PACE ACADEMY
Palmetto Achievement Center for Excellence

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, September 18, 2025

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: 6015 N Main St Columbia, SC 29203

or

Via Zoom

Link: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89920835216

1. Call to Order/Welcome 6:30pm (Beckye Barnes, Acting Board Chair)
2. Board Member Attendance: (Ashleigh Dowey, Acting Secretary)
3. Swearing in of New Board Members:
    a. James McCall
    b. Allison Leo
    c. Janet Robinson

4. Roll Call (Ashleigh Dowey, Acting Secretary)
    a. Beckye Barnes- Present
    b. Ashleigh Dowey- Present
    c. Ashley Anderson- Present
    d. James McCall- Present
    e. Allison Leo- Present
    f. Janet Robinson- Present
5. Approval of the September 18, 2025 Agenda:
    a. Motion: Ashley Anderson
    b. Second: Ashleigh Dowey
        i. Motion Carries
6. Approval of the August 21, 2025 Minutes:
    a. Motion: Ashley Anderson
    b. Anne Cheatham
        i. Motion Carries
7. Executive Session- 6:37 pm Motion: Ashley Anderson, Second: Ashleigh Dowey
    a. Receipt of Legal Advice- Governance
    b. Discussion re: Appointed Seats and Officer Election
    c. Return from Executive Session 7:28 pm
        i. Motion: Anne Cheatham
        ii. Second: Ashley Anderson
8. Action, if any, from Executive Session
    a. Delay officer elections until next month

Minutes Prepared by: Ashleigh Dowey, Acting Board Secretary

9. Public Comment
    a. 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

10. Executive Directors Report
    a. No Financial Update- No information sent from Veris.
    b. SC Ready scores embargoed until November 2025.
11. Vote to Approve the Safety plan
    a. Motion: Ashleigh Dowey
    b. Second: Ashley Anderson
        i. Motion Carries
12. Action Items:
    a. Vote to Approve Live Streaming/Recording of Meetings Policy
        i. Beckye Barnes- Yes
        ii. Ashleigh Dowey- Yes
        iii. Ashley Anderson- Yes
        iv. James McCall- Yes
        v. Allison Leo- Yes
        vi. Janet Robinson- Yes
            1. Motion: Ashleigh Dowey
            2. Second: Janet Robinson

                Motion Carries
    b. Vote to Approve Complaint/Grievance Policy for Families and Staff Regarding Board Members:
        i. Beckye Barnes- Yes
        ii. Ashleigh Dowey- Yes
        iii. Ashley Anderson- Yes
        iv. James McCall- Yes
        v. Allison Leo- Yes
        vi. Janet Roninson-Yes
            1. Motion: Ashleigh Dowey
            2. Second: Allison Leo

                Motion Carries
13. Adjourn
    a. Motion at 7:54pm: Janet Robinson
    b. Second: James McCall

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