

# The Good, The Bad, The Ugly

The legislature had a chance on May 1st to increase female representation on the MUSC Board of Trustees from 0% to 18% (should be 51%) by voting for two highly qualified women, Marva Smalls and Susan Pearlstine, who were running against a former legislator and the brother (a Republican\*) of a current legislator. It was also an opportunity to stand up for a core value of the Party – diversity – by adding two women to the all-male board. The chart below shows how your Democratic legislators voted:

## The Good

Chose to vote for TWO highly qualified women!

Beth Bernstein  
Joel Lourie  
Vincent Sheheen

## The Bad

Chose to vote for a man when they could easily have elected another highly qualified woman.

Terry Alexander  
Karl Allen  
Carl Anderson  
Robert Brown  
William Clyburn  
Gilda Cobb-Hunter  
Chandra Dillard  
MaryGail Douglas  
Robert Ford  
Jerry Govan  
Christopher Hart  
Kenneth Hodges  
Leon Howard  
Darrell Jackson  
Joseph Jefferson  
Kevin Johnson  
John King  
David Mack  
Gerald Malloy  
John Matthews  
Joseph McEachern  
Mia McLeod  
Harold Mitchell  
Joseph Neal  
Floyd Nicholson  
Anne Parks  
Clementa Pinckney  
Glenn Reese  
Leola Robinson-Simpson  
Todd Rutherford  
Ronnie Sabb  
John Scott  
Bakari Sellers  
James Smith  
Leonidas Stavrakis  
David Weeks  
Seth Whipper  
Robert Williams

## The Ugly

Chose the status quo by voting for BOTH men rather than electing two highly qualified women.

Michael Anthony  
Jimmy Bales  
William Bowers  
Lester Branham  
Grady Brown  
Creighton Coleman  
Laurie Funderburk\*\*  
Wayne George  
Wendell Gilliard  
Jackie Hayes  
Brad Hutto  
Thomas McElveen  
Yancey McGill  
Walton McLeod  
Elizabeth Munnerlyn\*\*  
Mandy Norrell\*\*  
Harry Ott  
Robert Ridgeway  
Nikki Setzler  
Ted Vick  
Kent Williams

*\*Michael Stavrakis, the candidate who got the most votes from Democrats in these two races is himself a Republican. At a recent Republican caucus meeting, Bobby Harrell introduced him as a "fellow Republican" and "the token Republican" in the Stavrakis family. Michael proudly stepped forward to accept the acknowledgement. Public records from the past two years show him donating \$2,000 to Paul Thurmond (R) and \$500 to Peter McCoy (R); no donations to Democrats. He also has a history of voting in Republican primaries; in last 8 years he voted twice in primaries – both times in the Republican primary.*

*\*\*"There is a special place in hell for women who don't help other women," said Madeleine Albright. It's worth noting that 3 out of 10 women legislators voted against both of the women*

# MUSC BOARD CANDIDATE COMPARISONS

## MICHAEL STAVRINAKIS

### Professional

President, Manny's Neighborhood Grill  
(3 locations in Charleston)

President, M.E.S. Travel & Junkets

### MUSC Experience & Involvement

Married to alumna of MUSC

Father was a patient at MUSC

### Boards

Aviation Authority Board

## SUSAN PEARLSTINE

### Professional:

Pearlstone Distributors, Inc (sold 2012), Owner & Director, Chairman of Board  
(At the time of the sale, it was one of the top 20 large privately owned companies in SC,  
with 210 employees in 7 counties)

Pearlstone Family Companies

### MUSC Experience & Involvement:

2013 Created & Funded Endowed Chair and Sarcoidosis Center of Excellence/MUSC

2011-2012 MUSC Board of Visitors

2008 Pearlstone Healing Garden, Hollings Cancer Center/MUSC

1990s Board, MUSC Children's Hospital

1970s Volunteer Candy Striper

### Boards:

Charleston Chamber of Commerce

Charleston Convention and Visitors Bureau

Halsey Institute of Contemporary Art, College of Charleston

Foundation for Sarcoidosis Research

Coastal Community Foundation

Hotline

American Cancer Society

Porter-Gaud School

Park City, UT Community Foundation

Temple Har Shalom

Kahai Kadosh Beth Elohim Synagogue

## JIM BATTLE

### Professional

1st Lieutenant, United States Army, Vietnam,  
1964-1966

J. R. Battle & Company (agribusiness) Owner

Representative, South Carolina State House  
of Representatives, 1997-2012

### MUSC Experience & Involvement

MUSC donor

### Boards

Chair, Marion County Hospital District,

President, South Carolina Aquaculture  
Association

Chair, Marion County Hospital District,  
1995-96

## MARVA SMALLS

### Professional:

Executive Vice President of Global Inclusion Strategy, Viacom

Executive Vice President of Public Affairs, and Chief of Staff,

Nickelodeon Networks Group

### MUSC Experience & Involvement:

Board of Visitors, MUSC

Major Donor, Sarcoidosis Center, MUSC

### Boards:

National Bank of SC

Joint Center for Political & Economic Studies

CTAM Foundation

Big Brothers – Big Sisters of America

American Theater Wing



## CURRENT MUSC BOARD