

THE CITADEL BOARD OF VISITORS  
TELECONFERENCE MINUTES  
10 AUGUST 2020

The Citadel Board of Visitors (BOV) held a teleconference on 10 August 2020 in Room 514, Bond Hall, to: conduct an executive session to receive legal advice; receive an update from the President; consider three action items: approval of an easement, approval of a naming opportunity, and reappointment of a Citadel Trust Director; and discuss other BOV matters.

The following Board members were present: Colonel Fred L. Price, Jr., Chair (telephone); Colonel Myron C. Harrington, Jr., Vice Chair; Colonel Allison Dean Love (telephone); Colonel Dylan W. Goff (telephone); Colonel Peter M. McCoy, Sr. (telephone); Colonel John C. Dominick (telephone); Colonel James E. Nicholson, Jr. (telephone); Colonel F. G. "Greg" Delleney, Jr. (telephone); Colonel Robert E. "Bobby" Lyon, Jr. (telephone); Major General R. Van McCarty, SC State Adjutant General (telephone); Colonel Leonard C. Fulghum, Jr., Chairman Emeritus (telephone); members emeritus Colonel William E. Jenkinson III (telephone) and Colonel Douglas A. Snyder (telephone); and Dr. Christopher C. Swain, Chairman, The Citadel Foundation (TCF) (telephone).

Also in attendance were: General Glenn M. Walters, President; Brigadier General Sally C. Selden, Provost and Dean of the College; Colonel Thomas G. Philipkosky, Senior Vice President for Operations and Administration; Captain Eugene "Geno" F. Paluso, Commandant of Cadets (telephone); Colonel Charles L. Cansler, Vice President for Finance and Business (telephone); Captain Jeffrey D. Lamberson, Vice President for Facilities and Engineering (telephone); Mr. Michael J. Capaccio, Director of Intercollegiate Athletics (telephone); Dr. John P. "Jay" Dowd, III, Vice President for Institutional Advancement (telephone); Commander William A. Lind, Director of Executive Operations; Mr. Mark C. Brandenburg, General Counsel; Mrs. Lori B. Hedstrom, Special Assistant to the President for Board Matters (telephone); and Mrs. Patricia M. Kinard, Recording Secretary to the Board of Visitors (telephone).

Voting members absent: Colonel L. E. "Gene" Pinson and Colonel Stanley L. Myers, Sr. A quorum was present.

The meeting was in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act in that notice was posted in Bond Hall and on the college website 24 hours in advance and the media had been notified by electronic means at the same time.

Chair Price called the meeting to order at 1 p.m.

Colonel McCoy moved to go into executive session to receive legal advice related to pending, threatened and potential claims, and other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the voting members present: Price, Harrington, Love, Goff, McCoy, Dominick, Nicholson, Delleney, Lyon, and McCarty.

Colonel Harrington moved to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the voting members present: Price, Harrington, Love, Goff, McCoy, Dominick, Nicholson, Delleney, Lyon, and McCarty.

Chair Price called on General Walters for an update.

General Walters reported 696 freshmen matriculated last Saturday; there are currently 1,348 cadets on campus. A robust engagement of COVID-19 testing all the cadre and “knobs” has taken place. Of the 21 positive results, all were asymptomatic and are currently in quarantine. The President will meet with the medical advisory board again and discuss the situation. Two of the rapid result machines that were ordered were vectored elsewhere, but two other machines were procured. A meeting of the Southern Conference Council of Presidents will take place Thursday morning to consider fall conference competition.

The President spoke to a significant portion of the parents during Matriculation and they said they were comfortable because of the many Zoom meetings that were held during the summer. He reviewed what other colleges in the state are doing for the fall semester. He is very proud of what the Corps has done so far. They have been very focused with a mantra, “We train to perform in life.”

Captain Paluso noted religious services are being held on campus, and accommodations are being made for those who attend services off campus.

Captain Lamberson reviewed the proposed Easement #900318, noting this is the third and last easement relative to current construction.

Colonel Harrington moved:

**MOTION**

*“That The Citadel Board of Visitors approves Easement #900318, granting Dominion Energy access to the underground duct bank adjacent to Hagood Avenue between Huger Street and Congress Street and authorizes the Chair to execute it on behalf of The Citadel.”*

The motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the voting members present: Price, Harrington, Love, Goff, McCoy, Dominick, Nicholson, Delleney, Lyon, and McCarty.

Colonel Philipkosky discussed the naming opportunity being presented, a proposal to name The Citadel’s climate center in honor of a 1977 alumnus.

Colonel Harrington moved:

**MOTION**

*“That the Board of Visitors approves the naming opportunity proposed to name the climate center as the Lt Col James B. Near, Jr., USAF, ’77, Center for Climate Studies.”*

The motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the voting members present: Price, Harrington, Love, Goff, McCoy, Dominick, Nicholson, Delleney, Lyon, and McCarty.

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A motion to reelect a Director for The Citadel Trust was presented by Colonel Cansler.

Colonel Harrington moved:

**MOTION**

*"That the Board of Visitors approves the appointment of Frederick J. Whittle, '80, to The Citadel Trust Board of Directors for an additional six-year term, expiring 30 June 2026."*

The motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the voting members present: Price, Harrington, Love, Goff, McCoy, Dominick, Nicholson, Delleney, Lyon, and McCarty.

Colonel Cansler advised the voting members of the Board they would be receiving an email directly from the outside auditors, Cherry Bekaert, regarding the audit. This is a standard accounting practice the auditors are required to perform.

Colonel Fulghum noted the college is fortunate to have General Walters and his staff as the leadership team during this difficult time. He feels very confident in the actions being taken and noted the Board owes General Walters a great debt of gratitude.

Chair Price agreed General Walters and his team have done a fabulous job.

The draft agenda for the BOV offsite is being finalized and should be sent out, along with slides, by the end of the week.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Kinard  
Recording Secretary to the Board of Visitors