

MINUTES

South Carolina Public Charter School District Board of Trustees Meeting

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October 9, 2025

10:00 a.m.

APPROVED
BY: *[Signature]* DATE: 11/20/25

I. Call to Order and Introductions

Vice Chair Dexter WJ Davis called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

II. Invocation

Trustee Dr. Billy Strickland led the Invocation.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Trustee Kip Miller led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Position and Mission Statements

Trustee Dr. Teresa Pope read the Position and Mission Statements.

V. Roll Call

Secretary Jonathan Butcher recorded the Roll Call.

Board Members in attendance were 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. Chair Cyndi Mosteller 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. John S. Payne, Mrs. Nicole Templar, Ms. Dawn Knapper, Mrs. Becky Huggins, Mrs. Ariel Eaves, Mrs. Dee Drayton, Dr. Laurie Lee, Mr. Patrick Bowers, Mrs. Tracie Sweet, Mrs. Susan Howard, Mrs. Jackie Snell, Mrs. Kristin Farmer, Mrs. Bridget Cueno, Mrs. Sarah Boria, Mr. Josh Findlay, Mr. Erron McKinney, Ms. Tina Scott, Ms. Lisa Santiago, Ms. Chi-Chi Abando, Mrs. Marlene Sellars, Mr. Chad Higgins, Ms. Crystal Dennis, and Mrs. Teresa Etheredge.

Guests present were: Bridgette Halker, Deborah Moore, Kayle Stevenson, Patricia Maichel, Gary McCulloch, Ava Chapman, Jude Chapman and family, Oliva Bacon and family, Kelsey Bacon, Benjamin Flack and family, Bridges Preparatory Academy; Rhia Regmi, Rajita Sharma, Heath Wilkerson and family, Horace and San Brown, Subash Regmi, Rebekah Hiatt, Bianca Jones and Family, and Maurice Jones, Harlan Tyler and Family, Adona Rumph and family, East Point Academy; Tom Cronin, Prafulla Kumary and Family, Aravinda Prasad, Vivian Manalo, Nichelle Johnson, Mercy Wilkinson, Lucas Tsai, Joseph Manalo, Lexie Manalo, Liev Chambers and family, Elloise VanDerveer, John McGlauffin and family, Green Charter Schools; Ailah Green, Legacy Early College Elementary; Adair Moore and family, Emily Hatfield, Liberty STEAM Charter; Kaylee Rainwater, Siobhan Ragan, and Vanessa Anderson, Meeting Street Academy; Marie and Bill Jones, Tiffany Stewart, Shane Stewart, Lynn Stewart and Jones Stewart, Tall Pines STEM Academy; Dane Yancy and family, Nash Wuelfing and family, Tim Parnell, Eva

Parnell, Shannon Beltakis, Kathy Griggs, James Campbella and family, Everly Sistare and family, Arshad Ali, and Tanner Gibson and family, York Preparatory Academy; Brian Flynn, MWC, and M. Sparkman, Richland County Sheriff Department.

VI. Consent Agenda

A) Approval of the Agenda for the October 9, 2025, meeting.

Trustee Stephen Gilchrist offered a motion to approve the Agenda for October 9, 2025. Trustee Dr. Billy Strickland seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

B) Approval of the Minutes for the September 11, 2025, meeting.

Trustee Dr. Teresa Pope offered a motion to approve the Minutes for September 11, 2025. Trustee Stephen Gilchrist 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) Board Meeting Streaming Policy - 1st Reading John R. Payne
Deputy Superintendent, Sponsor Performance

IX. Executive Session

X. Action Items

B) August 2025 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 Jonathan Butcher 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
- F) SCReady Kids Recognition Chris G. Neeley
Superintendent

XII. Adjournment

Trustee Dr. Billy Strickland offered a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Stephen Gilchrist seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 p.m.