

MINUTES

South Carolina Public Charter School District Board of Trustees Meeting

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September 10, 2026

10:00 a.m.

APPROVED

DATE: 10/15/2026

BY: [Signature]

I. Call to Order and Introductions

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

II. Invocation

Trustee Craig Plank led the Invocation.

III. 9/11 25th Anniversary Remembrance

- A) Introduction to 25th Anniversary Remembrance Chris G. Neeley
Superintendent
- B) First Responders Procession led by Orangeburg High School for
Health Professions Students Ambassadors (OHSHP)
- C) Color Guard Procession
- D) National Anthem Gage Cagle
Horse Creek Academy
- E) Pledge of Allegiance Led by Jovanny Williams
OHSHP Student Ambassador
- F) PCSD Students Video
- G) First Responders' Recognition
- H) The Playing of Taps
- I) Processional Led by OHSHP Student Ambassadors

IV. Position and Mission Statements

Vice Chair Dexter WJ Davis read the Position and Missions Statements.

V. 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, Trustee Kip Miller, Dr. Teresa Pope, and Trustee Matthew Tyler (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. Erik Norton, Mr. John S. Payne, Ms. Dawn Knapper, Mrs.

Becky Huggins, Mrs. Carla Dowey, Ms. Andrea Green, Dr. Laurie Lee, 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, Ms. Alyssa Lovern, 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 Chief Aubrey Jenkins, Columbia Fire Department; Major General Tod McDaffrey, SC Department of Veterans Affairs; Major General Patricia Wallace, 81st Readiness Division, US Army Reserves; Colonel Allean Gleaton, SC Army National Guard; Sheriff Leon Lott; Mr. Derwin Farr, Ms. Vernell Capers, Ms. Madison Simpson, Ms. Lauren Young, Ms. Mattison Dunham, Mr. Jovanny Williams, Mr. & Mrs. Harold Young and Ms. Lana Williams, Orangeburg High School for Health Professions: Ms. Rachelle Estrill, Master Aiden Livings, Ms. Tonia Livings, Mr. Josie Livings, Ms. Gloria Pear, Mr. Walter Wallace, Ms. Jacqueline Hubbard, Felton Laboratory Charter School; Mr. Gage Cagles, Ms. Jessica Cagle, Ms. Lindsey Lynch, Horse Creek Academy; Ms. Sandy Clay Poole, SCDVA, and M. Sparkman, Richland Sheriff Department.

VI. Consent Agenda

A) Approval of the Agenda for the September 10, 2026, meeting.

Secretary Jonathan Butcher offered a motion to approve the Agenda for September 10, 2026. Vice Chair Dexter WJ Davis seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

B) Approval of Minutes for the August 13, 2026, meeting.

Dr. Billy Strickland offered a motion to approve the Minutes for August 13, 2026. Trustee Craig Plank 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) Student Awards Emily Paul
Chief Deputy Superintendent

- B) PCSD Core Value Award Emily Paul
Chief Deputy Superintendent
- C) Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Training..... Erik Norton
Chief Legal Officer & Senior Policy Advisor

IX. Executive Session

(If needed)

X. Action Items

- A) First Reading: PCSD Employee Handbook Revisions Emily Paul
Chief Deputy Superintendent

Secretary Jonathan Butcher offered a motion to approve First Reading: PCSD Employee Handbook Revisions as recommended by staff. Vice Chair Dexter WJ Davis seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

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

Dr. Teresa Pope offered a motion to approve the July 2026 Financial Report as recommended by staff. Trustee Kip Miller 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) Senior Policy Advisor Update.....Erik Norton
Chief Legal Officer & Senior Policy Advisor
- F) Superintendent's Comments Chris G. Neeley
Superintendent

XII. Adjournment
