

## MINUTES

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

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**October 12, 2023**

**10:00 a.m.**

**APPROVED**  
BY:  DATE: 11/9/23

#### **I. Call to Order and Introductions**

Chairman John S. 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 S. Payne led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **IV. Mission Statement**

Chairman John S. Payne read the Mission Statement

#### **V. Roll Call**

Secretary Randy Page recorded Roll Call.

Board Members in attendance were Chairman John S. Payne, Vice Chairman Cyndi Mosteller, Secretary Randy Page, Trustee Kip Miller, Trustee Stephen Gilchrist, and Trustee Billy Strickland. Trustees Dr. Teresa Pope and Jonathan Butcher was not present. A quorum was present.

Staff present were Mr. Chris Neeley, Mrs. Emalee Baker, Mr. John R. Payne, Mr. Nick Michael, Mr. Erik Norton, Mrs. Jackie Snell, Mrs. Dee Drayton, Mrs. Susan Howard, Mrs. Mrs. Carla Dowey, Ms. Nikki Templer, Mrs. Mandy Freeman, Ms. Destiny Grant, Mr. Josh Findlay, Ms. Dawn Knapper, Ms. Chi-Chi Abando, Mrs. Marlene Sellars, Mrs. Kristin Farmer, Mrs. Bridget Cuneo, Mr. Brad Henry, Mr. Drew Johnson, Mrs. Jingtong Charlesworth, Dr. Perry Mills, Ms. Crystal Dennis, and Mrs. Teresa Etheredge.

Guests present were Mr. Nathan Railey, IAP and Corporal Monica Sparkman, Richland County Sheriff Department. Nick Nicholson, Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd, P.A.; Allison Serafin, Building Hope. Students attending to receive SCReady awards were Anna Bao, Sienna Jones, Dashiell "Finn" Snyder, and Yuan Zheng, East Point Academy; Hasset Ayalew, Zehra Cevik, Nolan Shieh, Vivikta Simhachalam, Christopher Simonelli, Meadow Mc Cauley, and Corgin Whitham, GREEN Charter School-Greenville; Gavin Massa and Miley Montgomery, GREEN Charter School-Spartanburg; Cooper Wilson, High Point Academy; Lucas Spell, Riverwalk Academy; Arshad Ali, Luke Egner, Christopher Fogle, Adam Hinson, and James "Tate" Oliver, York Preparatory Academy. Others in attendance were Hunter Schimpff, Donna Taylor, Bob Taylor, Judith Spell, Beverly Spell, Stacy Spell, Kancha Wilson, Vaughn Wilson, Laura Wilson, Tamara Fogle, Mark Fogle, William Oliver, Betsy Oliver, Jeff Peschel, Peggy Peschel, Sholanin Davis, Virginia Massa, Shabana Ali, Mohamed Ali, Deepthi Simhachalam, Rebecca Kick, Sarr Simhaldan Stephanie McCauley, Grace Simonelli, Emily Whitman, Amanda Love, Chingwei Shieh, Jianhong Shi, Julie

Stribling, Beth Ann Arledge, Alisha Hinson, Bryan Hinson, Martha Draffin, Lindsey Egner, Ray Egner, Michael Massa, Sharma Egner, Mike Egner, David Snyder, Bianca Jones, Maurice Jones, Sashia Snyder, Alken Cevik, Fatner Cevik, and Meron Halson. Erik Whitlow, Lunda Page, and Ashley Cohoon, East Point Academy; Katlein Spagholo, Lorin Benjamin, Catherine Watt, Emily Whitham, and Amanda Love, GREEN Charter School; Kelly Busher, High Point Academy; and Robbie Compton, Riverwalk Academy.

#### VI. Consent Agenda

A) Approval of the Agenda for the October 12, 2023, meeting.

Vice Chairman Cyndi Mosteller offered a motion to accept the Agenda for October 12, 2023. Trustee Kip Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

B) Approval of the Minutes for the September 14, 2023, meeting.

Secretary Randy Page offered a motion to accept the Minutes for September 14, 2023. Trustee Stephen Gilchrist 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

No Executive Session needed.

#### IX. Informational Items

A) Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) .....Nick Nicholson, Attorney

B) Policy Subcommittee Report ..... Secretary Randy Page

B) Board Governance ..... Destiny Grant

#### X. Action Items

A) Compass Collegiate Academy Amendment ..... Kristin Farmer

Vice Chairman Cyndi Mosteller offered to accept the Compass Collegiate Academy Amendment. Secretary Randy Page seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

B) August 2023 Financial Report/Audit Update.....Nick Michael

Secretary Randy Page offered a motion to accept the August 2023 Financial Report. Trustee Billy Strickland seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

XI. Superintendent’s Report
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A) Support and Implementation Update ..... Emalee Baker

B) Superintendent’s Update ..... Chris Neeley

C) SCReady Kids Recognition..... Chris Neeley

XII. Adjournment
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The meeting was adjourned at 11:48 a.m.