

THE CITADEL BOARD OF VISITORS
TELECONFERENCE MINUTES
21 APRIL 2020

The Citadel Board of Visitors (BOV) held a teleconference on 21 April 2020 in Room 514, Bond Hall, to: conduct an executive session to receive legal advice; receive a campus update from the President; consider two action items – *Our Mighty Citadel 2026* and approval of easements; 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); Major General R. Van McCarty, SC State Adjutant General (telephone); members emeritus Colonel William E. Jenkinson III (telephone) and Colonel Douglas A. Snyder (telephone); Mr. Stephen L. Davis, Chairman, The Citadel Foundation (TCF) (telephone); and Colonel Edward C. White, Jr., President, The Citadel Alumni Association (CAA) (telephone). Dr. Christopher C. Swain, member of TCF Board of Directors, was also present (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; 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); Dr. John P. “Jay” Dowd, III, Vice President for Institutional Advancement (telephone); Colonel Kevin C. Bower, Associate Provost for Academic Operations (telephone); Commander William A. Lind, Director of Executive Operations; Mr. Mark C. Brandenburg, General Counsel (telephone); Lieutenant Colonel F. Ward Logan, Associate Vice President for Finance and Business (telephone); Lieutenant Colonel Leah S. Schonfeld, Assistant Vice President, Human Resources (telephone); Mr. Rick Kelly, financial consultant for the strategic plan (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 Delleney gave an invocation and Colonel Harrington led the group in reciting “The Pledge of Allegiance.”

Chair Price welcomed Dr. Swain.

Colonel Harrington 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, Lyon, and McCarty.

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, Lyon, and McCarty.

Chair Price stated he and General Walters have spoken two or three times a day since the coronavirus protocols have been in place. He called on the President for an update.

General Walters provided an update on campus operations since the 1 April BOV teleconference. His report covered federal, state and City of Charleston activities, as well as actions taken by The Citadel, including study abroad, continuity of instruction and academic operations, Communications and Marketing, campus events and rentals, employees, Athletics, campus activities, Corps of Cadets actions and future actions, and campus future actions. He hopes to be "back to normal" in August, with the Corps tentatively returning on 18 August.

The college has refunded over \$3.8 million to students; expenses have been constrained dramatically. The federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES), will generate a total of \$2.48 million in funding for the college, of which half will be for Citadel students with Pell Grants and those in financial need adversely affected by the pandemic.

He has been in discussions with Secretary of Defense personnel to lease portions of The Citadel campus in order to create a staging site for Marine recruits for a two-week period of observation and some training before transporting them to Parris Island. The initial cohort will be approximately 350 recruits with the second cohort estimated at 500 recruits, who will be confined to campus at all times. General Walters has spoken to both the Governor and the Mayor of Charleston. The net proceeds from the lease would help cover the shortfall in the college's budget. General Walters again emphasized the Marine overall objective is observation and noted, "The Citadel is now part of the national mission."

General Walters reviewed an analysis of the bonding requirements for the Capers project. The preliminary bond request will be for \$39 million, contingent on a 20-year bond interest rate of two percent or less.

Chair Price thanked the President for his hard work. He also thanked faculty and staff members who worked tirelessly on the strategic plan refresh and read a listing of the names of those who participated.

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Colonel Goff moved:

MOTION

“That the Board of Visitors approves the Our Mighty Citadel 2026 strategic plan refresh as presented on 21 April 2020.”

As the motion was forwarded from the Strategy, Vision and Governance Committee, a second was not required.

Colonel Lyon stated he has an amendment to the motion for each strategic initiative within the plan refresh. He moved:

MOTION TO AMEND

“To amend Strategic Initiative 1, Objective 1.2, by deleting the following Action items:

- *Establish a Citadel Center in DC for semester-long study away opportunities.*
- *Establish a study away program in Silicon Valley.*
- *Increase number of international students in the Corps of Cadets.”*

After discussion, there was no second and the motion to amend failed.

Colonel Lyon moved:

MOTION TO AMEND

“To amend Strategic Initiative 1 by adding:

- Objective 1.4, Enhance and preserve the primary purpose and mission of The Military College of South Carolina to educate undergraduates as members of the South Carolina Corps of Cadets. Objective leader for all actions: General Walters.*
- *Maintain the size of the Corps between 1,900 and 2,000 cadets.*
 - *Ensure that each entering Corps of Cadets class consists of a minimum of 55% South Carolina residents.*
 - *Freeze enrollment in The Citadel Graduate College and other non-cadet academic programs at the 2020-21 levels.”*

After discussion, there was no second and the motion to amend failed.

Colonel Lyon stated he withdrew any consideration of further motions to amend.

A discussion ensued regarding financial estimates to execute the proposed plan. Colonel Goff noted there are some ongoing projects within the plan and normal approval of the budgetary process will continue. A progress briefing will be provided to the BOV on a regular basis with a detailed financial analysis of the plan slated for review at the BOV offsite in August.

Those members voting to approve the motion: Price, Harrington, Love, Goff, McCoy, Pinson, Myers, Dominick, Nicholson, Delleney, and McCarty. Members voting nay: Lyon. The motion was approved.

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Captain Lamberson reviewed the proposed placement of two transformers.

Colonel Harrington moved:

MOTION

"That the Board of Visitors authorizes COL Fred L. Price, Jr., Chair, to execute easements 900316 and 900317, as requested by Dominion Energy, for the placement of transformers at or near The Citadel Career Center and Bastin Hall, respectively."

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

General Walters noted there is some hesitance on the part of families at this time to commit to enrollment for the upcoming academic year and all standardized testing for April and June has been cancelled. BG Selden stated we are being more proactive in retaining those who have made a deposit.

Colonel Lyon, noting that a motion can be approved with a two-thirds approval of voting members, moved:

MOTION

"Amend the minutes of the 14-15 June 2019 Board of Visitors meeting to add after the wording Mr. Lyon addressed the Board, 'in opposition to the sophomore scramble.'"

Mr. Brandenburg read the portion of the SC Freedom of Information Act pertaining to amending a published agenda.

Colonel Lyon withdrew the motion but stated he will bring the motion to the next Board meeting and requested it be added to the agenda.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Kinard
Recording Secretary to the Board of Visitors