The Citadel Board of Visitors (BOV) held a meeting on 20 April 2017, at 4:00 p.m. in the Scarborough Multimedia Room, Holliday Alumni Center, for an executive session to discuss a cadet disciplinary matter.

The following voting members of the Board of Visitors were present: Lieutenant General John B. Sams, Jr., Chair; Colonel Dylan W. Goff, Vice Chair; Colonel Allison Dean Love; Colonel Fred L. Price, Jr.; Colonel Peter M. McCoy, Sr.; Colonel Robert H. Nuttall, Sr.; Colonel L. E. “Gene” Pinson; Colonel Greg A. Lapointe; and Colonel Myron C. Harrington, Jr. Also present were: Lieutenant General John W. Rosa, President; Colonel Thomas G. Filipkosky, Senior Vice President for Operations and Administration; Captain Eugene “Geno” Paluso, Commandant of Cadets; Commander William Lind, Executive Assistant to the President; Mr. M. Dawes Cooke, Jr., Board Counsel; Mr. Mark C. Brandenburg, General Counsel; Mrs. Susan Redmond, Program Assistant, Commandant’s Department; Mrs. Ashley Witherspoon, Special Assistant to the President for Board Matters; and Mrs. Patricia M. Kinard, Recording Secretary to the Board of Visitors. Also present for portions of the meeting were: Cadet [name redacted], Mr. [name redacted], father of Cadet [name redacted]; and Mr. Brian Burke, attorney for Cadet [name redacted].

Committee members absent: Colonel “Tee” Hooper and Colonel Stanley L. Myers, Sr. A quorum was present.

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 local media sources were notified at the same time by electronic means.

Chair Sams called the meeting to order and reviewed the rationale for a cadet appeal and the three options the Board would consider: deny the appeal, uphold the appeal, or remand the appeal to the President. Cadet [name redacted] will have fifteen minutes to address the Board; the Commandant will also have fifteen minutes for his dialog. Mr. Brandenburg will act as timekeeper.

Chair Sams called for a motion to go into executive session. Motion made by Colonel Goff, seconded by Colonel Pinson, and unanimously passed.

Motion to come out of executive session made by Colonel Harrington, seconded, and unanimously passed.

Colonel Nuttall made the following motion:

Motion

"That the Board of Visitors upholds the appeal of Cadet [name redacted] and reverses the President’s decision to expel him. Pursuant to the College Regulations, Section VII, Paragraph 5.d.(9)(c), Cadet [name redacted] is returned to the Corps of Cadets in normal cadet status."

No voting member of the Board seconded the motion; therefore Chair Sams declared the motion failed for lack of a second.
Colonel Harrington made the following motion:

**Motion**

"That the Board of Visitors denies the appeal of Cadet [redacted] Pursuant to the College Regulations, Section VII, Paragraph 5.d.(9)(a), the President’s decision to expel Cadet [redacted] is affirmed. Cadet [redacted] is ineligible to return to The Citadel."

No voting member of the Board seconded the motion; therefore Chair Sams declared the motion failed for lack of a second.

Colonel Pinson made the following motion:

**Motion**

"That the Board of Visitors remands the case of Cadet [redacted] to the President. Pursuant to the College Regulations, Section VII, Paragraph 5.d.(9)(b), the President may impose expulsion, reduce the punishment, delay the punishment of expulsion, or take any action he deems appropriate, taking into consideration the evidence presented in the appeal materials and the argument made during the appeal hearing."

The motion was seconded by Colonel Love. The motion was unanimously approved by the voting members present: Sams, Goff, Love, Price, McCoy, Nuttall, Pinson, Lapointe, and Harrington.

Colonel Love noted the importance of reviewing and updating the social media policy and determining how the policy integrates with the Blue Book.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Kinard
Recording Secretary to the Board of Visitors