

**MINUTES**

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

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**January 19, 2023  
10:00 a.m.**

**APPROVED**

*Randy Page*  
DATE: 2/19/23

**I. Call to Order and Introductions**

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

**II. Invocation**

Vice Chairman Cyndi Mosteller 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 the Roll Call. A quorum was present.

Board Members in attendance were Chairman John Payne, Vice Chairman Cyndi Mosteller, Secretary Randy Page, Trustee Teresa Pope, Trustee Jonathan Butcher, Trustee Kip Miller, and Trustee Billy Strickland.

Staff present virtually were Mr. Chris Neeley, Mr. Michael Thom, Mrs. Emalee Baker, Mrs. Emily Paul, Mr. John R. Payne, Mr. Nick Michael, Mr. Erik Norton, Mrs. Jackie Snell, Mrs. Dee Drayton, Ms. Lawana (Louie) Michalke, Ms. Dawn Knapper, Mrs. Rianna Smith, Ms. Chi-Chi Abando, Mrs. Marlene Sellars, Mr. Josh Finley, Ms. Diana Kingsbury, Mrs. Kristin Farmer, Mrs. Megan Lima, Mrs. Rebecca Huggins, Mrs. Tracie Sweet, Mrs. Julie Iacuone, Mrs. Carla Dowey, Mrs. Mandy Freeman, Mr. Drew Johnson, Mrs. Jingtong Charlesworth, and Dr. Perry Mills. Ms. Crystal Dennis and Mrs. Teresa Etheridge attended virtually.

Guests present were Mr. Dan English, Cantey Tech; Mr. Kenny Brinckman, Mr. Ken Battle and Ms. Nadine Dief, Charleston Advancement Academy; Mr. Reinold Adams, Columbia Police Department; Mr. Aaron G. Railey, IAP Audio & Video; Ms. Jacinta Bryant, Acceleration Academy; Ms. Julie Pringle, Ms. Dana Hutto, and Mrs. Traci Bryant-Riches, East Link Academy Ms. Nadine Deif, Charleston Advancement Academy; and Mr. Tyler Turner, Turner & Caudell.

**VI. Consent Agenda**

A) Approval of the Agenda for the January 19, 2023

Trustee Kip Miller motioned to approve the agenda for the January 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. Trustee Dr. Teresa Pope seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

B) Approval of the Minutes of the December 15, 2022, meeting.

Secretary Randy Page motioned to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2022, board meeting. Vice Chairman Cyndi Mosteller seconded the motion. 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.

VIII. Executive Session

Secretary Randy Page offered a motion to move into Executive Session at 10:03 a.m. Trustee Billy Strickland seconded the motion. Motion carried. Chairman John Payne gaveled back into public session at 10:59 a.m.

IX. Action Item

A) Horry County Acceleration Academy Amendment Memo.....Kristin Farmer

Secretary Randy Page offered a motion to accept the amendment memo from Horry County Acceleration Academy. Dr. Teresa Pope seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

B) Midlands Arts Conservatory Amendment Memo.....Kristin Farmer

The Midlands Arts Conservatory Amendment was delayed until the February 9<sup>th</sup> board meeting.

C) Action on East Link Academy’s Charter.....John R. Payne  
Erik Norton

Trustee Jonathan Butcher offered a motion to deny the transfer request of East Link Academy. Dr. Teresa Pope seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

D) Action on Charleston Advancement Academy’s Charter.....John R. Payne  
Erik Norton

Chairman John Payne offered a motion to deny the transfer request of Charleston Advancement Academy. Trustee Jonathan Butcher seconded the motion. The motion was carried with six board members voting yes. Vice Chairman Cyndi Mosteller abstained from the vote.

Trustee Jonathan Butcher offered a motion to revoke the charter of Charleston Advancement Academy. Chairman John Payne seconded the motion. Chairman Payne called for a voice vote; Trustee Jonathan Butcher voted yes, Trustee Kip Miller voted yes, Vice Chairman Cyndi Mosteller voted no, Secretary Randy Page, voted yes, Chairman John Payne voted yes, Trustee Dr. Teresa Pope voted yes, and Trustee Billy Strickland voted yes. Motion carried.

E) December Financial Report .....Michael Thom

Secretary Randy Page offered a motion to accept the December Financial report. Trustee Kip Miller seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

X. Informational Items

A) Policy Subcommittee Report.....Randy Page

XI. Superintendent's Report

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

XII. Adjournment

Chairman Payne adjourned the meeting at 12:19 p.m.