Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday October 16, 2025
Time: 6:30pm
Location: 6015 N Main St Columbia, SC 29203
Or
Via zoom

Link: https://meet.google.com/pit-serc-aap?hs=224

1.Opening Items:

A. Call to Order/ Welcome -Beckye Barnes 6:33 pm
B. Mission Statement
C. Roll Call (Ashleigh Dowey)
   1. Beckye Barnes- Present
   2. Ashleigh Dowey- Present
   3. Ashley Anderson- Present
   4. Anne Cheatham- Present
   5. James McCall- Present
   6. Allsion Leo- Present
   7. Janet Robinson- Present

   Others Attending: Mary Allison Caudell- Attorney and Dr. Melanie Vaughn- Executive Director
D. Approval of Agenda
   i Motion: Ashleigh Dowey
   ii Second: Anne Cheatham
      1 Motion Carries
E. Approval of August September 18, 2025 Minutes
   i Motion: Ashleigh Dowey
   ii Second: Anne Cheatham
      1 Motion Carries

2. 3. Executive session: 6:40 pm Motion: Ashleigh Dowey Second: Beckye Barnes
   A. Receipt of Legal Advice
      i Receipt of Legal Advice- Review of School Facility Financing Structure
      ii Receipt of Audit Report- Martin and Smith
      iii Discussion of Appointment to the PACE Board
      iv Receipt of Legal Advice- Review of Proposed Bylaw Changes
   B. Appointed Seats and Officer Election Timeline
3. Action, if any, from Executive Session
   A. Vote: Special Called Meeting to interview candidates for (2) appointed seats before the November 20, 2025 Regular Board Meeting

i. Beckye Barnes- yes
ii. Ashleigh Dowey- yes
iii. Ashley Anderson- yes
iv. Anne Cheatham- yes
v. James McCall- yes
vi. Allison Leo- yes
vii. Janet Robinson- yes
    1. Motion: Anne Cheatham
    2. Second: Beckye Barnes
        a. Motion Carries

4. 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

5. Executive Directors Report
    A. Financial Update
        i. Financial report shared, highlighting a cash asset of $1,726,699 and a reserve cash balance of $527,428. Current liabilities were $6,718,100, with expenses covered by general funds until IDEA funds arrive. The school's bond and debt coverage ratios are above requirements: bond requirement- 1.20 PACE- 1.65: meeting the bond.
        ii. Looked at SCDE salary chart for teachers and compared to current salary placing PACE back into competitive salary range for teachers.
    B. Enrollment Update
        i. Current enrollment 212 with 3 pending enrollments; PACE budget for 215 students
    C. Building update
        i. Monthly Servicing for the heating and air with original installer.
6. SC Ready Testing
    A. SC Ready Scores embargoed until November 2025
    B. CoGAT testing in progress.
7. Action Items
    A. Live Streaming/Recording of Meetings Policy- Second Reading
    B. Complaint/Grievance Policy for Families and Staff regarding Board Members- Second Reading

C. Vote: Annual Board Training by Legal
    i. Beckye Barnes- Yes
    ii. Ashleigh Dowey-Yes
    iii. Ashley Anderson- Absent for Vote
    iv. Anne Cheatham- Yes
    v. James McCall- Absent for vote
    vi. Allison Leo- Yes
    vii. Janet Robinson- Yes
        1. Motion: Allison Leo
        2. Second: Beckye Barnes
            a. Motion Carries

8.Adjourn Meeting

Motion @ 9:00 pm Ashleigh Dowey

Second Allison Leo