

## MINUTES

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

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**May 14, 2026**

**9:00 a.m.**

**APPROVED**

BY: JMB DATE: 6/10/26

#### I. Call to Order and Introductions

Chair Cyndi C. Mosteller called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

#### II. Invocation

Trustee Dr. Billy Strickland led the Invocation.

#### 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

Vice President Dexter WJ Davis recorded the Roll Call.

*JMB*  
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 (virtually). 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. 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 members of the Riverwalk Academy Pride Ensemble: Mr. Mason Hinson, Ms. Olivia Wells, Mr. Liam Ricks, Mr. Castor Stafford, Ms. Eleighana Baker, Mr. Michaela Whiting, Mr. Malachi Solo, Mr. Miles Carroll, Mr. Gabriel Williams, Ms. Lillian Carr, Mr. Austin Taft, Mr. Harley Hartmen, Ms. Naomi Hudson, Mr. Dylan Hawkins, Mr. John Parrish, Mr. Mavrick Staten, Mr. Walker Teague, Mr. Jackson Whitley, and Mr. Mark Yost; Mr. Robbie Compton, Riverwalk Academy; Mr. Jackson McDaniel, Ms. Keisha McDaniel,

Fox Creek High School; Ms. Meta Hendricks, Meyer Center for Special Children; Mrs. LaShea Davis, Dr. Trevor Ivey, Liberty STEAM Charter School; Mr. Matthew Tyler, and Sergeant Brittany Cobia, Richland County Sheriff Department.

VI. Consent Agenda

A) Approval of the Agenda for the May 14, 2026, meeting.

Trustee Dr. Teresa Pope offered a motion to approve the Agenda for May 14, 2026. Trustee Dr. Billy Strickland seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

B) Approval of the Minutes for the April 23, 2026, meeting.

Trustee Dr. Billy Strickland offered a motion to approve the Minutes for April 23, 2026. Trustee Dr. Teresa Pope 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. Executive Session

(If needed)

IX. Action Items

A) Meyer Center for Special Children Goals Amendment ..... Kristin Farmer  
Chief of Authorization and Development

Trustee Craig Plank offered a motion to approve the Meyer Center for Special Children’s request to amend its Charter Goals, effective July 1, 2026. Trustee Dr. Billy Strickland seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

B) April 2026 Financial Report..... Nick Michael  
Deputy Superintendent of Financial Services

Secretary Jonathan Butcher offered a motion to approve the April 2026 Financial Report as recommended by staff. Trustee Dr. Billy Strickland seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

- C) Second Reading, Fiscal Year 2026-27 Budget ..... Nick Michael  
Deputy Superintendent of Financial Services

Vice Chair Dexter Davis offered a motion to approve the Second Reading, Fiscal Year 2026-27 Budget as recommended by staff. Trustee Dr. Teresa Pope seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

X. Informational Items

- A) Riverwalk Band ..... Brad Henry  
Vice President, External Affairs
- B) Military/Enlisted Students ..... Brad Henry  
Vice President, External Affairs
- C) Employee Recognition ..... Chris G. Neeley  
Superintendent

XI. Superintendent's Report

- A) Superintendent's Comments ..... Chris G. Neeley  
Superintendent

XII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:22 a.m.