

**Minutes  
Coastal Carolina University  
Board of Trustees**

**General Board of Trustees Meeting  
Allen Ballroom  
December 13, 2022**

**Board Members Present:** Delan Stevens, John Bartell, Lee Belcher, William Biggs, Lisa Davis, Dalton Floyd, Natasha Hanna, Joe Jarrett, Sherry Johnson, Mark Kelley, George Mullen, Bradley Poston, Jason Repak, Oran Smith, Patrick Sparks, Gene Spivey, William Turner

**Board Members Not Present:** None

**Others Present:** Michael Benson, Claudia Bornholdt, Brant Branham, Brian Bunton, Amanda Craddock, Daniel Ennis, Amanda Foss, David Frost, Christina Genovevo, Yvonne Hernandez Friedman, Matthew Hogue, Ashley Holloway, Sara Hottinger, Carlos Johnson, Thomas Koczara, Colleen McGlone, Kelly Moore, Travis Overton, Jerry Rashid, David Roper, Diane Sanders, Erika Small, Holley Tankersley, Robert Young

*(In accordance with the requirements of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act, the news media were notified of the time, location, and agenda for the meeting. No members from the media were present for the meeting.)*

Chairman Delan Stevens called the General Board of Trustees meeting to order at 2:20 p.m. followed by an invocation.

### **I. Roll Call**

Roll call was taken by Executive Assistant to the President, Amanda Foss.

### **II. Approval of Minutes**

William Biggs moved to approve the General Board of Trustees meeting minutes from Oct. 14, 2022. Lee Belcher seconded, and the motion carried.

### **III. University Reports**

Faculty Senate President, Brian Bunton, presented a Faculty Senate report.

- Along with the assistance of Associate Dean of Students, Harry Titus, a memorial service has been created for CCU students, faculty, and staff that have passed throughout the year. The first ceremony will be held on April 13, 2023.
- In March 2023, the University will participate in a nationwide survey, Great Colleges to Work For®.

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Governmental Affairs Director, Brant Branham, presented a legislative report.

University President, Michael T. Benson, presented the President's report.

- The University received its reaffirmation from SACSCOC.
- London New Year's Parade: 86 students and Chauncey will be attending.
- The Supreme Court is coming to CCU to hold live, in-person hearings. Those interested in participating can communicate with Travis Overton.
- A Legislative Reception (in partnership with Myrtle Beach Chamber) will be in Columbia, S.C., on Feb. 15, 2023.
- Teal Nation Store is located at Broadway at the Beach.
- Penny Sales Tax: Benson read a resolution (attached) acknowledging those who have been involved with the Penny Sales Tax currently and in the past. Those recognized in the resolution include:
  - Mike Hagg
  - Robert Rabon
  - Eddie Dyer
  - Will Garland
  - Mark Kelley

**IV. Standing Committee Motions**

**Finance and Audit Committee**

- **Lee Belcher moved for the approval of a one-year lease, renewable for three more years, with Fountain-Fuller of SC, L.L.C., for approximately 10,000 square feet of warehouse space at the Atlantic Center (454 Century Circle) for University Housing, effective March 1, 2023, through February 29, 2024 (Motion 22-FAA-21). Biggs seconded, and the motion carried.**
- **Belcher moved for the approval of a one-year lease, renewable for nine more years, with Coastal Educational Foundation for the property located on Highway 544 effective January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023 (Motion 22-FAA-22). Jason Repak seconded, and the motion carried.**

**Facilities and Planning Committee**

- **Sherry Johnson moved for approval of increasing the Indoor Practice Facility project budget from \$15 million—not to exceed \$20 million—pending design, scope, and cost estimates from construction manager and contingent upon available funding (Motion 22-FAC-06). Mark Kelley seconded, and the motion carried.**
- **Johnson moved for approval to sell real property consisting of 0.041 acres of Tax Map No. 151-00-03-065 located at the corner of Highway 501 and University Boulevard to the South Carolina Department of Transportation pursuant to**

SCDOT Project ID P032357 (Motion 22-FAC-07). William Turner seconded, and the motion carried.

**Academic Excellence and Student Experience Committee**

- Oran Smith moved for the approval of the new B.S. in Health Sciences (Motion 22-ASE-12). Joe Jarrett seconded, and the motion carried.
- Smith moved for the approval of the new B.A in Journalism and Sports Broadcasting (Motion 22-ASE-13). Patrick Sparks seconded, and the motion carried.
- Smith moved for the approval of the new Bachelor of Professional Studies (Motion 22-ASE-14). Sparks seconded, and the motion carried.

**Administration, Governance, and Advancement Committee**

- Turner moved for the approval to name Science Building II based on the terms of a seven-figure gift opportunity (Motion 22-AGA-04). Biggs seconded, and the motion carried.
- Turner moved for the approval to name the archive and special collections area of Kimbel Library based on a potential gift agreement for a seven-figure donation (Motion 22-AGA-05). John Bartell seconded, and the motion carried.
- Turner moved for the approval to name Academic and Office Building II “Penny Hall” to recognize the support of the Horry County community and the penny sales tax (Motion 22-AGA-06). Repak seconded, and the motion carried.

**Athletics Committee**

- Gene Spivey moved to approve the contracts for the head coach and offensive line coach. Repak seconded, and the motion carried.

**Legal and Compliance Committee**

No action items

**Executive Committee**

No action items

**V. Announcements**

Johnson recognized Executive Director for the Chanticleer Athletic Foundation, Kelly Moore, and her unit for their work on Giving Day in November. A total of 997 gifts were given.

**VI. Adjournment**

With no additional business, Kelley moved to adjourn. Biggs seconded, and the motion carried.

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Respectfully submitted,  
Christina Genovevo  
Recorder

## *Resolution*

State of South Carolina, United States of America  
County of Horry  
Coastal Carolina University



**WHEREAS**, Mike F. Hagg, former longtime CEO of Horry Telephone Cooperative (HTC), is unwavering in his support of the citizens of Horry County; and

**WHEREAS**, Mike F. Hagg is committed to enhancing and strengthening local education; and

**WHEREAS**, Mike F. Hagg worked tirelessly to advocate for the Horry County Penny Sales Tax, which was renewed by local citizens in November 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, the Penny Sales Tax funds capital improvements at Coastal Carolina University, Horry-Georgetown Technical College, and Horry County Schools; and

**WHEREAS**, the Penny Sales Tax has generated more than \$139 million for Coastal Carolina University since 2009; and

**WHEREAS**, revenue from the Penny Sales Tax has been instrumental in building facilities such as the newly named Penny Hall as well as Science Annex II, HTC Student Recreation and Convocation Center, Clay D. Brittain Jr. Hall, and Thompson Library, which is under construction, and acquisitions including the General James Hackler Golf Course, Student Health Center, and Coastal Science Center.

**WHEREAS**, Robert L. Rabon, a member of the Coastal Carolina University Board of Trustees from 1998 to 2009, served as campaign chairman of the Penny Sales Tax initiative; and

**WHEREAS**, Edgar L. Dyer held many key administrative roles, including executive vice president and chief operating officer, at Coastal Carolina University; and

**WHEREAS**, Will L. Garland served as senior vice president of administration and financial affairs at Coastal Carolina University; and

**WHEREAS**, Mark S. Kelley, a member of the Coastal Carolina University Board of Trustees, served as legislative liaison for the University and introduced legislation to allow Coastal Carolina University and Horry-Georgetown Technical College to benefit from the Penny Sales Tax; and

**WHEREAS**, these individuals have been instrumental in the initial passage of the Penny Sales Tax, and a plaque will be displayed in Penny Hall to recognize their work; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Coastal Carolina University Board of Trustees recognizes and offers its deep appreciation to Mike F. Hagg, Robert L. Rabon, Edgar L. Dyer, Will L. Garland, and Mark S. Kelley for their outstanding commitment to the people of Horry County and the Coastal Carolina University community; and

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution be entered into the minutes of the Coastal Carolina University Board of Trustees.

Done this thirteenth day of December, Two Thousand Twenty-Two.

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*Michael T. Benson, D.Phil.*  
*President, Coastal Carolina University*



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*H. Delan Stevens*  
*Chairman, Board of Trustees*