



May 2025 Governance and Board Enrichment Committee Meeting Minutes

College of Charleston Foundation

5/1/2025 1:15 PM EDT

@ Tate 131, 9 Liberty Street, or Zoom: <https://cofc.zoom.us/j/94399660444>

Attendance

Present:

Members: JR Barnhart, Leah Barron, Johnnie Baxley, Carl Blackstone (remote), Mark Buono, Tanner Crunelle, Neil Draisin, Sarah Exell (remote), Dan Frezza, Laney Friedman, Nicholas Glover (remote), Jonathan Hayes (remote), Sabra Horne, Carin Jorgensen, Ryan Morris, Steve Osborne, Bill Penney, Kady Preston, Richard Salmons, Keith Sauls, Catherine Smith, Sherrie Snipes-Williams, Edward Tuccio

Absent:

Members: Todd Abedon, Suzanne Austin, Tracey Bailey, Erica Brown, Beth Burke, Alicia Caudill, Eric Cox, Bartina Edwards, Craig Eney, Jimmie Foster, Leslie Gambee, Jamilla Harper, Bill Haskin, Courtney Howard, Andrew Hsu, Jeff Irwin, Jean Johnson, Stephen Kerrigan, Jeanie Knowlton, John Loonan, Robert Lukey, Susan Luna-Hazlewood, Richard Maclean, Cathy Mahon, Mitsy Mangum, Chappy McKay, Justin McLain, Leigh Meadows-McAlpin, Beth Meredith, Charles Mosteller, M.D., LaGuardia Myers, Chris O'Neal, Tricia Ory, Trish Priest, Ann Pryor, Brady Quirk-Garvan, Laura Ricciardelli, Matt Roberts, Brianna Sabacinski, Cristi Schultz, Laurie Soenen, Cynthia Thompson, Victoria Thompson, Kathy Williams

I. Call to order and roll call/FOIA Statement

Governance and Board Enrichment Chair Sabra Horne called the meeting to order at 1:24 p.m. and welcomed everyone. Quorum was confirmed. Chair Horne stated that the meeting notice had been posted as required by the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

 [May 2025 GBE agenda.docx](#)

II. Approval of minutes from November 14 and February 20 Governance and Board Enrichment Committee meeting

Chair Horne called for a motion to approve the minutes from the November 14, 2024 and February 20, 2025 Governance and Board Enrichment committee meetings. Mr. Steve Osborne made the motion, Vice Chair Johnnie Baxley seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

 [November Governance & Board Enrichment Committee Meeting Minutes - Copy.docx](#)

 [February 2025 Governance & Board Enrichment Committee Minutes.docx](#)

III. Discussion and finalize bylaws (vote if discussion allows)

Chair Horne reviewed the changes made to the bylaws, to include shortening them significantly to include only what items Directors need to know. The remainder are being saved as policies. The goal for FY26 is to identify and develop a host of policy documents. Action: the updated bylaws will be sent to the Foundation's counsel to ensure they meet SC law, then will be sent for an electronic vote for approval.

 [CofC Foundation Bylaws 4.19.25 revised.docx](#)

IV. New subcommittees

Chair Horne described the new subcommittees being formed to identify, collect and draft policies for the Foundation Board.

A. Asset Preservation


This committee will look beyond the Foundation's property to include all assets and to provide oversight on maintaining the value of the assets. Chappy McKay will work with Ed Tuccio and J.R. Barnhart to explore establishing this subcommittee.

B. Policy Framework

This subcommittee will look to establish and maintain the range of policy documents to support the bylaws. Steve Osborne and Leslie Gambee volunteered to lead this committee.

 [Draft Policy CofC Foundation Board Operations Policies.docx](#)

 [Draft Policy CofC Foundation Board Bylaws Succession Planning.docx](#)

 [Draft Policy CofC Foundation Board Evaluation of Officers and Board Effectiveness.docx](#)

C. Accountability

This subcommittee will ensure the Foundation's evaluation construct of self/director, committee and board assessment, as well as obligations are met.

V. Survey findings

The committee will review the findings and make recommendations based on these findings. The full summary will be released to the board in September.

 [2025 CofC Foundation Board Evaluation - for sharing.pdf](#)

VI. FY2026 preview

Chair Horne provided an overview of the activities that will be the focus for FY2026: building out the subcommittees, committee charters and corresponding work.

VII. Review board calendar for September

The item for attention in September is the Conflict of Interest questionnaire, which will be sent after June 30.N

VIII. Old Business/New Business

None was discussed.

IX. Adjourn

Chair Horne called for a motion to adjourn. Vice Chair Baxley made the motion, and Ms. Sherrie Snipes-Williams seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 1:59 p.m.