

MINUTES

South Carolina Public Charter School District Board of Trustees Meeting

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June 11, 2026

10:00 a.m.

APPROVED

DATE: 8/13/2026
BY: JMB

I. Call to Order and Introductions

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

II. Invocation

Trustee Kip Miller 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. Oath of Office

VI. Roll Call

Secretary 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 Craig Plank, Trustee Kip Miller and Trustee Matthew Tyler. Trustee Dr. Billy Strickland 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. 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, Ms. Cayce Kelly, Mrs. Mikayla Robinson, Mrs. Susan Howard, Ms. Diana Kingsbury, Mrs. Rianna Smith, Mr. Steven Strother, Mrs. Jackie Snell, Mrs. Kristin Farmer, Mrs. Marti Anderson, Mrs. Bridget Cueno, Ms. Mrs. Sarah Boria, Mr. Josh Findlay, Mr. Erron McKinney, Mrs. Tina Scott, Ms. Lisa Santiago, Mr. Ryan Allman, Ms. Chi-Chi Abando, Mrs. Marlene Sellars, Mr. Chad Higgins, Ms. Crystal Boyce, and Mrs. Teresa Etheredge.

Guests present were Ann Marie Taylor, Horse Creek Academy, Aiken; Mrs. Pamola McKeever, Dr. Keith Bailey, Shykia Hough, Evan Bailey, Evon Man, Candria Merritt, and Brandy Benjamin, PDMSTA; Patricia Hollomon, Alexis Ryans, Mar'kaiya Young, ShyKia Hough, Tiffany Alles, Daffney Alles, and Ivette Box, Legacy Early College; William

Robinson, Midlands Middle College; Cailyn Remington and Jessica Hollingworth, GREEN Charter Simpsonville; Sofia Tsabounieris, High Point Academy and Sergeant Brittany Cobia, Richland County Sheriff Department.

VII. Consent Agenda

- A) Approval of the Agenda for the June 11, 2026, meeting.

Secretary Jonathan Butcher offered a motion to approve the Agenda for June 11, 2026. Vice Chair Dexter WJ Davis seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

- B) Approval of the Minutes for the May 14, 2026, meeting.

Trustee Craig Plank offered a motion to approve the Minutes for May 14, 2026. Trustee Dr. Teresa Pope seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

VIII. 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 Members are not permitted.

IX. Informational Items

- A) Senior Graduate HighlightsEmalee Baker
Deputy Superintendent, Support & Implementation
- B) Employee 5 Year Service Award Emily Paul
Chief Deputy Superintendent
- C) PCSD Yearly Core Value Award Emily Paul
Chief Deputy Superintendent

X. Executive Session

(If needed)

XI. Action Items

- A) Meyer Center for Special Children Medicaid Contract Amendment
..... John R. Payne
Deputy Superintendent, Sponsor Performance

Secretary Jonathan Butcher offered a motion to approve the Meyer Center for Special Children Medicaid Contract Amendment. Trustee Kip Miller seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

- B) Horse Creek Academy Amendment Kristin Farmer
Chief of Authorization and Development

Trustee Craig Plank offered a motion to approve the Horse Creek Academy's proposed facility expansion and campus improvements, conditional upon submission and approval of revised financial projections that incorporate the anticipated bond debt associated with the project as recommended by staff. Trustee Dr. Teresa Pope seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

- C) Midlands Middle College Amendment Kristin Farmer
Chief of Authorization and Development

Trustee Dr. Teresa Pope offered a motion to approve Midlands Middle College Amendment, as recommended by staff. Trustee Matthew Tyler seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

- D) May 2026 Financial Report Nick Michael
Deputy Superintendent of Financial Services

Trustee Kip Miller offered a motion to approve the May 2026 Financial Report as recommended by staff. Vice Chair Dexter WJ Davis seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

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

Dr. Teresa Pope offered a motion to approve the Third Reading, Fiscal Year 2026-27 Budget as recommended by staff. Secretary Jonathan Butcher seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

- F) Board Elections Erik T. Norton
Chief Legal Officer

Secretary Jonathan Butcher offered a motion to move board elections to a date not after the end of the calendar year, possibly determining the date at the August meeting. Trustee Matthew Tyler seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

XII. 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

XIII. Adjournment
