

MINUTES

South Carolina Public Charter School District Board of Trustees Meeting

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February 13, 2025
10:00 a.m.

APPROVED

BY: DJD DATE: 3/13/25

I. Call to Order and Introductions

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

II. Invocation

Secretary Dexter WJ Davis led the Invocation.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Trustee Jonathan Butcher led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Position and Mission Statement

Trustee Dr. Billy Strickland read the Position and Mission Statements.

V. Roll Call

Secretary Dexter WJ Davis recorded Roll Call.

Board Members in attendance were Chair Cyndi Mosteller, Secretary Dexter WJ Davis, Trustee Dr. Teresa Pope, Trustee Jonathan Butcher, Trustee Billy Strickland, Trustees Kip Miller, and Trustee Stephen Gilchrist. A quorum was present.

Staff present were Mr. Chris Neeley, Mrs. Emalee Baker, Mrs. Emily Paul, Mr. John R. Payne, Mr. Nick Michael, Mr. Brad Henry, Mr. Erik Norton, Mr. John S. Payne, Mr. Josh Findlay, Mrs. Amanda Freeman, Mrs. Carley Dowey, Ms. Dawn Knapper, Mrs. Nicole Templar, Mrs. Becky Huggins, Mrs. Ariel Eaves, Mrs. Dee Drayton, Mrs. Tracie Sweet, Ms. Dianna Kingsbury, Mrs. Susan Howard, Mrs. Betty Freeman, Mrs. Jackie Snell, Mrs. Kristin Farmer, Mrs. Bridget Cuneo, Mrs. Sarah Boria, Ms. Destiny Grant, Ms. Chi-Chi Abando, Mrs. Marlene Sellars, Mr. Chad Higgins, Ms. Crystal Dennis, and Mrs. Teresa Etheredge.

The guests present were Mr. Nathan Railey, IAP; Mr. Reginald Pitts, Cantey; and M. Sparkman, Richland County Sheriff Department.

VI. Consent Agenda

A) Approval of the Agenda for the February 13, 2025, meeting.

Trustee Stephen Gilchrist a motion to approve the Agenda for February 13, 2025. Trustee Kip Miller seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

B) Approval of the Minutes for the January 9, 2025, meeting.

Trustee Dr. Teresa Pope offered a motion to approve the Minutes for the January 9, 2025, Board Meeting. Trustee Dr. Billy Strickland seconded the motion. The motion was 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

IX. Executive Session

- A) Year 0 Schools Chris G. Neeley
Superintendent

Trustee Kip Miller offered a motion to adjourn into Executive Session. Trustee Stephen Gilchrist seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:04 a.m. and returned into open session at 10:46 a.m.

X. Action Items

- A) Felton Lab Charter School Renewal Contract Kristin Farmer
Chief of Authorization and Development

Trustee Dr. Teresa Pope offered a motion to approve the Felton Laboratory Charter School contract for signature by the Board Chair as recommended by the staff. Trustee Stephen Gilchrist seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- B) Lakes and Bridges Charter School Goal Amendment Kristin Farmer
Chief of Authorization and Development

Trustee Jonathan Butcher offered a motion to approve the Lakes and Bridges Charter School Goal Amendment as recommended by the staff. Trustee Dr. Billy Strickland seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- C) Hope City Charter School Application Denial (Inadvertent Submission)
..... Kristin Farmer
Chief of Authorization and Development

Trustee Kip Miller offered a motion to respectively deny the charter application submitted by Hope City Charter school for the 2025 application cycle, due to the applicant's intent to seek authorization from a different sponsor as recommended by the staff. Trustee Stephen Gilchrist seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- D) Palmetto Career Academy Recommendation Kristin Farmer
Chief of Authorization and Development

Trustee Kip Miller offered a motion to proceed with a notice of revocation for Palmetto Career Academy's effective May 1, 2025 as recommended by the staff. Trustee Kip Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- E) December 2024 Financial Report..... Nick Michael
Deputy Superintendent of Financial Services

Trustee Dr. Teresa Pope offered a motion to approve the December 2024 Financial Report as recommended by the staff. Trustee Kip Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously

XI. Superintendent's Report

- A) Sponsor Performance Update John R. Payne
Deputy Superintendent, Sponsor Performance
- B) Support and Implementation Update Emalee Baker
Deputy Superintendent, Support & Implementation
- C) External Affairs UpdateBrad Henry
Executive Director, External Affairs
- D) Strategic Plan Update Emily Paul
Chief Deputy Superintendent
- E) Superintendent's Comments Chris G. Neeley
Superintendent
- F) Employee 5-Year Service Award Chris G. Neeley
Superintendent

XII. Adjournment

Trustee Stephen Gilchrist offered a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Dr. Teresa Pope seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.