

THE CITADEL BOARD OF VISITORS  
TELECONFERENCE MINUTES  
4 JANUARY 2021

The Citadel Board of Visitors (BOV) held a teleconference on 4 January 2021 in Room 514, Bond Hall, to: conduct an executive session to receive legal advice; conduct an executive session to consider personnel matters; consider action items as a result of the executive session; receive a campus update from the President; and discuss other BOV matters.

The following Board members were present: Colonel Myron C. Harrington, Jr., Chair; Colonel Peter M. McCoy, Sr., Vice Chair (telephone); Colonel Allison Dean Love (telephone); Colonel Dylan W. Goff (telephone); Colonel L. E. "Gene" Pinson (telephone); Colonel John C. Dominick (telephone); Colonel James E. Nicholson, Jr. (telephone); Colonel Stanley L. Myers, Sr. (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); member emeritus Colonel William E. Jenkinson III (telephone); Dr. Christopher C. Swain, Chairman, The Citadel Foundation (TCF) (telephone); and Commander Drury C. "Chip" Nimmich, Jr., President, The Citadel Alumni Association (CAA) (telephone). Colonel Fred L. Price, Jr. participated as a guest of the Chair (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); Captain Jeffrey D. Lamberson, Vice President for Facilities and Engineering (telephone); Mr. Michael J. Capaccio, Director of Intercollegiate Athletics (telephone); Commander William A. Lind, Director of Executive Operations; Mr. Mark C. Brandenburg, General Counsel; and Mrs. Patricia M. Kinard, Recording Secretary to the Board of Visitors.

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 Harrington called the meeting to order at 1 p.m. He welcomed everyone and reminded the Board of the schedule for upcoming committee teleconferences. BG Selden noted that presenters at the teleconferences would not go through every slide but would only make summary comments in order to allow time to engage with committee members in discussion. Chair Harrington congratulated the President and the staff for the extraordinary job they did leading the college through the COVID-19 crisis, noting The Citadel was a model of how to handle things correctly. He said the transition to online/distance instruction went exceptionally well and was done in a short period of time. The virtual graduation was a success. He closed his remarks by saying he hopes "2021 will see us operating normally."

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

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

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

Colonel Pinson moved to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters regarding Honorary Degrees for the commencement speakers. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the voting members present: Harrington, McCoy, Love, Goff, Pinson, Myers, Dominick, Nicholson, Delleney, Lyon, and McCarty.

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

Chair Harrington moved:

**MOTION**

*"That the Board of Visitors authorizes the awarding of an Honorary Degree to the speaker at the 2021 SCCC Commencement and to the speaker at the 2021 CGC Commencement, as discussed in executive session."*

The motion was seconded.

Colonel Lyon moved to amend the motion by splitting the vote. The motion to amend failed as there was no second.

Members voting in favor of the original motion: Harrington, McCoy, Love, Goff, Pinson, Myers, Dominick, Nicholson, Delleney, and McCarty. Colonel Lyon abstained. The motion passed.

General Walters provided a campus update. The Swain Boating Center is complete and the move into Bastin Hall will begin on Wednesday with a goal of being ready for use by 20 January. The demolition of Capers Hall will take place in June and July.

The Corps will be brought back to campus in tiers, beginning 13 January. The cadets will be tested for the coronavirus at McAlister Field House prior to moving into the barracks. Classes start on 20 January. There are 278 deposits for the Class of 2025, which is down from last year. An update on admissions will be provided at the January BOV meeting.

There is a spike in cases of the coronavirus in South Carolina right now. Testing will take place on campus for faculty and staff on 6 and 7 January, then Corps testing will take place 13 through 17 January, then faculty and staff again on 20 through 22 January. The college has

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applied to be a vaccine distribution location in Charleston County, as there is a freezer on campus that meets the storage requirements for the Pfizer vaccine. The application is a three-stage process and two of the stages have already been completed. We are still testing the student-athletes, which might be the biggest challenge for the upcoming semester. We are committed to success, but logistics are an issue. He is very proud of how this has been handled so far.

The annual report to the SC House Ways and Means Committee will take place on 19 January, but no guidelines have been provided regarding attendance.

The Commandant search is ongoing, with applications still being received. The field of applicants will be narrowed down in February with an objective of having the new Commandant in place by April.

Mr. William "Bill" Endictor, Class of '59, has made a legacy gift in the form of a will bequest, currently valued at \$20 million. It is one of the largest gifts ever made to The Citadel.

BG Selden noted that Corps strength this semester is only a little lower than last year, and she is anticipating a good return.

General Walters noted a formal ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held for both Bastin Hall and the Swain Boating Center; a schedule has not been set.

Colonel Lyon stated there is some "confusion regarding the minutes for the 16 and 17 October 2020 Board meeting" and wants to be sure his right is preserved to propose changes and to reconsider a motion. Chair Harrington said Colonel Lyon's comments were duly noted and would be considered at the January BOV meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Kinard  
Recording Secretary to the Board of Visitors