

MINUTES

South Carolina Public Charter School District Board of Trustees Meeting

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January 8, 2026

10:00 a. m.

APPROVED

BY:  DATE: 1/10/26

I. Call to Order and Introductions

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

II. Invocation

Trustee Dr. Billy Strickland led the Invocation.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Trustee Dr. Teresa Pope led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Position and Mission Statements

Vice Chair Dexter WJ Davis read the Position and Missions Statements

V. Roll Call

Trustee Stephen Gilchrist recorded the Roll Call.

Board Members present were Chair Cyndi Mosteller, Vice Chair Dexter WJ Davis (Virtually) Trustee Dr. Teresa Pope, Trustee Dr. Billy Strickland, Secretary Jonathan Butcher (Virtually), 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. Nick Michael, Mr. Brad Henry, Mr. Erik Norton, Mr. John S. Payne, Ms. Dawn Knapper, Mrs. Becky Huggins, Mrs. Carla Dowey, Mrs. Ariel Eaves, Ms. Andrea Green, Dr. Laurie Lee, Mr. Patrick Bowers, Mrs. Tracie Sweet, Mrs. Susan Howard, Ms. Diana Kingsbury, Mrs. Rianna Smith, Mrs. Jackie Snell, Mrs. Kristin Farmer, Dr. Perry Mills, Mrs. Bridget Cueno, Mrs. Sarah Boria, Mr. Josh Findlay, Mr. Erron McKinney, Mrs. Tina Scott, Ms. Lisa Santiago, Ms. Chi-Chi Abando, Mrs. Marlene Sellars, Mr. Chad Higgins, Ms. Crystal Boyce, and Mrs. Teresa Etheredge.

Guests present were Mr. Matt Harris and Dr. Cheryl McKinley, Atlantic Collegiate Academy; Mr. Thomas Holmes, Ms. Emily Keeney, Mr. Lane Morris, Ms. Stephanie Loweire, Ms. Jean Castelli, Ms. Carol Aust, and Mr. Jay Davis, Charter Schools USA; Ms. Sherri Oskin, Ms. LaTanya Goodson, and Ms. Rita D'Ippolito, Coastal High School; Mr. Tyler Matthews, Discovery School at Myrtle Beach; Ms. Dana Hutto, Ms. Barbara Bingham, East Link Academy; Mr. Bruce Moseley, Ms. Erika Whitlow, and Ms. Shelby Leonardi, East Point Academy; Mr. Josh Trahan, Fox Creek High School; Mr. Joe Chisolm, Global Academy of

SC; Ms. Amber Comer, Ms. Amanda Ramirez, Mr. Jimmy Lamb, and Mr. Brice Cook, Goucher Charter Academy; Mr. Tom Cronin, GREEN Charter Schools; Ms. Rhonda Gregory, Greenville Tech Charter High School; Mr. Derwin Farr, Ms. Lana E. Williams, and Mr. Henry N. Jenkins, High School for Health Professions; Ms. Sarah Morris, Mr. Jared Chambliss, and Ms. Ann Marie Taylor, Horse Creek Academy; Ms. Heidi Bishop, Lakes and Bridges Charter School; Mr. Judge Collier, Ms. Julie Marshall, and Mr. Mike Drummond, Legion Collegiate Academy; Mr. Jimmy Staton, Mr. Todd Helms, Ms. Tracey Bryant Riches, Mr. Jamie Smith, and Mr. Matt Talley, Mountain View Preparatory; Mr. Mike Lorenz, Oceanside Collegiate Academy; Mr. Ricky Reyes, Palmetto Scholars Academy; Ms. Kensley Wilson, Ms. Angela Whitford-Narine, Mr. Greg Eugeman, and Ms. Leslie Clark, Riverstone High School; Mr. Robbie Compton, Mr. Richard Ball, Riverwalk Academy; Ms. Beth Poff, Ms. Meka Childs, and Mr. Joseph Allotta, SC Department of Education; Mr. Brian Nicholson, Mauldin & Jenkins, CPA & Advisors; Mr. Richard Shepard, York Preparatory; and Officer Gavin Dobyns, Richland Sheriff Department

VI. Consent Agenda

A) Approval of the Agenda for the January 8, 2026, meeting.

Trustee Dr. Teresa Pope offered a motion to approve the Agenda for January 8, 2026. Trustee Stephen seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

B) Approval of the Minutes for the November 20, 2025, meeting.

Trustee Kip Miller offered a motion to approve the Minutes for November 20, 2025. Trustee Dr. Billy Strickland seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

C) Approval of Minutes for the December 11, 2025, meeting.

Trustee Stephen Gilchrist offered a motion to approve the Minutes for December 11, 2025. Trustee Jonathan Butcher seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

VII. Public Comments (No 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) New Transfer Schools Recognition John R. Payne Deputy Superintendent, Sponsor Performance

- B) Excellent Schools Emalee Baker
Deputy Superintendent, Support & Implementation
- C) Richland County Sheriff's Department Emalee Baker
Deputy Superintendent, Support & Implementation
- D) PCSD Board Members Recognition Emily Paul
Chief Deputy Superintendent
- E) Employee Core Value Award Emily Paul
Chief Deputy Superintendent

IX. Executive Session

(If needed)

X. Action Items

- A) Resolution honoring David M. Beasley Chris G. Neeley
Superintendent

Trustee Stephen Gilchrist offered a motion to adopt the Resolution honoring David M Beasley as recommended by staff. Trustee Vice Chair Dexter WJ Davis seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

- B) Palmetto Excel Charters John R. Payne
Deputy Superintendent, Sponsor Performance

Trustee Stephen Gilchrist offered a motion to accept a properly executed resolution to voluntarily relinquish the charters for Palmetto Excel North Charleston, Palmetto Excel Sumter, and Palmetto Excel Spartanburg received on or before February 6, 2026, as recommended by staff. Trustee Dr. Teresa Pope seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

- C) October 2025 Financial Report..... Dawn Knapper
Financial Services Reporting and Support Coordinator

Trustee Dr. Billy Strickland offered a motion to approve the October 2025 Financial Report as recommended by staff. Trustee Jonathan Butcher seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

- D) November 2025 Financial Report Nick Michael
Deputy Superintendent of Financial Services

Trustee Dr. Teresa Pope offered a motion to approve the November 2025 Financial Report as recommended by staff. Trustee Stephen Gilchrist seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

- E) Fiscal Year 2025 Annual Financial Audit Report Brian Nicholson
Mauldin & Jenkins

Trustee Kip Miller offered a motion to approve the Fiscal year 2025 Annual Financial Audit Report as recommended by staff. Trustee Dr. Teresa Pope 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 UpdateBrad 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 the meeting. Trustee Dr. Teresa Pope seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.