

THE CITADEL BOARD OF VISITORS
TELECONFERENCE MINUTES
1 July 2026

The Citadel Board of Visitors (BOV) held a teleconference on 1 July 2026 using Zoom technology in Room 110, Bond Hall, to: receive a campus update; hear an update on the East Side Stands; 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 (Telephone); Colonel Allison Dean Love (Zoom); 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); 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; Mr. Luther C. Kissam, IV, Chairman, The Citadel Foundation (TCF) (Zoom); Mr. M. Todd Davis, President of The Citadel Alumni Association (CAA) (Zoom); and Lieutenant Colonel John W. Powell, Jr., Secretary to the Board of Visitors.

Also in attendance were: General Kenneth F. "Frank" McKenzie Jr., President; Colonel Kevin C. Bower, Interim Provost and Dean of the College; Colonel Cardon B. Crawford, Chief of Staff; Colonel Preethi Saint, Chief Financial Officer and Vice President for Finance and Business; Captain Jeffrey D. Lamberson, Vice President for Facilities and Engineering; Colonel Jonathan R. Hoffman, Vice President for Communications and Marketing; Lieutenant Colonel Leah S. Schonfeld, Assistant Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer; Mr. Art Chase, Director of Intercollegiate Athletics; Commander William A. Lind, Military Secretary; Ms. Shannon Mease, Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer, TCF; Mr. Zach Watson, Director of Communications, Office of Communications and Marketing; and Mrs. Lori B. Hedstrom, Executive Assistant to the Board and Chief of Staff.

Voting members absent: Colonel Dylan W. Goff. 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 welcomed General McKenzie to his first BOV teleconference as President. In his opening remarks, Chair Delleney thanked General Walters for his transformational service as President.

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General McKenzie began his campus update with a brief review on the enrollment numbers for the entering Class of 2030. He reported 813 active deposits, including the new students from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA). He indicated that 770 students are expected to matriculate in May. He next reported that the search for the new Provost was being developed with Human Resources and that the search for TCF's President and Chief Executive Officer was currently underway. General McKenzie reported that all transition briefs have been conducted or are scheduled. He reviewed his schedule for meeting state and local governmental leaders and a plan to visit Washington, D.C. He reported that the Operations and Risk Management (ORM) Committee will receive an interim report on the proposed Maritime Academy program with a full brief in July at the Wampee offsite meeting. He closed by stating he will share his strategic plans and vision with the Board at Wampee.

Mr. Mark C. Brandenburg, General Counsel, joined the meeting via Zoom at 1:05 p.m.

Chair Delleney called on Captain Lamberson for the East Side Stands update. Captain Lamberson reported the project is on schedule, to be completed prior to the first home football game. He indicated the restroom building is up and plumbing is being installed.

When asked about the discovery of more bones, Colonel Hoffman provided a brief history of the stadium being originally built on top on Tower Hill cemetery. He reviewed the history of the area and of finding bones during different construction projects. He discussed the exhumation and reinternment of the bones discovered over time and indicated The Citadel is working with all the appropriate agencies to ensure the college is doing the right thing. He indicated discovering bones is not an unusual occurrence in building projects within Charleston. Colonel Hoffman stated that contingency plans were in place in the event additional bones were discovered during the East Side Stands project.

Chair Delleney asked if there was anything else to come before the Board. Hearing none, Colonel Pinson moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Colonel Dominck and approved by all voting members. The meeting was adjourned at 1:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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