

MINUTES

South Carolina Public Charter School District Board of Trustees Meeting

Professional Development Room
South Carolina Public Charter School District Office
1824 Barnwell Street
Columbia, SC 29201

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**February 10, 2022
10 a.m.**

I. Call to Order and Introductions

Chairman John Payne called the meeting to order at 10 a.m.

II. Invocation

Trustee Jonathan Butcher led the Invocation.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Trustee Jonathan Butcher led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Mission Statement

Chairman John Payne led the Mission Statement.

V. Roll Call

Secretary Randy Page recorded the Roll Call. All board members were marked as present.

VI. Consent Agenda

- A) Approval of the Agenda for the February 10, 2022, meeting.
- B) Approval of the Minutes for the January 13, 2022, meeting.
- C) Approval of the Minutes for the December 16, 2021, meeting.

Trustee Jonathan Butcher moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Vice Chairman Cyndi Mosteller seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

VII. Public Comments

The official meeting of the board is by law a public meeting and the Board values citizen input; however, in order to protect the integrity of the adopted agenda, public dialogue will be restricted to the 'Public Comments' section of the agenda or as directed by the Board chairman.

- Each speaker has two minutes.
- Speakers may not ask questions of Board Members.
- Board Members may not engage speakers in discussion.
- Disruptive behavior is not permitted.
- Personal attacks aimed at students or staff are not permitted.
- Scurrilous, obscene, or recklessly defamatory language aimed at any Board Member is not permitted/

Public comment was given on behalf of Mr. Richard Chapman by Superintendent Chris Neeley.

VIII. Executive Session

- Legal Advice on Requirements for School Closures
- Legal Advice on School Transfers
- Legal Updates

Secretary Randy Page moved to enter Executive Session. Trustee Jonathan Butcher seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

IX. Action Items

A) Lowcountry Acceleration Academy Amendments.....Catherine Watt

Vice Chairman Cyndi Mosteller made a motion to accept the first amendment for Lowcountry Acceleration Academy. Trustee Teresa Pope seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Secretary Randy Page made a motion to accept the second amendment for Lowcountry Acceleration Academy. Trustee Teresa Pope seconded, and the motion passed on a vote of 5-0 with Vice Chairman Cyndi Mosteller abstaining.

B) Polaris Tech Charter School Amendments.....Catherine Watt

Dr. Rechel Anderson, superintendent of Jasper County School District, spoke on the amendments. Lloyd Newton, chairman of the board of Polaris Tech Charter School, spoke on the amendments.

Secretary Randy Page made a motion to accept the first amendment for Polaris Tech Charter School. Trustee Jonathan Butcher seconded, and the motion passed on a vote of 5-1 with Trustee Teresa Pope opposing the motion.

Secretary Randy Page made a motion to accept the second amendment for Polaris Tech Charter School. Trustee Jonathan Butcher seconded, and the motion passed on a vote of 5-1 with Trustee Teresa Pope opposing the motion.

Trustee Jonathan Butcher exited the meeting.

C) Cape Romain Environmental Education Charter School Renewal.....Catherine Watt

The Cape Romain Environmental Education Charter School leadership team presented on its charter contract renewal. Trustee Kip Miller made a motion to approve the charter contract renewal. Vice Chairman Cyndi Mosteller seconded, and the motion passed on a vote of 4-1 with Trustee Teresa Pope opposing the motion. Trustee Jonathan Butcher was not present.

D) Greer Middle College Charter High School Renewal.....Catherine Watt

The Greer Middle College Charter High School leadership team presented on its charter contract renewal. Vice Chairman Cyndi Mosteller made a motion to approve the charter contract renewal. Trustee Kip Miller seconded, and the motion passed on a vote of 4-0 with Trustee Teresa Pope not voting. Trustee Jonathan Butcher was not present.

E) Youth Leadership Academy Renewal.....Catherine Watt

The Youth Leadership Academy leadership team presented on its charter contract renewal. Trustee Kip Miller made a motion to approve the charter contract renewal. Secretary Randy Page seconded, and the motion passed on a vote of 5-0. Trustee Jonathan Butcher was not present.

F) Financial Reports.....Michael Thom

Secretary Randy Page made a motion to approve the financial reports. Trustee Teresa Pope seconded, and the motion passed on a vote of 5-0. Trustee Jonathan Butcher was not present.

G) Waiver of Transfer Deadlines.....Chris Neeley

Trustee Teresa Pope made a motion to deny the waiver of transfer deadlines. Trustee Kip Miller seconded, and the motion passed on a vote of 5-0. Trustee Jonathan Butcher was not present.

H) Relinquishment of NEXT High School Charter Contract.....Chris Neeley

Trustee Kip Miller made a motion to accept the relinquishment of the NEXT High School charter contract. Secretary Randy Page seconded, and the motion passed on a vote of 5-0. Trustee Jonathan Butcher was not present.

X. Informational Items

A) Policy Subcommittee Report.....Randy Page, Erik Norton

Secretary Randy Page presented on the Policy Subcommittee Report. Chairman John Payne thanked Secretary Randy Page and stated the Policy Subcommittee Report was received as information.

XI. Superintendent's Report

A) Application Cycle Update

Chief of Authorizing and Charter Development Catherine Watt made a presentation on the Application Cycle Update.

B) COVID Operating Status Update

Deputy Superintendent Emily Paul made a presentation on the COVID Operating Status Update.

C) Enrollment Reports

Deputy Superintendent Taylor Fulcher made a presentation on the Enrollment Reports.

D) Operations Update

Chief Financial Officer Michael Thom made a presentation on the Operations Update.

XII. Adjournment

Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 2:22 p.m.