

MINUTES

South Carolina Public Charter School District Board of Trustees Meeting

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November 20, 2025
10:00 a.m.

APPROVED

DATE: 11/20/2025
CMM

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 led the Invocation.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Trustee Craig Plank led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Position and Mission Statements

Secretary Jonathan Butcher 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. 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, Mrs. Crystal Boyce, and Mrs. Teresa Etheredge.

Guests present were: Ms. Eunice Koh, Mark Natvig, Allen Wang, Oliver McWilliams, William Leonardi, Walker Ledford, Anna Hall, Abby Frijoles-McCracken, Taylor King, East Point Academy; Lori Mastromonico, Barbara Roberts, Jason Eichelberger, Kevin Vincent, Lindsey Capps, and Kelly Schepens, Tall Pines STEM Academy; Venesa Reyes, and Jerome Reyes, Butler Academy; D. Ho-Sang, and J. Herring, Legacy Early College; Ronald Drayton, A. Stan Davis (Consultant), and Tan K. Davis; Sara Jane Arnett, MCEC; Shell Suber, Shell Suber Photography and T. Perry, Richland County Sheriff Department.

VI. Consent Agenda

A) Approval of the Agenda for the November 20, 2025, meeting.

Trustee Stephen Gilchrist offered a motion to approve the Agenda for November 20, 2025. Trustee Dr. Teresa Pope seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

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

Trustee Stephen Gilchrist offered a motion to approve the Minutes for October 9, 2025. Trustee Kip Miller 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) East Point Academy String Ensemble Brad Henry
Executive Director, External Affairs

B) America's Healthiest Schools - Legacy Early College and Butler Academy Susan Howard
Chief of Support and Implementation

C) Deitrich (Dee) Drayton Retirement Susan Howard
Chief of Support and Implementation

D) Camp Long Recognition Emily Paul
Chief Deputy Superintendent

E) A. Stan Davis 5 Year Service Recognition Emily Paul
Chief Deputy Superintendent

F) Erik T. Norton 10+ Year Service Recognition Emily Paul
Chief Deputy Superintendent

G) PCSD Core Value Award Emily Paul
Chief Deputy Superintendent

IX. Executive Session

(If Needed)

X. Action Items

A) Board Meeting Streaming Policy - 2nd Reading John R. Payne
Deputy Superintendent, Sponsor Performance

Trustee Stephen Gilchrist offered a motion to approve the Board Meeting Streaming Policy - 2nd Reading. Secretary Jonathan Butcher seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

B) Tall Pines STEM Academy Charter Renewal Kristin Farmer
Chief of Authorization and Development

Trustee Stephen Gilchrist offered a motion to approve the renewal of the Tall Pines STEM Academy charter and contract as recommended by staff. Trustee Vice Chair Dexter Davis seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

C) September 2025 Financial Report/Audit Update Nick Michael
Deputy Superintendent of Financial Services

Trustee Dr. Teresa Pope offered a motion to the September 2025 Financial Report as recommended by staff. Trustee Stephen Gilchrist seconded the motion. The motion was 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 Vice Chair Dexter Davis. The meeting adjourned at 12:27 p.m.