

Clemson University  
Clemson, South Carolina

MINUTES  
**TELECONFERENCE OF THE  
CLEMSON UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

President's Conference Room  
201 Sikes Hall  
Clemson, South Carolina  
June 29, 2015  
2:00 p.m.

Call to Order

After notification as required by the Freedom of Information Act, Trustee Wilkins, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m. with the following present:

Trustees: David Wilkins, *Chairman, presiding*; David Dukes; Bill Hendrix; Ronnie Lee; Louis Lynn; Patti McAbee; Nicky McCarter; Smyth McKissick; Bob Peeler; Mark Richardson; Joe Swann; and Kim Wilkerson

Trustees Emeriti: J.J. Britton and Allen Wood

Administrative Council: James P. Clements, *President*; Angie Leidinger, *Executive Secretary to the Board of Trustees and Director of Governmental Affairs*; Chip Hood, *General Counsel*; Catherine T. Sams, *Chief Public Affairs Officer and Assistant to the President*; Max Allen, *Chief of Staff*

Guests: Rose Ellen Davis-Gross, *Office of the Board of Trustees*

Media: Mike Eads, *Anderson Independent*

Angie Leidinger called roll of the Board of Trustees.

Executive Session

Chairman Wilkins said it was necessary to go into executive session to receive legal advice. Trustee Peeler moved to go into executive session. Trustee Dukes seconded the motion.

The Board went into executive session at 2:03 pm and returned to open session at 2:23 pm with Trustee Smith making the motion. Trustee Dukes seconded the motion.

Action Item

1. Confederate Battle Flag on the Statehouse Grounds

Trustee Peeler moved to approve the resolution presented to the Board. Angie Leidinger read the resolution:

Whereas, the Clemson University Board of Trustees desires to acknowledge the tragic events of June 17, 2015 in which nine South Carolinians lost their lives, Cynthia Hurd; Susie Jackson; Ethel Lance; Rev. DePayne Middleton-Doctor; Hon. Rev. Clementa Pinckney; Tywanza Sanders; Rev. Daniel Simmons Sr.; Rev. Sharonda Singleton; Myra Thompson;

Whereas, the Clemson University Board of Trustees desires to show support to the City of Charleston which has been a home to the University's public service, architecture and historic preservation programs for many years and continues to be an integral part of our academic future;

Whereas, the Clemson University Board of Trustees previously supported efforts to remove the Confederate flag from the State House dome and passed a resolution commemorating this support in December of 1999;

Therefore be it resolved, the Clemson University Board of Trustees supports the efforts of Governor Haley and many of the state's political, civic and business leaders in urging for the removal of the Confederate battle flag from the South Carolina State House grounds to a location suited for the display of a historic symbol.

Trustee Lynn seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Adjourn

There being no further business, Chairman Wilkins adjourned the meeting at 2:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Angie Leidinger  
Angie Leidinger  
Executive Secretary to the Board of Trustees

Approved:

Angie Leidinger      7-17-15  
Signature                      Date