PACE ACADEMY
Palmetto Achievement Center for Excellence

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Date: July 17, 2025

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: Via Zoom

Link: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82974811695

1. Call To order/ Welcome 6:30 pm (Beckye Barnes Acting Board Chair)
2. Board Member Attendance: (Ashleigh Dowey Acting Secretary)
    a. Beckye Barnes- Present
    b. Ashleigh Dowey- Present
    c. Ashley Anderson- Late, Present

    Others in Attendance:

    Anne Cheatham- New Board Member

    Margret Dullanty- Attorney

    Dr. Melanie Vaughn- Executive Director
3. Approval of July 17, 2025 Agenda
    a. motion: Ashleigh Dowey
    b. second: Beckye Barnes

        Motion Carries
4. Swearing in of new member Anne Cheatham by Margret Dullanty
5. Approval of June 30, 2025 Meeting Minutes

    Motion: Ashleigh Dowey

    Second: Anne Cheatham

Motion Carries

6. Public Comment

The Board values community input. To protect the integrity of the meeting agenda, public dialogue will be restricted to the Public Comment section of the agenda or as directed by the Board Chair. The policy is as Follows:

1. Each speaker has 3 minutes to speak
2. Speakers may not address an individual board member directly
3. Speakers may not ask questions of the Board
4. Board members may not engage speakers in discussion
5. Disruptive/abusive language or behavior is not permitted

7. Executive Directors Report:

a. Financial Update:

1. Yearly audit; New Fiscal year began on July 1, 2025. The budget presented is for the quarter ending/budget overview for the next quarter and not finalized. Met the bond covenants and tripled the cash flow. Local funding: $24,095, base funding $846,000, Sate funding: $20,788, and Federal Funding: $61,748. Wont see reimbursements of federal funding until December/January/February; this year reimbursements not seen until March 2025. Supplies: Supplies went over $9,000; reimbursed when parents make their fee payments. Bond Payments are decreasing. Losing the priority grant that PACE had for to years, but PACE is now a Title 1 school and will receive Title 1 funding. First year that PACE is recognized as a CEP school: all children will receive free lunch and breakfast. Working on writing a grant that would allow for a meal for children in the afterschool program meaning that children will eat 3 hot meals per day at PACE. 220 enrolled Students projected on first day of school (August 6, 2025).

8. Action Items:

a. Approval of Executive Directors Contract

Motion Ashleigh Dowey

Second: Ashley Anderson

None opposed; Motion Carries

b. Grants:

1. Ashleigh Dowey to take lead on grants (writing and locating).

a. Need for grants for building construction and Nurse practitioner. Columbia Fire departments union to assist with painting the inside and outside of the building before first day of school.

c. Special Board Election:

1. Nominations open August 6, 2025- August 20, 2025; Candidate profiles released from August 21, 2025- September 10, 2025, with voting occurring on September 11, 12, 13, 2025 with winners announced on September 15, 2025 allowing for swearing in of new members at the next regular board meeting on September 18, 2025 with board training following the election with the new members.

Motion: Ashleigh Dowey

Second: Anne Cheatham

9. Adjourn 7:30 pm

a. Motion: Ashley Anderson

b. Second: Anne Cheatham

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