

MINUTES

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

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June 12, 2025

10:00 a.m.

APPROVED

BY: *[Signature]* DATE: 8/14/2025

I. Call to Order and Introductions

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

II. Invocation

Trustee Stephen Gilchrist offered the Invocation.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Trustee Dr. Billy Strickland led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Position and Mission Statement

Chair Cyndi C. Mosteller read the Position and Mission Statements.

I. 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, and Trustee Stephen Gilchrist, and Trustee Kip Miller. Trustee Craig Plank was absent. A quorum was present.

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

Guests present were Mrs. Michelle Bishop, Ms. Annette Havens, and Ms. Kim Dunbar, SC Whitmore; Mrs. Hannah Holmes, and Dr. Tomikia Whitmire, Spartanburg Preparatory Academy; Mr. Andrew Hart, Mrs. Andrew Hart, and Ms. Sarah Maher, East Point Academy; Mr. Robert King, Mr. Joseph Rutter, and Mrs. Alana Jenkins Marchel, Sea Islands Heritage Academy.

VI. Consent Agenda

A) Approval of the Agenda for the June 12, 2025, meeting.

Trustee Stephen Gilchrist a motion to approve the Agenda for June 12, 2025. Trustee Kip Miller seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

A) Approval of the Minutes for the May 15, 2025, meeting.

Trustee Dr. Teresa Pope offered a motion to approve the Minutes, May 15, 2025. Trustee Dr. Billy Strickland seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

VII. Public Comments Mr.

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

- A) Andrew Hart Retirement Recognition Emily Paul
Chief Deputy Superintendent
- B) SC Whitmore Recognition Emalee Baker
Deputy Superintendent, Support & Implementation
- C) 2025 Core Value Award Chris G. Neeley
Superintendent

IX. Executive Session

X. Action Items

- A) Harrell Martin & Peace Engagement Renewal Chris G. Neeley
Superintendent

Trustee Jonathan Butcher offered a motion to approve the Harrell Martin & Peach Engagement Renewal as recommended by staff. Trustee Stephen Gilchrist seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- B) Spartanburg Preparatory School Amendment Kristin Farmer
Chief of Authorization and Development

Trustee Dr. Teresa Pope offered a motion to approve the Spartanburg Preparatory School Amendment. Trustee Stephen Gilchrist seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- C) Revocation Hearing John R. Payne
Deputy Superintendent, Sponsor Performance

Trustee Dr. Teresa Pope offered a motion to revoke the charter and charter contract for Sea Islands Heritage Academy, effective June 30, 2025. Trustee Kip Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- D) PowerSchool Legal Action John R. Payne
Deputy Superintendent, Sponsor Performance

Trustee Jonathan Butcher offered a motion to approve Superintendent Chris G. Neeley to sign the Attorney-Client contract and join the case for current or future relief. Trustee Stephen Gilchrist seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- E) Closure Protocol Policy John R. Payne
Deputy Superintendent, Sponsor Performance

Trustee Stephen Gilchrist offered a motion to approve Closure Protocol Policy as recommended by the staff. Trustee Kip Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- F) GREEN Charter School Taylors Voluntary Relinquishment Kristin Farmer
Chief of Authorization and Development

Trustee Kip Miller offered a motion to approve the voluntary relinquishment of GREEN fCharter School Taylors' charter as recommended by the staff. Trustee Dr. Teresa Pope seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- G) April 2025 Financial Report John S. Payne
Chief of External Board Relations

Trustee Stephen Gilchrist offered a motion to approve the April 2025 Financial Report as recommended by staff. Trustee Jonathan Butcher seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- H) Third Reading, Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget John S. Payne
Chief of External Board Relations

Trustee Kip Miller offered a motion to approve the Third Reading of Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget as recommended by the staff. Trustee Stephen seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- I) Board Elections Chair Cyndi C. Mosteller
Board Chair

Board elections were conducted by Chair Cyndi C. Mosteller.

Trustee Kip Miller nominated Cyndi C. Mosteller for the office of Chair. There were no other nominations for Chair.

Trustee Dr. Billy Strickland nominated Dexter WJ Dexter for the office of Vice Chair. There were no other nominations for Vice Chair.

Trustee Jonathan Butcher nominated himself for the office of Secretary. There were no other nominations for Secretary.

Trustee Stephen Gilchrist motioned to bring the elections to a close. Newly elected Vice Chair Dexter WJ Davis seconded the motion.

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
B)	External Affairs Update	Brad Henry Executive Director, External Affairs
D)	Strategic Plan Update	Emily Paul Chief Deputy Superintendent
E)	Superintendent's Comments	Chris G. Neeley Superintendent
XII.	Adjournment	