

THE CITADEL BOARD OF VISITORS
TELECONFERENCE MINUTES
1 April 2026

The Citadel Board of Visitors (BOV) held a teleconference on 1 April 2026 using Zoom technology in Room 110, Bond Hall, to: conduct an executive session to consider requests for diploma presentation exceptions; conduct motions as a result of the executive session; conduct an executive session for legal advice related to pending, threatened, and potential claims, and other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege; and to discuss other BOV matters.

The following Board members were present: Colonel F. G. "Greg" Delleney, Jr., Chair (Zoom); Colonel Triz V. Smith, M.D., Vice Chair (Zoom); Colonel Allison Dean Love (Zoom); Colonel Dylan W. Goff (Telephone); Colonel Peter M. McCoy, Sr. (Zoom); Colonel L. E. "Gene" Pinson (Zoom); Colonel John C. Dominick (Zoom); Colonel James E. Nicholson, Jr. (Telephone); Colonel Robert E. Lyon, Jr. (Telephone); Colonel William M. "Bill" Connor, V (Zoom); Major General Jeffrey A. Jones, Deputy Adjutant General and representative for Major General Robin B. Stilwell, South Carolina State Adjutant General (Zoom); Colonel William E. Jenkinson III, member emeritus (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); Mr. K. Wayne Wicker, President, The Citadel Brigadier Foundation (TCF) (Zoom); and Lieutenant Colonel John W. Powell, Jr., Secretary to the Board of Visitors.

Also in attendance were: 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 (Zoom); Captain Jeffrey D. Lamberson, Vice President for Facilities and Engineering (Zoom); Colonel Jonathan R. Hoffman, Vice President for Communications and Marketing; Mr. Art Chase, Director of Intercollegiate Athletics; Commander William A. Lind, Chief of Staff (Zoom); Mr. Mark C. Brandenburg, General Counsel; Ms. Shannon Meese, Chief Financial Officer and Chief Operating Officer, TCF (Zoom); Mr. Zach Watson, Director of Communications; Mr. Cameron Limes, Reporter, ABC 4 Charleston; and Mrs. Lori B. Hedstrom, Executive Assistant to the Board and Senior Vice President.

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 Delleney called the meeting of the Board to order at 1:00 p.m. and called on Captain Lamberson for the update on the East Side Stands.

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Captain Lamberson reported the work on the East Side Stands has begun with the deconstruction of the current facilities. He stated the site preparation would take approximately 30 days and indicated the project is on track and on schedule.

Chair Delleney then called on Colonel Crawford for the campus update.

Colonel Crawford began his report with a brief review of the upcoming Inside the Gates visit this Friday with 200 prospective students registered. He next reviewed the current recruiting numbers for the entering class of 2030 and the Admitted Student Day scheduled for 18 April. Colonel Crawford then provided an overview of campus projects. Among those discussed: the RFP for the Colonel Myron C. Harrington, Jr. Leadership Reaction Course (LRC) is in the protest period; the upgrades for Stevens Barracks will be completed this summer; and the Congress Street parking lot is in the pre-bid stage. He briefly reviewed the recent budget testimony at the State Senate and discussed the scheduled CAA Legislative BBQ in Columbia later in April. He then reported the recent South Carolina Delegation reception in Washington, D.C., was a success with over 100 guests in attendance.

Colonel Goff questioned the coming changes in the funding of ROTC scholarships. Colonel Crawford indicated Colonel Jim Collins, Professor of Military Science, would be addressing this in an upcoming meeting. In responding to questions concerning the LRC, Colonel Crawford reported the project is now fully funded, and that there will be a ribbon cutting for the course in conjunction with the opening of the Krause School of Leadership.

Colonel Pinson moved to enter executive session for personnel matters for consideration of requests for diploma presentation exceptions. The motion was seconded by Colonel Love and approved by the voting members present: Delleney, Smith, Love, Goff, McCoy, Pinson, Dominick, Nicholson, Lyon, and Connor.

The members of the BOV, the General Counsel, Secretary to the Board of Visitors, and Mrs. Hedstrom were present for the executive session for personnel matters. All others left the meeting.

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

Colonel Love moved:

MOTION

"That the Board of Visitors approves" the diploma presentation exception requests of Candidates A and B for the 2026 The Citadel Graduate College Commencement as discussed in executive session on 1 April 2026."

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

Colonel McCoy moved to enter executive session for legal advice related to pending, threatened, and potential claims, and other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege. The motion was seconded by Colonel Dominick and approved by the voting members present: Delleney, Smith, Love, Goff, McCoy, Pinson, Dominick, Nicholson, Lyon, and Connor.

The members of the BOV, the General Counsel, and the Secretary to the Board of Visitors were present for the executive session for legal matters. Mrs. Hedstrom left the meeting.

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

Chair Delleney asked if there was anything more to come before the Board. Hearing none: Colonel Pinson moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Colonel Dominick and approved by the voting members present: Delleney, Smith, Love, Goff, McCoy, Pinson, Dominick, Nicholson, Lyon, and Connor.

Chair Delleney adjourned the meeting at 1:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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