

THE CITADEL BOARD OF VISITORS
TELECONFERENCE MINUTES
31 January 2022

The Citadel Board of Visitors (BOV) held a teleconference on 31 January 2022 using Zoom technology in Room 514, Bond Hall, to: conduct an executive session to receive legal advice; receive a campus update from the President; consider motions to approve nominations for honorary degree, posthumous undergraduate degrees, and cadet Palmetto Medal (action items); and discuss other BOV matters.

The following Board members were present: Colonel Dylan W. Goff, Chair (Zoom); Colonel Peter M. McCoy, Sr., Vice Chair (Zoom); Colonel Allison Dean Love (Zoom); Colonel L. E. "Gene" Pinson (Zoom); Colonel John C. Dominick; Colonel James E. Nicholson, Jr., (telephone); Colonel F. G. "Greg" Delleney, Jr. (Zoom); Colonel Robert E. Lyon, Jr. (Zoom); Colonel William M. (Bill) Connor, V (Zoom); Mrs. Deborah W. Hargrove, designated representative for The Honorable Molly M. Spearman, SC State Superintendent of Education (Zoom); Colonel William E. Jenkinson III, member emeritus (Zoom); Colonel Douglas A. Snyder, member emeritus (Zoom); Dr. Christopher C. Swain, Chairman, The Citadel Foundation (TCF) (Zoom); Lieutenant Colonel Charles E. "Chuck" Bledsoe, President, The Citadel Alumni Association (CAA) (Zoom); and Lieutenant Colonel William R. Culbreath, Jr., President, The Citadel Brigadier Foundation (TCBF).

Also in attendance: General Glenn M. Walters, President; Brigadier General Sally C. Selden, Provost and Dean of the College; Colonel Cardon B. Crawford, Senior Vice President for Operations and Administration; Colonel Thomas J. Gordon, Commandant of Cadets; Captain Jeffrey D. Lamberson, Vice President for Facilities and Engineering (Zoom); Colonel William R. Leggett, Vice President for Communications and Marketing; Mr. Michael J. Capaccio, Director of Intercollegiate Athletics (Zoom); Mr. Mark C. Brandenburg, General Counsel; Commander William A. Lind, Chief of Staff; Mrs. Lori B. Hedstrom, Executive Assistant to the Board and Senior Vice President; and Lieutenant Colonel John W. Powell, Jr., Secretary to the Board of Visitors.

Voting members absent: Colonel Stanley L. Myers, Jr. 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 and the media had been notified by electronic means.

Chair Goff called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. He thanked Colonel Lyon for representing the BOV in presenting Gold Stars at last week's Gold Star Ceremony and reminded all that this week's parade is to honor Charles Foster, '70 and the Magnificent Seven, the college's first seven African American female graduates on the 20th anniversary of their graduation year. He then reviewed the day's agenda and stated we would start with the Campus Update from General Walters instead of going into executive session.

General Walters started his update with comments that the Gold Star Ceremony went well last week and the hope for good weather for this week's parade. He reported that his appearance in front of the House Ways and Means Committee last week went well and that we should know the impact in a few weeks. He then provided the campus status on the COVID virus, reporting that there had been the expected spike in numbers following the holidays but current numbers have decreased from a high of 106 to 26 testing positive or having close contact. He stated following the policy of weekly evaluation, the mask mandate has been lifted from all aspects of campus activity except in those classes where the professors have requested a specific accommodation. He then briefly discussed the Recruiting and Retention Task Force and the success of inviting families of current cadets to talk with prospective cadets and their families at alumni club meetings. He stated that additional staff travel was scheduled in assisting with these club meetings.

Colonel Love asked about the process for selecting speakers for the graduation ceremonies. General Walters replied that for the Corps of Cadets ceremony, the senior class president provides suggestions from the senior class. The senior class president and the Provost would then discuss these and additional possibilities but that it would also depend on who would be available. The Provost added that Citadel graduates were preferred for the graduate school ceremony.

Chair Goff commented on how well he thought the Columbia Area Alumni Club meeting went and then thanked General Walters for his update.

Chair Goff called for a motion to go into executive session.

Colonel Dominick moved to go into executive session to receive legal advice related to pending, threatened and potential claims, and other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege; and to discuss personal matters, honorary degrees, posthumous degrees, and the cadet Palmetto Medal. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the voting members present: Goff, McCoy, Love, Pinson, Dominick, Nicholson, Delleney, Lyon, and Connor.

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

Colonel Lyon moved:

MOTION

"That the Board of Visitors authorizes the awarding of a Posthumous Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering to candidate B, as discussed in executive session at the 31 January 2022 teleconference."

The motion was seconded by Colonel Connor and vote taken: Members voting in favor of the motion: Goff, McCoy, Love, Pinson, Dominick, Nicholson, Delleney, Lyon, and Connor. Member voting against the motion: none. The motion passed.

Colonel Lyon moved to name the policy on awarding posthumous undergraduate degrees after candidate B. Mr. Brandenburg stated it would be improper to vote on this during this as it was not addressed on the agenda. The Provost stated that since this was an administrative function under her responsibility, she could change the name of the policy without a vote from the BOV. Colonel Lyon withdrew his motion and stated he would ask the Strategy, Vision, and Governance Committee (SVG) to vote on this to show support for naming.

Colonel Dominick moved:

MOTION

“That the Board of Visitors authorizes the awarding of a Posthumous Bachelor of Science in Computer Science to candidate A, as discussed in the executive session at the 31 January 2022 teleconference.”

The motion was seconded by Colonel Pinson and vote taken: Members voting in favor of the motion: Goff, McCoy, Love, Pinson, Dominick, Nicholson, Delleney, Lyon, and Connor. Member voting against the motion: none. The motion passed.

Colonel Dominick moved:

MOTION

“That the Board of Visitors authorizes the awarding of an Honorary Degree to candidate X, as discussed in executive session at the 31 January 2022 teleconference.”

The motion was seconded by Colonel Pinson and vote taken: Members voting in favor of the motion: Goff, McCoy, Love, Pinson, Dominick, Nicholson, Delleney, Lyon, and Connor. Member voting against the motion: none. The motion passed.

Colonel Dominick moved:

MOTION

“That the Board of Visitors authorizes the awarding of the cadet Palmetto Medal to candidate A, as discussed in executive session at the 31 January 2022 teleconference.”

The motion was seconded by Colonel Pinson and vote taken: Members voting in favor of the motion: Goff, McCoy, Love, Pinson, Dominick, Nicholson, Delleney, Lyon, and Connor. Member voting against the motion: none. The motion passed.

Chair Goff thanked all for their discussion and consideration of the motions.

He reminded all that Colonel Fulghum will be presented the Palmetto Medal on Friday of the 25-26 February meeting. The ceremony will be held in the front lobby of Bond Hall. He also stated that there would be a lot of activity on campus that weekend and that the location for the

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Friday BOV meeting was yet to be determined. Saturday's meeting will be in Jenkins Hall Board Room.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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