

THE CITADEL BOARD OF VISITORS
TELECONFERENCE MINUTES
15 January 2026

The Citadel Board of Visitors (BOV) held a teleconference on 15 January 2026 using Zoom technology in Room 110, Bond Hall, to: receive an update on the East Side Stands construction project; and to discuss other BOV matters.

The following Board members were present: Colonel F. G. "Greg" Delleney, Jr., Chair (Zoom); Colonel Triz V. Smith, Vice Chair (Zoom); Colonel Allison Dean Love (Zoom); Colonel Dylan W. Goff (Zoom); Colonel Peter M. McCoy, Sr. (Zoom); Colonel John C. Dominick (Zoom); Colonel James E. Nicholson, Jr. (Telephone); Colonel Robert E. Lyon, Jr. (Zoom); Colonel William M. (Bill) Connor, V (Zoom); Mrs. Deborah W. Hargrove, representative for The Honorable Ellen E. Weaver, South Carolina State Superintendent of Education (Zoom); Major General Jeffrey A. Jones, Deputy Adjutant General and representative for Major General Robin B. Stilwell, Adjutant General of South Carolina (Zoom); Colonel Douglas A. Snyder, Member Emeritus (Zoom); Mr. James J. "Jay" Ethridge, Jr., Chairman, The Citadel Foundation (TCF) (Zoom); Mr. M. Todd Davis, President, The Citadel Alumni Association (CAA) (Zoom); and Lieutenant Colonel John W. Powell, Jr., Secretary to the Board of Visitors.

Also, in attendance were: General Glenn M. Walters, President; Brigadier General Sally C. Selden, Provost and Dean of the College; Colonel Cardon B. Crawford, Senior Vice President for Operations and Administration; Colonel Thomas J. Gordon, Commandant of Cadets (Zoom); Colonel Preethi Saint, Vice President for Finance and Business (Telephone); Captain Jeffrey D. Lamberson, Vice President for Facilities and Engineering; Colonel Jonathan R. Hoffman, Vice President for Communications and Marketing (Zoom); Mr. Art Chase, Director of Intercollegiate Athletics (Zoom); Dr. John P. "Jay" Dowd, President and Chief Executive Officer, TCF (Zoom); Mr. Mark C. Brandenburg, General Counsel; Commander William A. Lind, Chief of Staff (Zoom); Mr. Russell Frierson, Executive Director, The Citadel Brigadier Foundation (TCBF); Lieutenant Colonel Gaylord Greene, USA (Ret), Vice President for Athletic Development (TCF); and Mrs. Lori B. Hedstrom, Executive Assistant to the Board and Senior Vice President.

Voting members absent: Colonel L. E. "Gene" Pinson. 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 Delleney called the meeting of the Board to order at 2:00 p.m. and called on Captain Lamberson for an update on the East Side Stands.

Captain Lamberson reported the request for bids (RFB) for the project are out and due back 5 February 2026. He stated five pre-selected companies are expected to bid on the project and

that all are motivated and want the project. He indicated the bids would be opened at 2:00 p.m. on 5 February 2026 in the Facilities & Engineering Office with representatives of the companies present. The bids would then be brought to the Executive Conference Room, Bond Hall, to be presented to the President and other members of the senior staff. He reported one more permit was required but expected approval soon. He indicated there is \$6.4M available for the project. Of this, \$5.3M is set aside for construction costs. Facilities & Engineering's precontract estimate for construction is \$4.9M.

A discussion followed on the question of why it has taken this long to get the bids out to contractors. Captain Lamberson stated a prolonged negotiation with the city concerning storm water regulation issues has extended the anticipated time for releasing the request for bids. He did not want to release the request until he was certain the issues with the city would be resolved. He indicated the stadium is the only part of campus that is in a historic overlay and in a storm water district. He then briefly discussed the issues with the city's storm water regulations.

Chair Delleney expressed concern of the project meeting the expected completion date prior to the beginning of the 2026 football season. Several asked questions concerning a potential shortage of aluminum due to a damaged factory that would impact completion on time. Captain Lamberson indicated he had learned of the possibility only the week prior. When asked when it would be known if there would be an impact, Captain Lamberson reported that the RFB included a requirement for a 180 day completion so the companies would declare any issues with meeting the completion requirement. He stated he feels comfortable that the project could be completed within the required time if no delays were encountered.

Discussion then moved to questions of contingency plans if a supply shortage does result in construction delays. Captain Lamberson reported there are several options if it becomes apparent the stands would not be completed in time for the first home game. He indicated the building with concessions and bathrooms will be completed regardless of an aluminum shortage. The stands currently in place will be retained and could be reinstalled if necessary.

Chair Delleney expressed concerns that we have announced that the stands will be completed prior to the season opening but now there is some doubt. Others indicated frustration from donors and others over the continued delays. Although Colonel Dominick stated it looks like we are dealing with issues out of our control, there is a concern of a loss of credibility with constituents. He questioned why an announcement was made at the last home football game that the stands would be completed by the beginning of the next season if we knew it might not happen. Captain Lamberson reported that the project was still on track at that time. Chair Delleney stated it was critical that the project be completed on time.

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Colonel Hoffman then reported that the new proposed mission statement has now been approved by the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education (CHE) and has been changed on all Citadel websites.

Colonel Crawford reminded the BOV that The Citadel's time in front of the South Carolina House Ways and Means Higher Education Subcommittee is next week. He stated further information would be distributed soon so members can attend if desired.

Mr. Ethridge reported that TCF had a record year of fundraising.

Chair Delleney asked if there was anything else to come before the board. Hearing none Colonel Dominick moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Colonel Connor and approved by all voting members.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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