

MINUTES

South Carolina Public Charter School District Board of Trustees Meeting

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April 27, 2023

10:00 a.m.

APPROVED

DATE: 5/11/23

I. Call to Order and Introductions

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

II. Invocation

Chairman John S. Payne let the Invocation.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman John S. Payne let the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Mission Statement

Chairman John S. Payne read the Mission Statement.

V. Roll Call

Secretary Randy Page recorded the Roll call.

Board Members in attendance were Chairman John S. Payne, Vice Chairman Cyndi Mosteller, Secretary Randy Page, Trustee Teresa Pope, Trustee Jonathan Butcher, Trustee Stephen Gilchrist, and Trustee Billy Strickland. Trustee Kip Miller was absent due to work-related travel. A quorum was present.

Staff present were Mr. Chris Neeley, Mrs. Emalee Baker, Mrs. Emily Paul, Mr. John R. Payne, Mr. Nick Michael, Mr. Erik Norton, Mrs. Jackie Snell, Mrs. Dee Drayton, Mrs. Tracie Sweet, Mrs. Rianna Smith, Mrs. Megan Lima, Mrs. Julie Iacuone, Mrs. Carla Dowey, Mrs. Mandy Freeman, Ms. Destiny Grant, Mrs. Kristie Wirth, Mrs. Susan Howard, Mrs. Wendy Ward, Mrs. Becky Huggins, Ms. Dawn Knapper, Ms. Chi-Chi Abando, Mrs. Marlene Sellars, Ms. Diana Kingsbury, Mrs. Kristin Farmer, Mr. Drew Johnson, Mrs. Jingtong Charlesworth, Dr. Perry Mills, Ms. Crystal Dennis, and Mrs. Teresa Etheredge.

Guests presenter were Mr. Stevenson Pierre, President of Cheraw's NAACP, Mr. John Folger, Mr. Jason Bryant, Mr. J. R. Joyner, Ms. Tonya Michael, Mr. John Melton, Mr. Blake Tillman, and Mr. Kevin Thurman, Pee Dee Hall; Ms. Jevona Armstrong, Ms. Heather Rath, Ms. Alana Jenkins, Dr. Kylene Davis, Ms. Mary T. Jacobs, Mr. Christopher D. Ophardt, Ms. J. Cicely Skinner-Givens, Ms. Deborah Hudson, Mr. Pervis Walker, Ms. Lynn Bryant, Ms. Deborah Martin, Ms. Caitlin Lee, Ms. Sally Lombard, Ms. Connie S. Murphy, Ms. Anitha Singleton Prather, Ms. Ethel M. Wallace, Ms. Verna Holmes, Ms. Victoria A. Smalls, and Ms. Amber Speights Lloyd, Sea Island Heritage Academy; Ms. Susan Finley, Mr. Jason Eichelberger (Clemson University), Ms. Betsy Anthony, Ms. Lori Mastromonico, Ms. Sandee Blankenship and Mr. Matthew Kutilek, Summit Academy: Learning in a Digital World; Ms. Meg Samples, Dr. Tara Williams, Ms. Sheree Muse, Mr. Michael MacKinnon, Dr. Elizabeth Jordan, Ms. Susan Stagner (ACCEL), Mr. Stephen Narcisse (ACCEL), and Ms. Teren Jackson (ACCEL) and Officer Joshua Robinson, Richland County Sheriff Department.

VI. Consent Agenda

A) Approval of the Agenda for the April 27, 2023, meeting.

Trustee Teresa Pope offered a motion to accept the agenda for April 27, 2023. Trustee Jonathan Butcher seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

B) Approval of the Minutes for the April 20, 2023, meeting. Trustee Jonathan Butcher offered a motion to accept the Minutes for April 20, 2023, with a revision to add the names for the final vote for Movement School North Charleston. Trustee Stephen Gilchrist abstained from voting due to his absence from the April 20, 2023, meeting. Motion carried.

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.

VIII. Executive Session

If needed.

IX. Action Items

A) Pee Dee Hall Kristin Farmer

Trustee Dr. Teresa Pope offered a motion to approve the application of Pee Dee Hall. Trustee Billy Strickland seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

B) Sea Islands Heritage Academy Kristin Farmer

Trustee Dr. Teresa Pope offered a motion to approve the charter school application received from Sea Islands Heritage Academy to serve grades 6-8 and conditionally approve the charter school application to serve grades 9-12 contingent on the submission of a fully developed and detailed high school curriculum plan that meets state statute and is deemed acceptable upon review by PCSD staff. Trustee Stephen Gilchrist seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The board meeting was adjourned at 12:32 p.m. for lunch.

The board meeting was called back to order at 1:10 p.m. by Chairman John S. Payne.

C) Summit Academy: Learning in a Digital World Kristin Farmer

Secretary Randy Page offered a motion to approve the application of Summit Academy: Learning in a Digital World. Trustee Stephen Gilchrist seconded the motion. Motion carried. Vice Chairman Cyndi Mosteller left the meeting at 1:35 p.m. and was not present for the vote.

D) Virtual Preparatory Academy of SC Kristin Farmer

Secretary Randy Page offered a motion to deny the application of Virtual Preparatory Academy of SC. Trustee Stephen Gilchrist seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Trustee Jonathan Butcher left the meeting at 2:06 p.m. and was not present for the vote.

E) Weeping Willows Charter School Kristin Farmer

Trustee Teresa Pope offered a motion to accept the withdrawal of the application of Weeping Willows Charter School. Trustee Billy Strickland seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

X. Informational Items

XI. Superintendent's Report

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

XII. Adjournment

Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 3:21 p.m.

