

SCSDB BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF MEETING
April 23, 2021

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on Friday, April 23, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. in the BB&T Board Room in Walker Hall on the SCSDB campus, Spartanburg, South Carolina. Chairman Brawley opened with prayer before calling the meeting to order and stating that proper notification of the meeting had been made according to the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act. Chairman Brawley welcomed Mr. Andrew Dobson and Mrs. Robin Price, the newest members of the SCSDB Board of Commissioners. After a brief introduction he thanked both members for their willingness to serve.

MEMBERS PRESENT

W. Scott Brawley, Chairman
Phyllis H. Alexander
Edward B. Bible
Andrew Dobson
David J. Gundling, Vice-Chairman
Robert H. Morrow
Robin Price
Dr. Steven R. Ross

MEMBERS ABSENT

Tara P. Carroll, Ex-officio
Rebecca Davis, Ex-officio

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Mary Hayes
Scott Ramsey

INTERPRETERS

Draa Amico
Ezelis Sanderson

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

Julie Bible
Kristin Barber

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2021 board meeting (see attachment #1 to the April 23, 2021 agenda) was made by Mr. Gundling and seconded by Mr. Bible. The minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mrs. Price, seconded by Mr. Gundling, and unanimously passed to move into Executive Session for the purpose of receiving legal advice.

A motion was made by Dr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Bible, and unanimously passed to move out of Executive Session.

Chairman Brawley stated there was no action taken during Executive Session.

ACTION UPON CANDIDATE INTERVIEWS

A motion was made by Dr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Gundling, and unanimously approved to disband the presidential search committee and to have a vote on the three candidates with the understanding that the candidate receiving the majority of the votes would be offered the position of President.

After a brief majority vote by raising of the hand, it was noted that Mrs. Jolene Madison would be offered the position of President.

REVIEW OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY ADMISSIONS TEAM

Chairman Brawley reviewed the findings of an on going admissions case that required a final consideration of the board. A motion was made by Mr. Gundling, seconded by Dr. Ross, and unanimously approved that based on the action taken by the admissions team review on March 25, 2021, in the concerns expressed by the parents related to the subject's application for admission that the board move to accept and adopt the admissions team's denial of the application for admission.

AGENCY UPDATE

Mr. Ramsey explained to the board that the finance department was approaching the end of the fiscal year within the agency and that no new funds would be spent during this time. Additionally, he informed the board of his recent learning of an extra \$2 million approved by the Senate Finance Committee that was added after the initial budget request. Mr. Gundling inquired about capital improvements and Mr. Ramsey explained that due to Covid many capital projects around campus were halted but the ten year plan would be revisited in the Fall. Lastly, Mr. Ramsey informed Chairman Brawley that a salary request for the new president would need to be sent to the Agency Head Salary Commission for approval.

DISCUSSION OF SCSDb BOARD AWARDS

Chairman Brawley headed a discussion regarding the SCSDb Board Awards given annually and the prospect of handing over those awards to the SCSDb Foundation. After a brief discussion, the board decided to continue to present the SCSDb awards with nominations accepted from the members of the SCSDb Board and the SCSDb Foundation, as well as faculty and staff.

SIGN LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

Chairman Brawley stated that the board would continue to review sign language requirements during the next regularly scheduled board meeting.

VACCINE

A unanimous decision was made to let it be known that the board encourages all unvaccinated SCSDb staff members that are eligible to receive the vaccine to do so.

DATE/TIME/PLACE FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Mrs. Alexander requested that all board meetings be held the same day of the week, preferably a Tuesday, unless a special exception is necessary.

Future meetings of the Board were scheduled as follows:

- September 21, 2021.....SCSDB Campus, Spartanburg

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 1:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

W. Scott Brawley, Vice-Chairman

Phyllis H. Alexander, Secretary