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**South Carolina Public Charter School District
Board of Trustees Meeting**

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March 9, 2023

10:00 a.m.

APPROVED

Randy Page
4/20/23
DATE

I. Call to Order and Introductions

Chairman John Payne called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

II. Invocation

Chairman John Payne led the Invocation.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman John Payne led the Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Mission Statement

Chairman John Payne read the Mission Statement.

V. Roll Call

Secretary Randy Page recorded Roll Call.

Board Members in attendance were Chairman John Payne, Vice Chairman Cyndi Mosteller, Secretary Randy Page, Trustee Teresa Pope, Trustee Kip Miller, and Trustee Billy Strickland. Trustee Stephen Gilchrist was in a meeting with the Governor and attended the meeting beginning at 11:58 a.m. during the GREEN Charter Greenville presentation by Mr. Tom Cronin. Trustee Jonathan Butcher was absent due to travel out of state. A quorum was present.

Staff present were Mr. Chris Neeley, Mr. Michael Thom (Virtually), Mrs. Emalee Baker, Mrs. Emily Paul, Mr. John R Payne, Mr. Erik Norton, Mrs. Jackie Snell, Mrs. Dee Drayton, Ms. Lawana (Louie) Michalke, Mrs. Rianna Smith, Ms. Chi-Chi Abando, Mrs. Marlene Sellars, Mr. Josh Findlay, Ms. Diana Kingsbury, Mrs. Kristin Farmer, Mr. Drew Johnson, Mrs. Jingtong Charlesworth, Dr. Perry Mills, Ms. Crystal Dennis, and Mrs. Teresa Etheridge.

Guests present were Dr. Asongwe Christian, Mr. Patrick T. James, Reverend Leroy T. James and Mr. Reginald Evans, Grace Academies; Mr. Bobby Collins, Mr. Tom Cronin, Ms. Laurel Wiles, Ms. Haley Brunson, Ms. Melanie Hammack, Ms. Miyah Jones-Lewis, Mr. Drew Adams, and Ms. Catherine Watt, GREEN Charter Greenville; Ms. Robin Betsill-Cohen, Dr. Laurie Lee, Mr. Cameron Oswald, Mr. Matthew Rivers, Dr. Diane Carr, Dr. Kaye Shaw, Ms. Ashley Cooper, and Ms. Brooks Backman, Midlands Middle College; Mr. Andrew Cilone, Mr. Eric Chastain, Mr. E. Keith Bailey, Mr. Brandon Byrd, Mrs. Brandy Benjamin, Mr. Gary Smith, Ms. Christal Jenkins, Ms. Mekole Cotton, and Ms. Debora McIntyre, Pee Dee Math, Science and Technology Academy; Mr. Lee Simmons, Mrs. Dana Hutton, and Ms. Julie Pringle, East Link Academy; Ms. Christina Dempsey, Mr. Robert Compton, Ms. Erica

Trustee Kip Miller offered a motion to deny the application of Grace Academies. Vice Chairman Cyndi Mosteller seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

D) Bridges Preparatory School Renewal.....Kristin Farmer

Trustee Billy Strickland offered a motion to accept Bridges Preparatory School renewal. Trustee Kip Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 5 Yes and 1 No vote.

E) GREEN Charter School Greenville Renewal.....Kristin Farmer

Secretary Randy Page offered a motion to accept GREEN Charter School Greenville renewal. Trustee Dr. Teresa Pope seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

F) Midlands Middle College Renewal.....Kristin Farmer

Vice President Cyndi Mosteller offered a motion to accept Midlands Middle College renewal. Trustee Billy Strickland seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

G) Pee Dee Math, Science, and Technology Academy Renewal.....Kristin Farmer

Trustee Billy Strickland offered a motion to accept Pee Dee Math, Science, and Technology Academy renewal. Trustee Kip Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

H) Riverwalk Academy Renewal.....Kristin Farmer

Trustee Kip Miller offered a motion to accept Riverwalk Academy renewal. Trustee Stephen Gilchrist seconded the motion. The motion was carried with a 6 Yes and 1 No vote.

I) February Financial ReportMichael Thom

Secretary Randy Page offered a motion to accept the February Financial Report. Trustee Dr. Teresa Pope seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

J) Superintendent's Performance Evaluation.....Chairman John S. Payne

Trustee Dr. Teresa Pope offered a motion to accept the Superintendent's Performance Evaluation. Trustee Billy Strickland seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

X. Information Items

XI. Superintendent's Report

A) Superintendent's Comments.....Chris Neeley

XII. Adjournment

Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 2:06 p.m.