

College and University Trustee Screening Commission

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College and University Trustee Screening Commission Report to the General Assembly March 31, 2026

The College and University Trustee Screening Commission found the following individuals qualified and nominated for the Trustee seats to which they applied. These individuals will be released to receive commitments on Wednesday, April 1, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. (noon). The Joint Assembly to elect the Trustees will be set by Concurrent Resolution on a future date. A complete transcript of the hearings for these candidates will be printed in today's House and Senate Journals.

THE CITADEL

CANDIDATES FOUND QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

One (1) At-Large Seat – expired June 2023 (remainder of new term expires 2029)

Kenneth Scott Bland – Lexington
Kristofer Daniel Clark – Marietta
James E. Nicholson, Jr.* – Charleston

COASTAL CAROLINA UNIVERSITY

CANDIDATES FOUND QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

1st Congressional District – Seat 1 – expired June 2023 (remainder of new term expires 2027)

George Edward Mullen*, Hilton Head Island

3rd Congressional District – Seat 3 – expired June 2023 (remainder of new term expires 2027)

William S. Biggs*, Salem

4th Congressional District – Seat 4 – expired June 2025 (remainder of new term expires 2029)
William E. Turner III*, Simpsonville

5th Congressional District – Seat 5 – expired June 2023 (remainder of new term expires 2027)
Lisa Mabry Davis*, Gaffney

7th Congressional District Seat 7 – expired June 2023 (remainder of new term expires 2027)
Natasha Mabry Hanna*, Conway

At-Large- Seat 8 – expired June 2025 (remainder of new term expires 2029)
Jason Michael Repak*, Murrells Inlet

At-Large- Seat 9 – expired June 2023 (remainder of new term expires 2027)
Eugene C. Spivey*, Myrtle Beach

At-Large- Seat 10 – expired June 2025 (remainder of new term expires 2029)
Mark S. Kelley*, Conway

At-Large- Seat 11 – expired June 2023 (remainder of new term expires 2027)
Brian J. Argo, Myrtle Beach
Richard Blake Kline, Myrtle Beach
Edward Robert Tkacz, Myrtle Beach

At-Large- Seat 12 – expired June 2025 (remainder of new term expires 2029)
Hal Delan Stevens*, Conway

At-Large- Seat 13 – expired June 2023 (remainder of new term expires 2027)
Lee A. Belcher*, Conway

At-Large- Seat 14 – expired June 2025 (remainder of new term expires 2029)
Joe N. Jarrett, Jr.*, Myrtle Beach

At-Large- Seat 15 – expired June 2023 (remainder of new term expires 2027)
Patrick Steven Sparks*, Myrtle Beach

LANDER UNIVERSITY

CANDIDATES FOUND QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

5th Congressional District – Seat 5 – expired June 2024 (remainder of new term expires 2028)

~~Thomas Balek, Union~~ (withdrew 3/5/26)

Christopher Shawn Foxworth, Inman

At- Large Seat 12 –expires June 2026

Sabrina Anne Walker**, Sumter

At-Large Seat 15 - expires June 2026

Kathy R. Taylor**, Union

MEDICAL UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

CANDIDATE FOUND QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

2nd Congressional District – Lay Member – expired June 2024 (remainder of new term expires 2028)

William Delleney Wiseman, Blythewood

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY

CANDIDATES FOUND QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

At-Large – Seat 12 - expired June 2024 (remainder of new term expires 2028)

Donald Beatty, Spartanburg

Johnny Myron Sellers, Easley

Douglas M. Twitty, Fort Mill

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

CANDIDATES FOUND QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

2nd Judicial Circuit – expires June 2028

James Strom Thurmond, Jr.**, Aiken

Bernie Lee Sims, Jr., Aiken

4th Judicial Circuit – expired June 2024 (remainder of new term expires 2028)

Richard Mark Bonnoitt, Florence

J. Colin Hungerpillar, Hartsville

Caroline W. Streater, Cheraw

12th Judicial Circuit – expires June 2026
Coleman Floyd Buckhouse**, *Florence*

15th Judicial Circuit – expired June 2024 (remainder of new term expires 2028)

Frederick Schipman Johnston, *Murrells Inlet*

Michelle Kerscher Plyler, *Myrtle Beach*

Anthony Holland Pope, *Georgetown*

Kellah Fortson Webster, *Conway*

WINTHROP UNIVERSITY

CANDIDATES FOUND QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

7th Congressional District – Seat 7 – expired June 2024 (remainder of new term expires 2030)

Alison Jean Hamilton, *North Myrtle Beach*

At-Large Seat 10 – expires June 2027

Jean Haubert, *Fort Mill*

Timothy O’Riley, *Rock Hill*

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CANDIDATES FOUND QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

Three (3) At-Large Seats – expired June 2023 (remainder of new term expires 2027)

Dan Austin Dobson*, *Myrtle Beach*

Jackie Chitty Drake, *Gaffney*

**Indicates that a candidate is an incumbent. **Indicates that a candidate is an interim Governor Appointee.*