# THE CITADEL BOARD OF VISITORS MEETING MINUTES 26 APRIL 2023

The Citadel Board of Visitors (BOV) held a meeting on 26 April 2023 at The Palmetto Club in Columbia, SC to: receive administration updates on construction projects, state budget, enrollment, and the strategic plan; conduct an executive session for contractual matters to consider representation for federal projects in DC (action item if needed); conduct an executive session for personnel matters to consider naming opportunity, consideration for diploma presentation exceptions, and Daniel Fund Scholarships (action items); approve minutes (action item); and discuss other BOV matters.

The following Board members were present on 26 April: Colonel Dylan W. Goff, Chair; Colonel Peter M. McCoy, Sr., Vice Chair; Colonel Allison Dean Love; Colonel L. E. "Gene" Pinson; Colonel Stanley L. Myers, Sr.; Colonel John C. Dominick; Colonel James E. Nicholson, Jr.; Colonel F. G. "Greg" Delleney, Jr.; Colonel Robert E. Lyon, Jr.; Colonel William M. (Bill) Connor, V; Colonel Triz V. Smith; Major General R. Van McCarty, SC State Adjutant General; Mrs. Deborah W. Hargrove, representative for the Honorable Ellen E. Weaver, SC State Superintendent of Education; member emeritus Colonel Douglas A. Snyder; Mr. John P. McAleer, III., President, The Citadel Alumni Association (CAA); and Lieutenant Colonel John W. Powell, Jr., Secretary to the Board of Visitors.

Also in attendance were: General Glenn M. Walters, President; and Brigadier General Sally C. Selden, Provost and Dean of the College.

Voting members absent: none. A quorum was present. The meeting followed the agenda at enclosure 1.

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

Chair Goff called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and thanked Colonel Love for hosting the breakfast and the day's meeting venue. He reviewed the day's agenda noting motions would be completed as addressed. Following comments on the previous night's Legislative BBQ event, he briefly discussed the upcoming events. Among these, he noted that there would be an election in the 9-10 June BOV meeting for board chair and vice chair and that in compliance with board rules, notification of intent to seek office must be provided to the board secretary no later than 26 May 2023. Major General McCarty then led the Pledge of Allegiance and Colonel Pinson gave the invocation.

Colonel Myers left the meeting at 9:10 a.m. for a meeting in court.

General Walters provided an overview of campus construction projects. Among those initially discussed: anticipated completion of Capers Hall, Hagood Gate rebuild, water tower demolition, ongoing Stevens Barracks refurbishment, boiler plant modernization, and projects in the library and chapel. He then discussed the East Side Stands project stating that \$4.2 million of the \$5 million needed for the initial stage has been raised in cash and pledges with possible

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groundbreaking in January. He reported the decision to build 2000 seats with restrooms but without concessions. He discussed how renting space to food trucks would both save on construction and provide income from rental fees. Discussion followed on different options to raise the additional funds: requesting additional funding from the state or possibly using funds from The Citadel Trust. General Walters indicated it would be difficult to ask the state for additional funds in consideration of what we have already received. Initiating the discussion of using The Citadel Trust, Colonel Dominick asked the board to consider using funds from the trust to "prime the pump" in generating additional donations. The President and Chair both expressed reluctance in using trust funds. General Walters stated the trust holds unrestricted funds which allows flexibility in use and should be held as a reserve for unexpected occurrences or needs. He would prefer to raise the needed funds than pull from the trust. He stated he will direct the project to start once within \$100 thousand of the goal which will generate further donors.

Chair Goff announced receiving information that Major General Henry I. Siegling, Commander of the Washington Light Infantry, passed away this morning and asked for a moment of silence in his memory.

Colonel Myers rejoined the meeting at 9:40 a.m.

Additional discussion followed on repaving campus roads and the need for a new roof and audio visual equipment for McAlister Field House. Also discussed was the increasing cost of living in the Charleston area, its impact on recruiting faculty and staff, and the need for affordable campus housing for faculty, staff, and possibly veteran students.

General Walters briefly reviewed the funding from the state legislature in recuring and onetime funding, expressing how well we have been able to demonstrate a good return on investment (ROI) on expending state funds. He discussed the ongoing efforts for additional funding and how the new Bastin Hall, the soon to be completed Capers Hall, and the future new engineering building will revitalize the campus and entire college.

Chair Goff announced receipt of an email from SC Chief Justice Donald Beatty that the court would like The Citadel to host a future session of the SC Supreme Court. He then called for a five minute break at 10:10 a.m.

Chair Goff reconvened the meeting at 10:15 a.m. Brigadier General Selden began the enrollment brief reporting the success of the previous weekend hosting 200 admitted students and over 400 high school junior football prospects to campus. She then reviewed the enrollment funnel for the entering class noting that while many small schools are still struggling, we are experiencing strong numbers and reporting increased numbers throughout the funnel. She also reported success in attracting ROTC scholarship recipients and expecting more Minute Man National Guard scholarships. She reported the goal for the Corps of Cadets entering class is 850-920. She then reviewed the Citadel Success Institute summer program for incoming new cadets and the summer undergraduate and graduate enrollment numbers. A brief discussion followed on

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the projected decline in 2026 of college bound students and the potential impact. Following the enrollment report, Brigadier General Selden initiated a discussion on the strategic plan *Our Mighty Citadel 2026* by asking what the board members think is of strategic importance. Discussion followed on value consideration, return on investment, quality of programs offered, quality of instruction, and strength and retention of faculty. Additional discussion included Title IX issues and Colonel Robert Pickering's position as Chief Inclusive Excellence Officer.

Colonel McCoy moved to go into executive session for contractual matters to discuss representation for federal projects. The motion was seconded by Colonel Myers and approved by the voting members present: Goff, McCoy, Love, Pinson, Myers, Dominick, Nicholson, Delleney, Lyon, Connor, Smith, and McCarty.

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

Colonel Nicholson moved:

### **MOTION**

"That the Board of Visitors authorizes the administration to negotiate a contract for federal representation under the parameters discussed in executive session on 26 April 2023."

Colonel Love seconded the motion. Members voting in favor of the motion: Goff, McCoy, Love, Pinson, Myers, Dominick, Nicholson, Delleney, Connor, Smith, and McCarty. Members voting against the motion: Lyon. The motion passed.

Colonel Delleney moved to go into executive session for personnel matters to discuss naming opportunities. The motion was seconded by Colonel Love approved by the voting members present: Goff, McCoy, Love, Pinson, Myers, Dominick, Nicholson, Delleney, Lyon, Connor, Smith, and McCarty.

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

Colonel Love moved:

#### **MOTION**

"That the Board of Visitors approves the naming of the entrance plaza in the new Humanities and Social Sciences Building as the MajGen John S. Grinalds, USMC, Ret., entrance Plaza, as discussed in Executive Session on 26 April 2023."

Colonel Myers seconded the motion. Members voting in favor of the motion: Goff, McCoy, Love, Pinson, Myers, Dominick, Nicholson, Delleney, Lyon, Connor, Smith, and McCarty. Members voting against the motion: none. The motion passed.

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Colonel Myers moved to go into executive session for personnel matters to discuss Daniel Fund Scholarships and consideration of a request for diploma presentation exception. The motion was seconded by Colonel Love and approved by the voting members present: Goff, McCoy, Love, Pinson, Myers, Dominick, Nicholson, Delleney, Lyon, Connor, Smith, and McCarty.

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

Colonel McCoy moved:

## **MOTION**

"That the Board of Visitors approves the diploma presentation exception request of the following student for the 2023 SCCC Commencement:

Candidate D."

There was no second, therefore no action taken.

Colonel Dominick moved:

## **MOTION**

"That the Board of Visitors approves the following meeting minutes as submitted: 24-25 February 2023 meeting
3 April 2023 teleconference"

Colonel McCoy seconded the motion. Members voting in favor of the motion: Goff, McCoy, Love, Pinson, Myers, Dominick, Nicholson, Delleney, Lyon, Connor, Smith, and McCarty. Members voting against the motion: none. The motion passed.

There being no further business, Chair Goff adjourned the meeting at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John W. Powell, Jr. Lieutenant Colonel, USMCR (Ret) Secretary to the Board of Visitors