

MINUTES

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

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April 23, 2026

10:00 a.m.

APPROVED

BY: *[Signature]* DATE: 5/14/2026

I. Call to Order and Introductions

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

II. Invocation

Vice Chair Dexter WJ Davis offered a moment of silence for Teresa Etheredge in memory of her mother and Liberty STEAM staff member, Ephiany Anderson.

Trustee Dr. Teresa Pope led the Invocation.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Vice Chair Dexter WJ Davis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Position and Mission Statements

Trustee Dr. Billy Strickland 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, and Trustee Kip Miller. Trustee Craig Plank and Trustee Stephen Gilchrist were 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, 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, Mrs. Marti Anderson, 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 Carol Aust, Tom Ihrke, Penny Walcott, Joy Davis, Lane Morris, and Paul Norcross, CSUSA; Kerri An Thomas (KTT), Movement Schools; Nanette Davis, Greer Preparatory Academy; Jacey Staggs, Anna Pasczaio, Sydney Long, Lauren Deaton, and Kelley Balley, Greer Middle College; Tamara Wynn, Riverstone High School; Brian Myrup,

York Preparatory Academy; Ricky Reyes, Palmetto Scholars Academy; Josh Trahan, and Tiffany Shepherd, Fox Creek High School; Dr. Jean Graddick, and Teresa Anderson, Felton Laboratory Charter School; Angelica Camargo, and Maria Werner, GREEN Charter Schools, and Kendra Dunn, Richland County Sheriff Department.

VI. Consent Agenda

- A) Approval of the Agenda for the April 23, 2026, meeting.

Vice Chair Dexter WJ Davis offered a motion to approve the Agenda for April 23, 2026. Trustee Kip Miller seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

- B) Approval of the Minutes for the March 19, 2026, meeting.

Trustee Dr. Teresa Pope offered a motion to approve the Agenda for March 19, 2026. Vice Chair Dexter WJ Davis 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) Felton Laboratory Charter School Emily Paul
Chief Deputy Superintendent
- B) Greer Middle College - Senior Capstone Project Brad Henry
Vice President, External Affairs
- C) CLIC: New Leaders Cohort 1 Celebration Emalee Baker
Deputy Superintendent, Support & Implementation

IX. Executive Session

(If needed)

X. Action Items

- A) Transfer School Contracts Kristin Farmer
Chief of Authorization and Development

Secretary Jonathan Butcher offered a motion to approve the Transfer School Contracts and ask the Board to entertain a motion to grant Chair Cyndi Mosteller approval to sign the contracts as recommended by staff. Trustee Dr. Teresa Pope seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

- B) Movement School Bridge View Voluntary Relinquishment Kristin Farmer
Chief of Authorization and Development

Secretary Jonathan Butcher offered a motion to accept the Movement School Bridge View Voluntary Relinquishment as recommended by staff. Trustee Dr. Billy Strickland seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

- C) Innovation Preparatory Academy at Greenville Charter Application
..... Kristin Farmer
Chief of Authorization and Development

Trustee Kip Miller a motion to conditionally approve the Innovation Preparatory Academy at Greenville Charter Application as recommended by staff. Trustee Dr. Teresa Pope seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

- D) Midlands and Upstate Acceleration Academies Charter Application
..... Kristin Farmer
Chief of Authorization and Development

Trustee Dr. Teresa Pope offered a motion to accept the voluntary withdrawal of the Midlands and Upstate Acceleration Academies Charter Application, which was submitted for the 2026 Charter Application Cycle as recommended by staff. Secretary Jonathan Butcher seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

- E) Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget Amendment Nick Michael
Deputy Superintendent of Financial Services

Trustee Dr. Billy Strickland offered a motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget Amendment as recommended by staff. Vice Chair Dexter WJ Davis seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

- F) March 2026 Financial Report Nick Michael
Deputy Superintendent of Financial Services

Secretary Jonathan Butcher offered a motion to approve the March 2026 Financial Report as recommended by staff. Trustee Kip Miller seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

- G) First Reading, Fiscal Year 2026-27 Budget Nick Michael
Deputy Superintendent of Financial Services

Trustee Kip Miller offered a motion to approve the First Reading, Fiscal Year 2026-27 Budget 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, 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. Billy Strickland seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 12:18 p.m.