

MINUTES

South Carolina Public Charter School District Board of Trustees Meeting

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August 13, 2026

10:00 a.m.

APPROVED

DATE:

9/10/26

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I. Call to Order and Introductions

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

II. Invocation

Chair Cyndi C. Mosteller led the Invocation.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Trustee Matthew Tyler led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Position and Mission Statements

Vice Chair Dexter WJ Davis 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 Craig Plank, Trustee Dr. Billy Strickland, and Trustee Matthew Tyler. Trustee Kip Miller and Trustee Dr. Teresa Pope were not present. 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 Dowe, 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 Xandria Heatherly, Tyler Heatherly, Kelly Waters, and Sarah Allen, Goucher Charter School; Alecia Robinson, Oceanside Collegiate Academy; Mike , Atlantic Collegiate Academy; Shanya Fogle, Vernell Capers, and Derwin Farr, Orangeburg High

School for Health Professions; and Officer Kendra Dunn, Richland County Sheriff Department.

VII. Consent Agenda

A) Approval of the Agenda for the August 13, 2026, meeting.

Trustee Billy Strickland offered a motion to approve the Agenda for August 13, 2026. Vice Chair Dexter WJ Davis seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

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

Trustee Craig Plank offered a motion to approve the Minutes for May 14, 2026. Secretary Jonathan Butcher seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

C) Approval of the Minutes for the June 11, 2026, meeting.

Vice Chair Dexter WJ Davis offered a motion to approve the Minutes for June 11, 2026. Trustee Matthew Tyler 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 Member is not permitted.

IX. Informational Items

A) Employee Service Award Emily Paul
Chief Deputy Superintendent

B) District Teacher of the Year Recognition..... Emalee Baker
Deputy Superintendent, Support & Implementation

X. Executive Session

(If needed)

XI. Action Items

A) Atlantic Collegiate Academy Amendment..... Kristin Farmer
Chief of Authorization & Development

Secretary Jonathan Butcher offered a motion to approve Atlantic Collegiate Academy's request to establish The Virtual Academy as recommended by staff. Vice Chair Dexter WJ Davis seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

- B) June 2026 Financial Report Nick Michael
Deputy Superintendent of Financial Services

Vice Chair Dexter WJ Davis offered a motion to approve the June 2026 Financial Report as recommended by staff. Secretary Jonathan Butcher 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

Secretary Jonathan Butcher offered a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Dr. Billy Strickland seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:08 a.m.