The Citadel Board of Visitors (BOV) held a teleconference in the Executive Conference Room, Bond Hall, at 1600 hours on 23 June 2015 to conduct an executive session for legal matters and review implications of recent events in Charleston.

The following members were present: Lieutenant General W. Michael Steele, Chair; Colonel Dylan W. Goff, Vice Chair (telephone); Colonel Allison Dean Love; Colonel Fred L. Price, Jr. (telephone); Lieutenant General John B. Sams, Jr. (telephone); Colonel “Tee” Hooper (telephone); Colonel Peter M. McCoy, Sr. (telephone); Colonel Robert H. Nuttall, Sr. (telephone); Colonel L. E. “Gene” Pinson (telephone); Colonel Stanley L. Myers, Sr. (telephone); Chairman Emeritus, Colonel Leonard C. Fulghum, Jr. (telephone); members emeritus Colonel William E. Jenkinson III (telephone) and Colonel Douglas A. Snyder (telephone); the Honorable Molly M. Spearman, State Superintendent of Education (telephone); Mr. Claudius E. Watts, IV, Chairman, The Citadel Foundation (TCF); and Mr. Scott Tucker, President, The Citadel Alumni Association (CAA). Also participating were: Lieutenant General John W. Rosa, President; Brigadier General Samuel M. Hines, Jr., Provost and Dean of the College; Colonel Thomas G. Philipkosky, Vice President for Operations; Colonel W. Brett Ashworth, Vice President for Communications and Marketing; Colonel Cardon B. Crawford, Director of Governmental and Community Affairs (telephone and later, in person); Captain Taylor W. Skardon, Executive Assistant to the President; Mr. Mark C. Brandenburg, General Counsel; Mr. M. Dawes Cooke, Jr., legal counsel to the BOV (telephone); and Mrs. Patricia M. Kinard, Assistant to the President for Board Matters.

Voting members absent: none. A quorum was present.

The meeting followed the agenda at enclosure 1.

Colonel Myron C. Harrington, Board Secretary, stated the meeting was in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act in that notice had been posted 24 hours in advance in Bond Hall and on the college website, and local media sources were notified at the same time by electronic means.

Chair Steele opened the meeting, reviewed the agenda and called for a motion to go into executive session for legal matters. Motion made by Colonel Love, seconded by Colonel Pinson, and unanimously approved.

Motion to come out of executive session made by Colonel Goff, seconded by Colonel Nuttall, and unanimously approved.

As a result of the executive session, the following actions were taken: The Board took action to amend the agenda due to exigent circumstances. (In accordance with the most recent bill adopted by the SC Legislature, this motion requires an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members present in order to be approved.)
Colonel Nuttall motioned the following, which was seconded by Colonel Myers:

**MOTION**

“That the Board of Visitors approves amending the meeting agenda due to exigent circumstances.”

Follow discussion, the motion passed by a vote of 9 to 3.

Members voting aye: General Steele, Colonel Love, General Sams, Colonel Hooper, Colonel McCoy, Colonel Nuttall, Colonel Pinson, Colonel Lapointe, Colonel Myers and Mrs. Spearman.

Members opposed: Colonel Goff, Colonel Price, and Colonel Pinson.

Colonel Lapointe motioned the following, seconded by Colonel Myers:

**MOTION**

“That the Board of Visitors approves adding to the agenda an action item pertaining to the recent events in Charleston.”

Following discussion, the motion passed 9 to 3.

Members voting aye: General Steele, Colonel Love, General Sams, Colonel Hooper, Colonel McCoy, Colonel Nuttall, Colonel Lapointe, Colonel Myers and Mrs. Spearman.

Members opposed: Colonel Goff, Colonel Price, and Colonel Pinson.

Colonel Myers motioned the following, seconded by Colonel Lapointe:

**MOTION**

“That the Board of Visitors, in conjunction with the administration, has agreed the Confederate Naval Jack should be moved from Summerall Chapel. Further, the Board of Visitors authorizes the Chair of the Board of Visitors and the President to engage appropriate members of the legislature to obtain authority to explore options of relocating the Confederate Naval Jack from Summerall Chapel to an appropriate campus location.”

Following discussion, Colonel Goff made the following motion to amend Colonel Myers motion:

**MOTION**

“That all references and monuments to the Southern Confederacy on The Citadel’s campus and The Citadel ring to include: building names, murals, monuments, references to the Star of the West and the ‘Battle Streamers’ on the South Carolina Corps of Cadets’ flag be removed.”
The motion was seconded by Colonel Price and following discussion, the amendment failed by a vote of 11 to 1.

Members voting aye: Colonel Goff.

Members voting nay: General Steele, Colonel Love, Colonel Price, General Sams, Colonel Hooper, Colonel McCoy, Colonel Nuttall, Colonel Pinson, Colonel Lapointe, Colonel Myers and Mrs. Spearman.

The BOV then voted on Colonel Myers’ original motion, which passed with a 9 to 3 vote.

Members voting aye: General Steele, Colonel Love, General Sams, Colonel Hooper, Colonel McCoy, Colonel Nuttall, Colonel Lapointe, Colonel Myers and Mrs. Spearman.

Members opposed: Colonel Goff, Colonel Price, and Colonel Pinson.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1820 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Myron C. Harrington, Jr.
Colonel, USMC (Retired)
Secretary to the Board of Visitors