

Subject: Trustee Concerns

Dear Chairman Roberts and Members of the SWBTS Board of Trustees:

In accordance with the requirements of Bylaws 2.5 and 2.7, based upon the concerns detailed below, we are formally requesting the support of fellow trustees for a special meeting by Zoom of the full Board of Trustees in executive session to be called, three days after a majority of the members of this Board (21 of 40 trustees) have indicated by written reply to this email their support for this special meeting request.

As trustees we have both an individual and collective primary responsibility to the sole member: the Southern Baptist Convention. We have both reached a point of conscience that for us to remain silent would be, in our own opinion, to fail in our fiduciary and legal responsibility to the sole member, the SBC, and to leave both of us open to potential questions of personal ethical failure if we do not immediately go on written record in a good faith attempt to disclose what we know to the rest of the Board of Trustees.

We have written this email for three reasons:

1. Mr. Sligar, a former Federal investigator, produced a detailed written report for the Board of Trustees to be presented at the April Board meeting, at the request of Chairman John Rayburn. The report details serious concerns that stemmed from the Greenway investigation. In a very late night meeting the Monday evening, extending into the early morning hours of Tuesday, before the working sessions of the Board began on Tuesday morning, Mr. Sligar was asked by officers of the executive committee to not disclose pertinent information to the full Board of Trustees, and to not send his full report to the Board in written form. Mr. Sligar chose to honor this request, and gave a selective verbal reading to the Board.

Later, on Tuesday afternoon, Mr. Bunnell, verbally raised separate concerns about administrative matters before the full Board of Trustees. Chairman Roberts acknowledged those concerns to be valid in his own opinion, while disputing the specific language that Mr. Bunnell recalled hearing in a separate phone conversation with Mr. Roberts.

2. Media reports this week have raised questions about the Greenway investigation, the role of the SWBTS Board of Trustees, and the existence of a written report. Yet that report exists. The executive committee has been given

the information. The full Board has not received the information, nor are most members fully aware of its existence.

3. Public records indicate that Mr. Colby Adams is the named director of a non-profit company registered with the State of Texas. (PDF Attached) The company is registered as Future Fort Worth Development Corporation, with its address registered to a private home owned by SWBTS. It includes two other men linked to the real estate sector of Fort Worth, Texas: David Motheral Jr. and John Freese. At least one of these men has had significant conversations about real estate matters with administrative officials of SWBTS. Mr. Adams, as lead negotiator on real estate deals for SWBTS has not disclosed this business relationship to the Board of Trustees.

In our opinion, this third point, and the questions it raises, especially in light of the first two, demands that the full Board of Trustees know what Mr. Sligar produced in his report. Therefore, based upon this new information, Mr. Sligar has now chosen to release this report to each member.

In light of all the information above, it is our carefully considered opinion that there are serious matters that demand urgent consideration by the full Board of Trustees. The questions raised by this information could affect the trustee system and our own institutional leadership, not to mention our public witness to Southern Baptists and the broader watching world.

The special meeting shall be for the purpose of considering all matters related to the information above, including, but not limited to, a review of the conduct of the officers of the Board and the Trustee Executive Committee.

This is a very difficult email to write and send. Our seminary has many challenges before it, and it is of utmost importance that we have confidence in the integrity and transparency of our trustee system. The information presented here should not be ignored or dismissed out of hand. We as trustees must get things right in order to get the ship that is Southwestern Seminary righted. Again, please reply to all with your support for a special meeting so we can gather together soon. We will not be taking calls about these matters we would prefer to address these concerns as a full board via Zoom in the spirit of transparency.

Respectfully Submitted,