

THE CITADEL BOARD OF VISITORS  
MEETING MINUTES  
19-21 March 2026

The Citadel Board of Visitors (BOV) held a meeting on 19-21 March 2026 at the Swain Boating Center and BOV Room, Jenkins Hall, to: conduct executive sessions for personnel matters in the formats of a reception and interview with a presidential candidate; to conduct executive session for personnel matters for discussion of presidential candidate finalists; and to discuss other BOV matters.

The following Board members were present at the 19 March 2026 reception at the Swain Boating Center: Colonel F. G. "Greg" Delleney, Jr., Chair; Colonel Triz V. Smith, M.D., Vice Chair; Colonel Allison Dean Love; Colonel Dylan W. Goff; Colonel Peter M. McCoy, Sr.; Colonel L. E. "Gene" Pinson; Colonel John C. Dominick; Colonel James E. Nicholson, Jr.; Colonel Robert E. Lyon, Jr.; Colonel William M. "Bill" Connor, V; Major General Jeffrey A. Jones, Deputy Adjutant General and representative for Major General Robin B. Stilwell, Adjutant General of South Carolina; Mrs. Deborah W. Hargrove, representative for The Honorable Ellen E. Weaver, South Carolina State Superintendent of Education; Colonel Douglas A. Snyder, member emeritus; and Mr. M. Todd Davis, President, The Citadel Alumni Association (CAA).

Voting members absent: none. A quorum was present.

Also in attendance were: Presidential candidate General K. Frank McKenzie, Jr., USMC (Ret), and his wife Mrs. Marilyn McKenzie; Board member spouses; Mr. Claudius E. Watts, IV, representing The Citadel Foundation (TCF); and Mrs. Lori B. Hedstrom, Executive Assistant to the Board and Senior Vice President.

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 to order at 6:00 p.m.

Colonel Smith moved to enter executive session for personnel matters for the reception. 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, General and Mrs. McKenzie, Mr. Watts, Board member spouses, and Mrs. Hedstrom were present for the executive session for personnel matters. Spouses were included in the executive session per the BOV's approval.

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

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The meeting was recessed at 8:00 p.m.

The Citadel Board of Visitors reconvened the meeting on 20 March 2026 at 8:00 a.m. in the BOV Room, Jenkins Hall, to conduct an executive session for personnel matters to interview a presidential candidate.

The following Board members were present on 20 March 2026: Colonel F. G. "Greg" Delleney, Jr., Chair; Colonel Triz V. Smith, M.D., Vice Chair; Colonel Allison Dean Love; Colonel Dylan W. Goff; Colonel Peter M. McCoy, Sr.; Colonel L. E. "Gene" Pinson; Colonel John C. Dominick; Colonel James E. Nicholson, Jr.; Colonel Robert E. Lyon, Jr.; Colonel William M. "Bill" Connor, V; Major General Jeffrey A. Jones, Deputy Adjutant General and representative for Major General Robin B. Stilwell, Adjutant General of South Carolina; Mrs. Deborah W. Hargrove, representative for The Honorable Ellen E. Weaver, South Carolina State Superintendent of Education; Colonel Douglas A. Snyder, member emeritus; Mr. M. Todd Davis, President, The Citadel Alumni Association (CAA); and Lieutenant Colonel John W. Powell, Jr., Secretary to the Board of Visitors.

Also in attendance were: Mr. Claudius E. Watts, IV, representing TCF, and Mrs. Lori B. Hedstrom, Executive Assistant to the Board and Senior Vice President.

Voting members absent: none. A quorum was present.

Chair Delleney called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m. He briefly reviewed the process to be used in the interview and asked for a motion to enter executive session.

Colonel Goff moved to enter executive session for personnel matters to conduct an interview with General McKenzie. The motion was seconded by Colonel McCoy and approved by the voting members present: Delleney, Smith, Love, Goff, McCoy, Pinson, Dominick, Nicholson, Lyon, and Connor.

The members of the BOV, Mr. Watts, and Secretary to the Board of Visitors were present for the executive session for legal matters. Mrs. Hedstrom departed the room.

General McKenzie joined the meeting at 8:19 a.m.

Chair Delleney called for a short recess at 10:16 a.m.

Chair Delleney reconvened the meeting still in executive session at 10:29 a.m.

Chair Delleney called for a short recess at the conclusion of the interview and General McKenzie departed the meeting at 11:03 a.m.

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Chair Delleney reconvened the meeting still in executive session at 11:10 a.m.

Chair Delleney called for a short recess at 11:50 a.m.

Chair Delleney reconvened the meeting still in executive session at 12:05 p.m.

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

Mrs. Hedstrom rejoined the meeting at 12:25 p.m.

Chair Delleney thanked the Board and reviewed the schedule for Saturday's meeting.

The meeting was recessed at 12:28 p.m.

The Citadel Board of Visitors reconvened the meeting on 21 March 2026 in the BOV Room, Jenkins Hall, to conduct an executive session for personnel matters for discussion of presidential finalists; and to consider action items as a result of the executive session.

The following Board members were present on 21 March 2026: Colonel F. G. "Greg" Delleney, Jr., Chair; Colonel Triz V. Smith M.D., Vice Chair; Colonel Allison Dean Love; Colonel Dylan W. Goff; Colonel Peter M. McCoy, Sr.; Colonel L. E. "Gene" Pinson; Colonel John C. Dominick; Colonel James E. Nicholson, Jr.; Colonel Robert E. Lyon, Jr.; Colonel William M. "Bill" Connor, V; Major General Jeffrey A. Jones, Deputy Adjutant General and representative for Major General Robin B. Stilwell, Adjutant General of South Carolina; Mrs. Deborah W. Hargrove, representative for The Honorable Ellen E. Weaver, South Carolina State Superintendent of Education; Colonel Douglas A. Snyder, member emeritus; Mr. M. Todd Davis, President, The Citadel Alumni Association (CAA); and Lieutenant Colonel John W. Powell, Jr., Secretary to the Board of Visitors.

Also in attendance were: Mr. Claudius E. Watts, IV, representing TCF, Mr. Mark C. Brandenburg, General Counsel; Colonel S. Aaron Meadows, Chaplain and Director of Religious Activities; and Mrs. Lori B. Hedstrom, Executive Assistant to the Board and Senior Vice President.

Voting members absent: none. A quorum was present.

Chair Delleney called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. Chaplain Meadows provided a prayer to open the meeting.

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Chair Delleney asked for a motion to enter executive session.

Colonel Love moved to enter executive session for personnel matters to discuss the presidential finalists. The motion was seconded by Colonel Goff and approved by the voting members present: Delleney, Smith, Love, Goff, McCoy, Pinson, Dominick, Nicholson, Lyon, and Connor.

The members of the BOV, Mr. Watts, General Counsel, and Secretary to the Board of Visitors were present for the executive session for personnel matters. Chaplain Meadows and Mrs. Hedstrom departed the room.

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

Colonel Goff moved:

**MOTION**

*"That the Board of Visitors authorizes the Board Chair to enter contractual negotiations with Candidate A to serve as President of The Citadel."*

Colonel Dominick 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 unanimously.

Chair Delleney called for a short recess at 8:55 a.m.

Chair Delleney reconvened the meeting at 9:16 a.m.

Colonel Dominick moved to enter executive session to discuss personnel issues concerning proposed benefits for presidential selectee. The motion was seconded by Colonel McCoy and approved by the voting members present: Delleney, Smith, Love, Goff, McCoy, Pinson, Dominick, Nicholson, Lyon, and Connor.

The members of the BOV, Mr. Watts, General Counsel, and Secretary to the Board of Visitors were present for the executive session for personnel matters.

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

Mrs. Hedstrom rejoined the meeting at 9:22 a.m.

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Chair Delleney thanked the Board and reminded the members that the decision was embargoed until 10:00 a.m. Monday morning when the decision would be announced in a press release.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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