

THE CITADEL BOARD OF VISITORS  
TELECONFERENCE MINUTES  
1 APRIL 2020

The Citadel Board of Visitors (BOV) held a teleconference on 1 April 2020 in Room 514, Bond Hall, to: conduct an executive session to receive legal advice; receive a campus update from the President; conduct an executive session to consider personnel matters; consider action items as a result of the executive session; consider two proposed resolutions (action items); 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 (telephone); Colonel Allison Dean Love (telephone); Colonel Dylan W. Goff (telephone); Colonel Peter M. McCoy, Sr. (telephone); Colonel L. E. "Gene" Pinson (telephone); Colonel Stanley L. Myers, 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); Colonel Leonard C. Fulghum, Jr., Chairman Emeritus (telephone); member emeritus Colonel William E. Jenkinson III (telephone); Mr. Stephen L. Davis, Chairman, The Citadel Foundation (TCF) (telephone); and Colonel Edward C. White, Jr., President, The Citadel Alumni Association (CAA) (telephone).

Also in attendance were: General Glenn M. Walters, President; Brigadier General Sally C. Selden, Provost and Dean of the College (telephone); 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); Colonel John L. Dorrian, Vice President for Communications and Marketing (telephone); Mr. Michael J. Capaccio, Director of Intercollegiate Athletics (telephone); Commander William A. Lind, Director of Executive Operations; Mr. Mark C. Brandenburg, General Counsel (telephone); 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: none. 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. Colonel Pinson gave an invocation and Colonel Harrington led the group in reciting "The Pledge of Allegiance."

Chair Price commented that he has been in touch with General Walters and other senior college administrators several times daily to discuss the effects of the coronavirus restrictions and quarantines. He complimented the staff and the faculty for their diligence and hard work.

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Colonel Pinson 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 in person: Price, Harrington, Love, Goff, McCoy, Pinson, Myers, Dominick, Nicholson, Delleney, and Lyon.

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

General Walters provided an update on the impact of the coronavirus outbreak. To date, there have been 1,061 cases of the virus reported in South Carolina with 22 deaths; no cases have been reported on campus. In response to the pandemic, the administration has taken 66 actions of consequence and 100 minor actions. He gave an overview of federal and state actions. He outlined Citadel actions taken for continuity of instruction and operations, including the establishment of online teaching. The college has been reaching out to be sure cadets have what they need for online classes. All events were cancelled on campus through 31 March, then the cancellations were extended through 30 April. He outlined additional efforts: assistance to college employees; campus facility projects and cleaning; conversations with the Commission on Higher Education and other SC college presidents; and current and future actions pertaining to the Corps. The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo, scheduled for August, has been cancelled. The financial impact of the pandemic on the college is being determined and appropriate credits will be issued to students. The details of the presentation of honorary degrees at the virtual Corps of Cadets commencement ceremony are being worked out. Overall, he is very proud of faculty and staff for their work over the past few weeks. Planning is ongoing for the return of cadets in either July or August or possibly even later.

General Walters noted that all cadets have been accounted for during the spring break. He is "paying attention to every nickel right now" and suggested a letter signed by college presidents highlighting the value of higher education be sent to state and federal politicians regarding the allocation of stimulus funds. Our strategic plan is important because it keeps us focused but is also subject to being changed or modified. He mentioned the feasibility of a higher education bond while interest rates are currently at 0%.

In response to a question from Colonel Lyon regarding specifics of the programs under each initiative of the proposed refresh to the strategic plan, Chair Price noted it is just a plan which can be modified. The strategic plan includes initiatives and programs, but approval by the BOV does not mean the college is bound to take those discrete actions. The idea is to establish a general direction for allocating resources, with the plan providing broad brush strokes.

Colonel Goff noted the Strategy, Vision and Governance Committee of the BOV will hold a teleconference next week to further discuss the strategic plan.

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Colonel Lyon asked if the Air Force Academy algorithm was used to determine the success or failure of the sophomore shuffle.

General Walters responded that The Citadel had made its own algorithm based on the college's unique climate and culture. Captain Paluso concurred with the President and advised Colonel Lyon that he would make an attempt to locate the Air Force Academy document.

Colonel Harrington moved to go into executive session for personnel matters – consideration of diploma presentation exceptions. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved by the voting members participating: Price, Harrington, Love, Goff, McCoy, Pinson, Myers, Dominick, Nicholson, Delleney, and Lyon.

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

Colonel Harrington moved:

**MOTION**

*“That the Board of Visitors approves the diploma presentation exception request of the following student for the SCCC Commencement: Cadet Jacob S. Best.”*

The motion was seconded. Those members voting in favor of the motion: Price, Harrington, Love, Goff, McCoy, Myers, Dominick, Nicholson, Delleney, and Lyon. Members voting against the motion: Pinson. The motion was approved.

Colonel Harrington moved:

**MOTION**

*“That the Board of Visitors approves the diploma presentation exception request of the following student for the SCCC Commencement: Cadet Samuel ‘Alexey’ Morton.”*

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

Colonel Harrington moved:

**MOTION**

*“That the Board of Visitors approves the diploma presentation exception requests of the following students for the CGC Commencement: Maelda M. Chalk, Sara M. Massey, and Erin A. Neil.”*

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

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Colonel Lyon moved that the BOV adopt the following resolution:

**Notification of Alumni Company Assignment Program upon acceptance to The Citadel**  
*“WHEREAS, The Citadel Corps of Cadets Alumni through the Alumni Company Assignment Legacy Program, have through the years been permitted to have their son or daughter assigned to the same company the Alumnus/Alumna was in while a cadet at The Citadel; and,*

*WHEREAS, this program establishes a link between the Parent and the Cadet with the Parent passing to the son/daughter Cadet their loyalty and attachment to The Citadel which creates a special bond between the Parent, the Cadet and The Citadel.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cadets participating in the Alumni Company Assignment Program are exempt from the Sophomore Scramble and will be assigned to their Parent's legacy company at the request of the Parent and the consent of the incoming Knob.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Parent will be informed about the Alumni Company Assignment Program upon their son/daughter's acceptance to The Citadel.”*

Colonel Pinson seconded the motion. After discussion, those members voting in favor the resolution: Nicholson, Delleney, and Lyon. Members voting against the resolution: Price, Harrington, Love, Goff, McCoy, Pinson, Myers, and Dominick. The resolution failed.

Colonel Lyon moved that the BOV adopt the following resolution:

**Class of 2023: Parent's Legacy Company**

*“RESOLVED, that Knob Cadets in the Class of 2023 who chose to be assigned to their Parent's Legacy Company (approximately 30 to 35) in their Knob Year shall be permitted to stay in their legacy company and be treated the same as other rising Sophomores, i.e. be eligible for cadet rank, etc.”*

Colonel Pinson seconded the motion. After discussion, those members voting in favor the resolution: Pinson, Nicholson, Delleney, and Lyon. Members voting against the resolution: Price, Harrington, Love, Goff, McCoy, Myers, and Dominick. The resolution failed.

Colonel Lyon noted he would like to modify the minutes of the June 2019 meeting to reflect that he addressed the Board “in opposition to the Sophomore Scramble.” Mr. Brandenburg advised such a motion could not be considered at this teleconference as it was not cited on the published FOIA notice, however, the Board could take up the matter at a future meeting.

Mr. Davis told the Board Spider Management, the investment firm that manages the funds of The Citadel Trust, has been doing their best during current market fluctuations to preserve the corpus of the Trust; Colonel Cansler added “Spider is tracking as they modeled on the downside” of the stock market.

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Chair Price again thanked General Walters, Colonel Philipkosky, and other members of the senior administration for everything they have done during the last few weeks.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Kinard  
Recording Secretary to the Board of Visitors