

THE CITADEL BOARD OF VISITORS
TELECONFERENCE MINUTES
1 September 2026

The Citadel Board of Visitors (BOV) held a teleconference on 1 September 2026 using Zoom technology in Room 110, Bond Hall, to: receive a campus update; consider a Gallery of Distinguished Alumni Nomination (action item); hold an executive session for personnel matters; action item as a result of the executive session; and to discuss other BOV matters.

The following Board members were present: Colonel F. G. "Greg" Delleney, Jr., Chair; Colonel Triz V. Smith, M.D., Vice Chair (Zoom); Colonel Allison Dean Love (Zoom); Colonel Dylan W. Goff (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); Major General Jeffrey A. Jones, Deputy Adjutant General and representative for Major General Robin B. Stilwell, Adjutant General of South Carolina (Zoom); Mrs. Deborah W. Hargrove, representative for The Honorable Ellen E. Weaver, South Carolina State Superintendent of Education (Zoom); Colonel William E. Jenkinson III, member emeritus (Zoom); Colonel Douglas A. Snyder, member emeritus (Zoom); Mr. K. Wayne Wicker, President, The Citadel Brigadier Foundation (TCBF) (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 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 Thomas J. Gordon, Commandant of Cadets; 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 (Zoom); Colonel Leah S. Schonfeld, Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer; Mr. Art Chase, Director of Intercollegiate Athletics; Mr. L. Keith Todd, President and Chief Executive Officer, The Citadel Foundation (TCF); Commander William A. Lind, Military Secretary; Mr. Mark C. Brandenburg, General Counsel; and Mrs. Lori B. Hedstrom, Executive Assistant to the Board and Chief of Staff.

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 General McKenzie for his report.

General McKenzie began his campus update with a brief review of recent meetings with local elected officials and alumni donors. He then discussed:

- The intent of a lunch meeting with The Citadel Caucus of the South Carolina General Assembly in October.
- His recent talk to the faculty. Among the topics: the path forward, faculty pay, the change to the Core Values, and the Honor Code. In discussing the Honor Code, he stressed the importance of faculty participation.
- Paperwork for The Citadel to participate in the Senior College Fellowship Program has been submitted.
- He briefed Representative Tom Hartnett on the Maritime Academy proposal.
- Reported on Corps of Cadet strength at 2,346 cadets with current first year cadet attrition at 79. He noted this is on par with recent years.
- His recent talk to the Corps of Cadets on the Honor System.
- Preliminary work on the new engineering building.
- The College of Charleston has applied to the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education (CHE) to establish a degree in Mechanical Engineering and that The Citadel considers this a breach of the MOU between the colleges..
- The recent meeting of South Carolina state college presidents.
- His meeting with the Charleston Regional Development Committee.

A brief discussion followed the President's update. Colonel Pinson asked about the cadets that have left. General McKenzie indicated the prevalent issues seem to be they were not prepared to be here, self-identified mental health issues, and family pressure to attend. Colonel Gordon added the importance of prospective cadets visiting the campus. General McKenzie emphasized the need to increase participation at The Citadel Success Institute. In response to a question asking if there were any cadets still living outside the barracks, the response was that four are currently in overflow billeting but would be moved back into the barracks as soon as possible.

Chair Delleney then opened the discussion on the nomination of General McKenzie to the Gallery of Distinguished Alumni. The memorandum in support submitted by Colonel Leo. A. Mercado on behalf of the Class 1979 was briefly reviewed. It was noted that the portrait was previously acquired with private funds and matches the style, size, and configuration of the other portraits in the gallery. Chair Delleney then read the text of the proposed plaque for the portrait.

Colonel Pinson moved:

MOTION

"That the Board of Visitors approves the nomination of General Kenneth F. "Frank" McKenzie Jr. to the Gallery of Distinguished Alumni as presented on 1 September 2026."

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.

Chair Delleney asked for a motion to enter executive session for personnel matters. Colonel McCoy made the motion. 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, General McKenzie, and the General Counsel were present for the executive session for personnel matters. The Secretary to the Board of Visitors and all other members of the staff departed.

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

Colonel Dominick moved:

MOTION

“That the Board of Visitors create the position of Secretary Emeritus to the Board of Visitors, and appoint LtCol John Powell, USMC (Ret.), Class of 1977, to that position, effective October 1, 2026. And further, that the Board adopt the attached Resolution, recognizing LtCol Powell’s lifetime of service to the United States and the State of South Carolina, and over forty-years of service to The Citadel.”

Colonel Love 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.

A brief discussion followed concerning the recent football game, social media comments on non-cadet participation on Citadel teams, and the NCAA rules regarding student athletes.

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 Dominick and approved by all voting members. The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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