

THE CITADEL BOARD OF VISITORS
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
14 MARCH 2009

The Citadel Board of Visitors held a special meeting in Room 295, Bond Hall at 1200 hours on 14 March 2009.

The following members were present: Major General Arthur H. Baiden III, Chairman; Colonel William E. Jenkinson III; Colonel Douglas A. Snyder; Colonel Allison Dean Love; Colonel W. Thomas McQueeney; Colonel Fred L. Price, Jr., Lieutenant Colonel Ben W. Legare, Jr.; Colonel James M. McQuilla; and member emeritus, Colonel Leonard C. Fulghum, Jr. Mr. Simms M. Leitner, designated representative of Dr. Jim Rex, State Superintendent of Education, and member-elect, Lieutenant General W. Michael Steele were also in attendance. Also in attendance was Brigadier General Samuel Hines, Provost and Dean of the College, along with senior members of the staff.

Members absent: Colonel Glenn D. Addison; Colonel William G. Kastner; Colonel Claude W. Burns III; and Major General Stanhope Spears.

The meeting followed the agenda at enclosure 1.

Mr. Mark Brandenburg, General Counsel, stated that the meeting was in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act in that notice had been posted 24 hours in advance in Bond Hall and local media sources were notified at the same time by fax means.

A quorum was present.

Chairman Baiden called the meeting to order, welcomed Colonel James McQuilla who joins the board as the governor's appointed representative, and Lieutenant General Michael Steele who, as the newly elected alumni representative, will assume a seat on the Board as of 1 July 2009.

Chairman Baiden called on General Hines for an update on the Strategic Plan.

General Hines and Lieutenant Colonel McNealy reviewed the highlights of the strategic planning proposals received from campus-wide constituencies. These new proposals included two new strategic initiatives, 105 new objectives and 314 new actions at an estimated cost of \$100,821,000.

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In discussing the two new Strategic Initiatives proposals: provide outreach to the region and serve as a resource in its economic development; and develop international leaders in a globalized world, General Hines outlined the steps The Citadel is already taking to facilitate these objectives.

He pointed out we are developing a Technical Project Management Master's Degree in conjunction with SPAWAR, working on a distance learning program to support the USAF, and working with the State Ports Authority to support their needs. He said The Citadel's presence in community education and support is significant and demonstrates a strong commitment to the community.

General Hines went on to say that today's brief was to provide a glimpse of the comprehensive briefing that will be provided at the April Board of Visitors meeting.

Chairman Baiden thanked General Hines and Colonel McNealy and brought to the Board's attention a letter from Brigadier General Harry Carter thanking the Board for the award of the Palmetto Medal. Chairman Baiden also informed the Board of a letter from the State Agency Head Salary Commission saying that due to the current budgetary situation, the Commission voted to provide no salary increases for agency heads at this time.

Chairman Baiden turned the meeting over to Colonel Jenkinson to conduct an Honorary Degrees, Palmetto Medal, and Special Recognition Committee meeting of the whole.

Colonel Jenkinson reviewed the college's policy on the presentation of diplomas at cadet graduation and presented three requests for exceptions to the policy.

Following a thorough review of the circumstances of each of the three requests, the following motions were made by Colonel Love and seconded by Colonel Legare:

MOTION

"That an exception to policy be granted to allow Mr. Elliott O. Cooper, Class of 1958, and Grandfather of Cadet Elliott Cooper Mainor, to present Cadet Mainor's Diploma at the May 2009 graduation."

Following discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

MOTION

“That an exception to policy be granted to allow Mr. James Joseph Scott, Jr., Class of 1948, and Grandfather of Cadet James Joseph Scott IV, to present Cadet Scott’s Diploma at the May 2009 graduation. Further, the request to have Cadet Scott’s uncle, Robert Young Scott, Class of 1982, to participate as well is denied.”

Following discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

MOTION

“That an exception to policy be granted to allow the Honorable Harry B. Limehouse, Jr., Class of 1960 to participate in the Honorary Degree presentation to his son, the Honorable Harry B. Limehouse III, at the May 2009 graduation.”

Following discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Colonel Jenkinson then presented the following committee motion to the full Board for their action:

MOTION

“That Mr. Elliott O. Cooper, Class of 1958, and Mr. James Joseph Scott, Jr., Class of 1948, are granted an exception to policy to present their grandsons diplomas at the May 2009 graduation and the Honorable Harry B. Limehouse, Jr. is to participate in the awarding of his son’s Honorary Degree at the May 2009 graduation.”

Following discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Colonel Snyder noted that the grandfathers should be seated in the audience and brought on stage at the appropriate time rather than seated on stage with fathers.

Colonel Baiden called for adjournment. Motion made by Colonel Love and seconded by Colonel Price and unanimously approved.

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Meeting adjourned at 1310 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Myron C. Harrington, Jr.
Colonel, USMC (Retired)
Secretary to the Board of Visitors