Chairman Brown opened the floor for volunteers to join the nominating committee. Chairman Brown appointed Mr. Heyward Hilliard as Chairperson of the nominating committee. Mr. Dennis Getter and Dr. Jane Joseph volunteered to serve on the committee. Other Board members were encouraged to contact Chairman Brown if they were interested in serving on the committee.

### **Item 8:** Faculty Senate Update

Dr. Kathryn de Ridder-Vignone, Dr. Gary Salazar, and Dr. Josh Witten represented the Faculty Senate.

The Board of Trustees received Dr. Salazar's report, and a copy was placed on file.

### **Item 9:** Student Council Update

Ms. Isabelle Hipple '22 and Mr. Tremaine Richardson '22 discussed their research and inquiry experiences at GSSM.

### **Item 10:** Break

Chairman Brown requested a 5-minute break at 1:33 pm and resumed the meeting at 1:38 pm.

### **Item 11:** New Business

None reported.

### **Item 12:** Approval of Consent Agenda

**Action:** Chairman Brown entertained a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Getter approved, and Ms. Melvin seconded. Chairman Brown opened the floor for discussion on the Consent Agenda. There was some discussion.

Chairman Brown asked, "All in favor of the motion to say 'Aye.' None opposed. The motion carried.

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### **Item 13:** Standing Committee Reports

None reported.

### **Item 14:** Reminder of 2022 Schedule of Board Meetings

Chairman Brown discussed the Joint GSSM Board and Foundation Retreat. The Board agreed to join the GSSM Foundation Board for another joint retreat in September 2022. The date for the Joint Retreat is to be determined.

The next Board meeting is on Friday, May 27, 2022, at Noon. GSSM's Graduation Ceremony will be held on Saturday, May 28, 2022, at 11:00 am in the DeLoach Center at Coker University. All Board members are invited to attend.

### **Item 16:** Adjournment

Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 1:46 pm.

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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 February 4, 2022, on the school's website and in publicly accessible areas at 401 Railroad Avenue, Hartsville, South Carolina.*