

MINUTES

South Carolina Public Charter School District Board of Trustees Meeting

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September 14, 2023

10:00 a.m.

APPROVED

DATE: 10/12/23

BY: [Signature]

I. Call to Order and Introductions

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

II. Invocation

Secretary Randy Page 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, Trustee Teresa Pope, Trustee Kip Miller, Trustee Jonathan Butcher, Trustee Stephen Gilchrist, and Trustee Billy Strickland, and Secretary Randy Page. Vice Chairman Cyndi Mosteller was not present at the meeting. 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. Wendy Ward, Mrs. Carla Dowey, Ms. Nikki Templer, Mrs. Mandy Freeman, Ms. Destiny Grant, Mr. Josh Findlay, Mrs. Wendy Ward, 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 M. Sparkman, Richland County Sheriff Department.

VI. Consent Agenda

A) Approval of the Agenda for the September 14, 2023, meeting.

Trustee Dr. Teresa Pope offered a motion to accept the Agenda for September 14, 2023. Trustee Billy Strickland seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

B) Approval of the Minutes for the August 10, 2023, meeting.

Trustee Stephen Gilchrist offered a motion to accept the Minutes for August 10, 2023. Trustee Kip Miller 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

A) Litigation Update Erik Norton

Chairman John S. Payne adjourned the meeting into Executive session at 10:03 a.m. and he graveled back into public session at 10:40 a.m.

IX. Action Items

A) July 2023 Financial Report.....Nick Michael

Trustee Kip Miller offered to accept the July 2023 Financial Report. Trustee Stephen Gilchrist seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

B) Charleston Advancement Academy Closure Erik Norton

Secretary Randy Page offered to direct and authorize Superintendent Neeley to take the steps necessary to (1) ensure Charleston Advancement Academy closes as required by the law and (2) pursue accountability of individuals responsible for or complicity with any violations of the law by Charleston Advancement Academy. Trustee Teresa Pope seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

X. Informational Items

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

XI. Superintendent's Report

A) Sponsor Performance Update John R. Payne

B) Finance and Operations Update Nick Michael

- C) Support and Implementation Update Emalee Baker
- D) Strategic Plan Update Emily Paul
- E) Employee 5-year Service Awards.....Chris Neeley
- F) Superintendent Comments Chris Neeley

XII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:41 a.m.