

MINUTES

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

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February 12, 2026
10:00 a.m.

I. Call to Order and Introductions

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

II. Invocation

APPROVED

Trustee Kip Miller led the Invocation.

BY: John DATE: 03/19/26

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Vice Chair Dexter WJ Davis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Position and Mission Statements

Trustee Craig Plank read the Position and Missions Statements

V. Roll Call

Trustee Jonathan Butcher recorded the Roll Call.

Board Members present were Chair Cyndi Mosteller, Vice Chair Dexter WJ Davis, Secretary Jonathan Butcher, Trustee Dr. Teresa Pope, Trustee Dr. Billy Strickland, Trustee Craig Plank, and Trustee Kip Miller. Trustee Stephen Gilchrist 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 Dowe, Ms. Andrea Green, Dr. Laurie Lee, Ms. Cori Rebman, Ms. Sydney Arsenault, 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. Dana Abbott, 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 Ms. Hannah Holmes, and Tomikia Whitmire, Spartanburg Preparatory School; Nicky Templar, Danny Templar, and Officer Monica Sparkman, Richland County Sheriff Department.

VI. Consent Agenda

A) Approval of the Agenda for the February 12, 2026, meeting.

Trustee Dr. Teresa Pope offered a motion to approve the Agenda for February 12, 2026. Trustee Kip Miller seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

B) Approval of the Minutes for the January 8, 2026, meeting.

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

VII. Public Comments – There were 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) Employee Retirement Emily Paul
Chief Deputy Superintendent
- B) Employee Service Awards Emily Paul
Chief Deputy Superintendent

IX. Executive Session

Secretary Jonathan Butcher offered a motion to adjourn into Executive Session at 10:12 am. Vice Chair Dexter WJ Davis seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

- A) Limestone Charters Update Cyndi C. Mosteller
Board Chair

Trustee Dr. Billy Strickland offered a motion to return to the general session at 11:20 a.m. Vice Chair Dexter WJ Davis seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

X. Action Items

- A) Seeds of Abraham Collegiate Academy Application Kristin Farmer
Chief of Authorization and Development

Trustee Dr. Teresa Pope offered a motion to accept the withdrawal of the Seeds of Abraham Collegiate Academy Application as recommended by staff. Trustee Dr. Billy Strickland seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

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

Trustee Kip Miller offered a motion to approve the Spartanburg Preparatory School Goal Amendment as recommended by staff. Trustee Craig Plank seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

- C) December 2025 Financial Report..... Nick Michael
Deputy Superintendent of Financial Services

Secretary Jonathan Butcher offered a motion to approve the December 2025 Financial Report as recommended by staff. Vice Chair Dexter WJ Davis 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
Vice President of External Affairs
- D) Strategic Plan Update Emily Paul
Chief Deputy Superintendent
- E) Superintendent's Comments Chris G. Neeley
Superintendent

XII. Adjournment

Vice Chair Dexter WJ Davis offered a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Dr. Billy Strickland seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 12:17 p.m.