

**EXCERPT FROM THE PRELIMINARY REPORT
OF THE REAFFIRMATION COMMITTEE**

Statement Regarding the Report

The Board of Trustees of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) is responsible for making the final determination on reaffirmation of accreditation based on the findings contained in this committee report, the institution's response to issues contained in the report, other assessments relevant to the review, and application of the Commission's policies and procedures. Final interpretation of the Principles of Accreditation and final action on the accreditation status of the institution rest with SACSCOC Board of Trustees.

Name of the Institution: **University of South Carolina - Columbia**

Date of the Review: **November 3-4, 2020**

SACSCOC Staff Member: **Dr. Linda Thomas-Glover**

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4.2.d

Conflict of Interest

4.2 The governing board

- 4.2.d defines and addresses potential conflict of interest for its members.
(*Conflict of interest*)

Compliance

All members of the Board of Trustees are considered public officials and must adhere to state statutes and policies concerning conflicts of interest (South Carolina Code of Laws, Section 8-13-700). The Ethics Policy of the University of South Carolina (BRTU 1.18) provides a framework for recognizing, disclosing and managing conflicts of interest and specifies that “No public official, public member, or public employee may make, participate in making, or in any way attempt to use his office, membership, or employment to influence a governmental decision in which he, a member of his immediate family, an individual with whom he is associated, or a business with which he is associated has an economic interest.” The institution provided documentation of the policies pertaining to items such as financial disclosure, the systematic education on conflict of interest, as well as signed conflicts of interest forms for each board members for 2019.