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Quick Facts

- Both incoming Board of Trustee officers, Kathy Bigham and Karl Folkens, served on the search committee for Winthrop's 10th president.
- Board of Trustee members bid farewell to two members leaving the group - outgoing Chair Dalton Floyd and Faculty Representative Cliff Calloway.



Kathy Bigham

ROCK HILL, S.C. - [Winthrop Board of Trustee members](#) elected **Rock Hill resident Kathy Bigham** as chair and **Florence attorney Karl Folkens** as vice chair at the June 7 board meeting. Both will serve one-year terms.

Bigham, who retired four years ago as president of **Thursdays Too restaurant** in Rock Hill, is a 1973 Winthrop graduate and has previously served as a Board of Trustees chair. She led the 10-member presidential search committee for the university's 10th president, which led to the hiring of Dr. Jayne Marie (Jamie) Comstock. She begins work on July 1.

Bigham also has served on numerous local committees, including the **Winthrop Eagle Club**, and on local and national political committees.

Folkens also was part of the presidential search committee. A 1978 Winthrop graduate who earned his law degree from the **University of South Carolina**, Folkens is a certified civil court mediator and arbitrator in state and federal courts, and a certified family court mediator. He served four terms as chair of the Board of Trustees and is currently chair of its Finance Committee.

Board members bid farewell to two members leaving the group. Outgoing Chairman Dalton Floyd Jr. of Surfside Beach, who was on the Winthrop Board for a total of six years, has resigned with two years left on his term to tend to work and family matters.

The attorney with the Floyd Law Firm joined the board in 2007 as an appointee by then **Gov. Mark Sanford**. He was elected in 2009 by the [General Assembly](#) to a six-year term on the Winthrop board representing one of three at-large seats and then was elected as vice chair and later chair.

A resolution honoring Floyd praised him for his many contributions to higher education in South Carolina, including a stint as a chairman of the [S.C. Commission on Higher Education](#), president of the **S.C. Higher Education Foundation** and member of the Board of Visitors of the **Medical University of South Carolina**. He and his wife, Linda, contributed to the creation of a **Winthrop professorship in leadership studies**.

A resolution honoring [Faculty Representative Cliff Calloway](#) also was read at the June 7 meeting, acknowledging the chemistry professor for his work on the presidential search committee, his dedication to Winthrop's mission and his academic accomplishments. Calloway rotates off after a two-year term and will be replaced by [English Professor John Bird](#).

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