

**MINUTES**

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

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**March 14, 2024**  
**10:00 a.m.**

**APPROVED**

DATE: 3/14/24  
BY: [Signature]

**I. Call to Order and Introductions**

Chair Cyndi C Mosteller called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**II. Invocation**

Trustee Kip Miller led the Invocation.

**III. Pledge of Allegiance**

Trustee Dexter WJ Davis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**IV. Mission Statement**

Dr. Teresa Pope read the Mission Statement.

**V. Roll Call**

Secretary Randy Page recorded Roll Call.

Board Members in attendance were Chair Cyndi Mosteller, Secretary Randy Page, Stephen Gilchrist, Trustee Kip Miller, Trustee Dr. Teresa Pope, Trustee Jonathan Butcher, Trustee Dexter WJ Davis, and Trustee Billy Strickland. 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, Ms. Dawn Knapper, Mrs. Carla Dowe, Mrs. Amanda Freeman, Mrs. Nicole Templar, Mrs. Becky Huggins, Mrs. Wendy Ward, Ms. Dianna Kingsbury, Mrs. Rianna Smith, Mrs. Susan Howard, Ms. Tatiana Velez, Mrs. Megan Lima, Mrs. Jackie Snell, Mrs. Kristin Farmer, Mrs. Bridget Cueno, Mr. Drew Johnson, Mr. Brad Henry, Mrs. Julie Iacuone, Mr. Chad Higgins, Ms. Destiny Grant, Dr. Perry Mills, Ms. Chi-Chi Abando, Mrs. Marlene Sellars, Mrs. Jingtong Charlesworth, Ms. Crystal Dennis, and Mrs. Teresa Etheredge.

Guests in attendance were Mr. Nathan Railey, IAP; David Lintert, Richland County Sheriff Department; Dan English, Cantey; Khalilah Palmer, and Susan Johnson, Excel Center; Leslie Ann Wesson, George Johnson, Jr., Ruta Allen, Devin Bird, Nikki Dickens, Josh Bell, Chris Crawley, Maras Buckman, Kyndran Hilton, Jenara Noel, Meeting Street Academy-Spartanburg; Mary Nell Anthony, Greenville Technical Charter High School; Chris Harvey, Elliott Smalley, Lee Deas, Ruth Chambers-Turner, Michael Jaboe, Amy Mimms, Brian Itzkowitz, Kelle Whitaker, Palmetto Excel-Sumter and Spartanburg.

**VI. Consent Agenda**

A) Approval of the Agenda for the March 14, 2024, meeting.

Dr. Teresa Pope offered a motion to accept the agenda for March 14, 2024. Trustee Stephen Gilchrist seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

B) Approval of the Minutes for the February 8, 2024, meeting.

Secretary Randy Page offered a motion to accept the minutes for February 8, 2024, with amendment of Trustee Stephen Gilchrist leading the Pledge of Allegiance. 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. Informational Items

Greenville Technical Charter High School 25-Year Recognition ..... Chris G. Neeley  
Superintendent

Mary Nell Anthony Retirement Recognition ..... Chris G. Neeley  
Superintendent

IX. Action Items

A) PCSD Board Policy Manual Third Reading .....Secretary Randy Page

Secretary Randy Page offered a motion to accept the PCSD Board Policy Manual Third Reading. Dr. Teresa Pope seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

B) Coastal Preparatory Academy Charter Application..... John R. Payne  
Deputy Superintendent, Sponsor Performance

Trustee Jonathan Butcher offered a motion to deny the application for Coastal Preparatory Academy Charter Application. Trustee Kip Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

C) Diamonds Institute Charter Application .....John R. Payne  
Deputy Superintendent, Sponsor Performance

Trustee Dr. Teresa Pope offered a motion to deny the application for Diamonds Institute Charter Application. Trustee Jonathan Butcher seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- D) Myrtle Beach STEM Academy Charter Application..... John R. Payne  
Deputy Superintendent, Sponsor Performance

Secretary Randy Page offered a motion to deny the application for Myrtle Beach STEM Academy Charter Application. Trustee Billy Strickland seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- E) Meeting Street Academy - Spartanburg Application .....Kristin Farmer  
Chief of Authorization and Development

Trustee Billy Strickland offered a motion to accept the Meeting Street Academy - Spartanburg Application. Trustee Dr. Teresa Pope seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- F) Palmetto Excel Sumter Application .....Kristin Farmer  
Chief of Authorization and Development

Trustee Dr. Teresa Pope offered a motion to accept the Palmetto Excel Sumter Application. Trustee Dexter WJ Davis seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- G) Palmetto Excel Spartanburg Application .....Kristin Farmer  
Chief of Authorization and Development

Secretary Randy Page offered a motion to accept the Palmetto Excel Spartanburg Application. Trustee Kip Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- H) January 2024 Financial Report/Finance Updates.....Nick Michael  
Deputy Superintendent of Financial Services

Trustee Kip Miller offered a motion to accept the January 2024 Financial Report. Trustee Stephen Gilchrist seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- I) Auditing Services Fiscal years 2024, 2025, and 2026 .....Nick Michael  
Deputy Superintendent of Financial Services

Stephen Gilchrist offered a motion to accept the Auditing Services Fiscal years 2024, 2025, and 2026. Trustee Dr. Teresa Pope seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Stephen Gilchrist offered a motion to adjourn to Executive Session. Secretary Randy Page seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 11:34 a.m. and returned to open session at 1:05 p.m.

X. Executive Session (Working Lunch)
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- A) Superintendent's Performance Evaluation.....Chair Cyndi C Mosteller