

**MINUTES**

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

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**September 11, 2025**  
**10:00 a.m.**

**APPROVED**

BY: [Signature] DATE: 10/14/2025

**I. Call to Order and Introductions**

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

**II. 9/11 Observance/Invocation**

Trustee Craig Plank led the 9/11 observance and the Invocation.

**III. Pledge of Allegiance**

Trustee Stephen Gilchrist led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**IV. Position and Mission Statements**

Trustee Kip Miller read the Position and Mission Statements.

**V. Roll Call**

Secretary Jonathan Butcher recorded the Roll Call.

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

Staff present were Mr. Chris Neeley, Mrs. Emalee Baker, Mrs. Emily Paul, Mr. Nick Michael, Mr. Brad Henry, Mr. Erik Norton, Mrs. Amanda Freeman, Mrs. Carla Downey, Ms. Dawn Knapper, Mrs. Nicole Templar, Ms. Andrea Green, Mrs. Becky Huggins, Mrs. Rianna Smith, Mrs. Ariel Eaves, Mrs. Dee Drayton, Dr. Laura Lee, Mr. Patrick Bowers, Mrs. Betty Freeman, Mrs. Jackie Snell, Mrs. Kristin Farmer, Mrs. Bridget Cueno, Mrs. Sarah Boria, Mr. Josh Findlay, Mr. Erron McKinney, Ms. Tina Scott, Ms. Lisa Santiago, Mrs. Marlene Sellars, Mr. Chad Higgins, Ms. Crystal Dennis, and Mrs. Teresa Etheredge

Guests present were Mr. Nate Railey, Dr. Jacinta Bryant, SCAA Board, Lowcountry Acceleration Academy and Carolina Shores Acceleration Academy; Mr. Dwight Ho-Seng, Legacy Early College.

**VI. Consent Agenda**

A) Approval of the Agenda for the September 11, 2025, meeting.

Trustee Dr. Teresa Pope offered a motion to approve the Agenda for September 11, 2025. Trustee Stephen Gilchrist seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

B) Approval of the Minutes for the August 14, 2025, meeting.

Trustee Stephen Gilchrist offered a motion to approve the Minutes for August 14, 2025. 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

- A) Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) ..... Erik T. Norton  
Harrell Martin & Peace, PA
- B) PCSD Core Value Award ..... Emily Paul  
Chief Deputy Superintendent

IX. Executive Session

X. Action Items

- A) Legacy Early College Goal Amendment ..... Kristin Farmer  
Chief of Authorization and Development

Trustee Craig Plank offered a motion to approve Legacy Early College Goal Amendment. Vice Chair Dexter WJ Davis seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- B) Lowcountry Acceleration Academy/Carolina Shores Acceleration Academy Goal Amendment ..... Kristin Farmer  
Chief of Authorization and Development

Trustee Dr. Teresa Pope offered a motion to approve the Lowcountry Acceleration Academy and Carolina Shores Acceleration Academy Goal Amendment. Trustee Stephen Gilchrist seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- C) July Financial Report/Audit Update ..... Nick Michael  
Deputy Superintendent of Financial Services

Trustee Kip Miller offered a motion to approve the July 2025 Financial Report as recommended by staff. Trustee Dr. Billy Strickland 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 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

Trustee Stephen Gilchrist offered a motion to adjourn followed by a second by Dr. Billy Strickland. The meeting adjourned at 12:22 p.m.