

**Board of Trustees Emergency Meeting
August 17, 2021**

**Minutes
Coastal Carolina University**

Board of Trustees- Emergency Meeting

Teleconference

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Presiding: Chairman Delan Stevens

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

Board Members Not Present: William Biggs, Joe Jarrett

Others Present: Michael Benson, Brant Branham, Brian Bunton, Amanda Craddock, Daniel Ennis, David Frost, Martha Hunn, Carlos Johnson, Travis Overton, James Solazzo

(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. Steve Ross, WBTW; Ian Brooking, MyHorryNews; Tyler Jeski, WPDE, Jordan Brotherton, WPDE; Emily Akiyama, WMBF News; Andrew James, WPDE; Kevin Accettulla, WBTW; Matt Stanley, WMBF were in attendance on the call.)

Chairman Delan Stevens called the Board meeting to order at 9:34 p.m. Roll call was taken by, Travis Overton, Chief of Staff.

President Michael Benson provided an overview regarding University operations on the impact of the Supreme Court decision that would permit a state of South Carolina higher education institution to implement a mask mandate. President Benson shared that language has been developed to implement an indoor mask mandate for the campus for all individuals.

Trustee George Mullen requested that a timeframe be placed on the mandate and that classes remain in person.

- **Gene Spivey moved to endorse the indoor mask mandate with a timeframe of four weeks to re-evaluate the mandate. Jason Repak seconded. A roll call vote was conducted and the motion carried. Noted for the record: Trustee Mullen voted no and Trustee Sherry Johnson abstained from voting.**

V. Adjournment

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As there was no more business, Trustee John Bartell moved to adjourn. Spivey seconded, and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Travis E. Overton
Chief of Staff