

**Minutes
Coastal Carolina University
Board of Trustees Meetings**

**General Board of Trustees
Allen Ballroom
September 8, 2023**

Board Members Present: Delan Stevens, John Bartell, Lee Belcher, Lisa Davis, Dalton Floyd, Natasha Hanna, Joe Jarrett, Sherry Johnson, Mark Kelley, George Mullen, Bradley Poston, Jason Repak, Oran Smith, Patrick Sparks, Gene Spivey, William Turner

Board Members Not Present: William Biggs

Others Present: Amanda Bailey, Michael Benson, Claudia Bornholdt, Brant Branham, Andrew Dunn, Amanda Foss, Christina Genovevo, Stephen Harrison, Yvonne Hernandez Friedman, Matthew Hogue, Ashley Holloway, Sara Hottinger, Christopher Johnson, Drew Kurlowski, Thomas Koczara, Colleen McGlone, Kelly Moore, Travis Overton, Samantha Parnell, Jerry Rashid, Angela Sadeli, Diane Sanders, Erika Small, Alan West, Robert Young

(In accordance with the requirements of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act, the news media were notified of the time, location, and agenda for the meeting. No members from the media were present for the meeting.)

Chairman Delan Stevens called the General Board of Trustees meeting to order at 10:41 a.m.

I. Invocation

Invocation was given by University President, Michael Benson.

II. Roll Call

Roll call was taken by Executive Assistant to the President, Amanda Foss.

III. Review and Approve Minutes

Jason Repak moved to approve the General Board of Trustees meeting minutes from May 4, July 3, and August 10-11, 2023. Gene Spivey seconded, and the motion carried.

Oran Smith moved to approve the Executive Committee and Nominating Committee meeting minutes from May 4, 2023. Bradley Poston seconded, and the motion carried.

IV. University Reports

Student Body President, Gabrielle Ryder, presented the SGA Report

Faculty Senate Chair, Drew Kurlowski, presented the Seante report.

University President, Michael Benson, presented the president's report.

- Professor R. Andrew Dunn, from East Tennessee State University, was introduced as the ACE Fellow (American Council on Education). Dunn will be at CCU for the 2023/2024 academic year.

V. Standing Committee Motions

Academic Excellence and Student Experience

- **Smith moved to approve the new program: M.Ed. in STEM Education (Motion 23-ASE-09). Spivey seconded, and the motion carried.**
- **Smith moved for the approval of Emeritus request (Motion 23-ASE-10). Spivey seconded, and the motion carried.**
- **Smith moved for the approval of the following policies:**
 - **STUD-301 Withdrawal – Medical & Psychological**
 - **STUD – 333 Student Travel for Academic Functions**
 - **UNIV – 491 International Travel****William Turner seconded, and the motion carried.**

Finance and Audit Committee

- **Lee Belcher moved for the approval of policy FAST 201 – Travel Authorizations, Expenditures & Reimbursement. Mark Kelley seconded, and the motion carried.**

Facilities & Planning

- **Sherry Johnson moved for the approval to establish a permanent improvement project to transfer land from the Coastal Educational Foundation (CEF) to Coastal Carolina University for the purpose of constructing a Health and Human Performance facility, pending CEF approval (Motion 23-FAC-04). Turner seconded, and the motion carried.**
- **Sherry Johnson moved for the approval to establish a permanent improvement project to construct a Health and Human Performance facility with a separate parking structure (Motion 23-FAC-05). Belcher seconded, and the motion carried.**
- **Sherry Johnson moved for the approval to establish a permanent improvement project to expand the chilled water system by installing underground chilled water piping from Edwards Humanities Building and Penny Hall to connect to the chiller**

compound at Brittain Hall (Motion 23-FAC-06). Belcher seconded, and the motion carried.

- **Sherry Johnson moved for the approval to establish a permanent improvement project to construct a central cooling plant to expand cooling capacity for future campus buildings (Motion 23-FAC-07). Belcher seconded, and the motion carried.**

Administration, Governance and Advancement

- **Turner moved for the approval of the following policies:**
 - **FAST – 212 Grievance Policy**
 - **FAST – 213 Reduction in Force**
 - **FAST – 216 Minimum Wage & Overtime**
 - **FAST – 221 EPMS**
 - **FAST – 227 Job Reference & Background Checks**
 - **UNIV – 482 CCU Essential Personnel**

John Bartell seconded, and the motion carried.

Athletics

No Motions/Actions

Legal and Compliance Committee

- **George Mullen moved to accept UNIV 468 Title IX policy as presented by legal and compliance with an amendment to the language in section I Policy Statement, subsection B, removing “gender identity and expression” wording. Natasha Hanna seconded, and the motion carried.**

VI. Chairman’s Report

Stevens mentioned the upcoming scheduled Board of Trustee Meetings:

- **Fall 2023 Meeting** **October 26-27, 2023.**
- **Winter 2023 Meeting** **December 13-14, 2023.**
- **February 2024 Meeting** **February 27-28, 2024, Columbia, SC**
(Legislative Reception 2/27).

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Officer Jeffrey Garland.

With no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:13 a.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Christina Genovevo
Recorder