

University of South Carolina  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

January 14, 2013

The University of South Carolina Board of Trustees met on Monday, January 14, 2013, in Osborne Building Room 206B at 9:15 a.m.

Members present were: Mr. Eugene P. Warr, Jr., Chairman; Mr. John C. von Lehe, Jr., Vice Chairman; Mr. William C. Hubbard; and Mr. Toney J. Lister. Other Board members present were: Mr. Robert E. "Eddie" Brown; Mr. J. Egerton Burroughs; Mr. Mark W. Buyck, Jr.; Mr. Thomas C. Cofield; Mr. William W. Jones, Jr.; Mr. Hubert F. Mobley; Mr. Thad H. Westbrook. Absent were Mr. Chuck Allen; Mr. A. C. "Bubba" Fennell; Dr. C. Edward Floyd; Mr. Miles Loadholt; Ms. Leah B. Moody; Dr. C. Dorn Smith, III; Mr. Mack I. Whittle; Mr. Charles H. Williams; and Dr. Mitchell M. Zais.

Others present were: President Harris Pastides; Secretary Amy E. Stone; Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost Michael D. Amiridis; Vice President for Human Resources Chris Byrd; General Counsel Walter (Terry) H. Parham; Special Assistant to the President J. Cantey Heath, Jr.; Director of News and Internal Communications, Division of Communications Wesley T. Hickman; and Board staff member Debra Allen.

Mr. Hickman introduced members of the media who were in attendance: Andy Shain, The State, and Thad Moore, Daily Gamecock.

Chairman Warr called the meeting to order and asked Secretary Stone to call the roll because of telephone participation.

Chairman Warr stated that notice of the meeting had been posted and the press notified as required by the Freedom of Information Act; the agenda had been circulated; and a quorum was present to conduct business.

Chairman Warr stated that although there was a personnel matter appropriate for discussion in Executive Session, the session was not necessary since everyone in attendance participated in the Executive Committee Executive Session prior to the full Board meeting.

I. Ratification of Appointment of Palmetto College Chancellor:

Chairman Warr called on Dr. Pastides who indicated he was delighted with the vote of the Executive Committee and that he now sought the vote of the entire Board to endorse the appointment of Dr. Susan Elkins as the first chancellor of South Carolina Palmetto College. He went on to thank Provost Amiridis for chairing the search committee and for Mr. Westbrook for his time and energy in serving as a liaison on the committee.

"We searched the nation over to find an outstanding academician and leader for South Carolina Palmetto College, which is probably the most innovative and I hope will be the most successful effort to increase college baccalaureate attainment for the people of South Carolina.

"Dr. Elkins is currently the Vice President of Extended Programs and Regional Development for Tennessee Tech University. For over a decade, she has lead Tennessee's efforts

across 42 counties in providing distance education opportunities for baccalaureate attainment. As we looked around the country at models for Palmetto College, we found in Tennessee and specifically in Dr. Elkins' leadership a model we could learn from. Dr. Elkins in her own words has indicated that the enthusiasm she has for moving to South Carolina is not merely to repeat what she has done in Tennessee, but to engage the flagship university in South Carolina to spearhead a greater use of technology for baccalaureate completion," Dr. Pastides said.

He went on to state that Dr. Elkins' has her doctoral degree from Vanderbilt University and is a seasoned professional. She is an articulate and high energy person committed to visiting all of the University's campuses, as well as every South Carolina county during her first few months on the job. Dr. Pastides expressed appreciation for the support of the Executive Committee and indicated that Dr. Elkins would attend the next Board meeting, then asked for the full Board's endorsement of Dr. Elkins as the founding chancellor of South Carolina Palmetto College.

Chairman Warr called for a motion to ratify the appointment of Dr. Susan Elkins as Chancellor of Palmetto College. Mr. Westbrook made the motion and Mr. Mobley seconded. The vote was taken and the motion passed.

II. Adjournment

Since there were no other matters to come before the Committee, Chairman Warr declared the meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Amy E. Stone". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each name being capitalized and prominent.

Amy E. Stone

Secretary