Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, November 20, 2025

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: 6015 North Main Street Columbia, SC 29203

or

Via Zoom

Link:
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1. Call to Order/Welcome 6:30pm (Beckye Barnes, Acting Board Chair)
2. Board Member Attendance: (Ashleigh Dowey, Acting Secretary)

3. 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
4. Approval of the September 18, 2025 Agenda:
    a. Motion: Ashleigh Dowey
    b. Second: Allison Leo
        i. Motion Carries
5. Approval of the August 21, 2025 Minutes:
    a. Motion: Ashleigh Dowey
    b. Second: Ashley Anderson
        i. Motion Carries
6. Action Items:
        i. Motion: Ashley Anderson
        ii. Second: Beckye Barnes

    b. Vote to Fill (2) Appointed Seats
        i. Motion: Ashley Anderson
        ii. Second: Beckye Barnes
            1. Vote for Robin Peterson

a. Beckye Barnes- Yes
b. Ashleigh Dowey- Yes
c. Ashley Anderson- Yes
d. Anne Cheatham- Yes
e. James McCall- Yes
f. Allison Leo- Yes
g. Janet Robinson- Yes

2. Vote for Priscilla Martin:
    a. Beckye Barnes- Abstained
    b. Ashleigh Dowey- Yes
    c. Ashley Anderson- Yes
    d. Anne Cheatham- Yes
    e. James McCall- No
    f. Allison Leo- Yes
    g. Janet Robinson- No
3. Vote For Matthew Cherry:
    a. Beckye Barnes- Abstained
    b. Ashleigh Dowey- No
    c. Ashley Anderson- No
    d. Anne Cheatham- No
    e. James McCall- Yes
    f. Allison Leo- No
    g. Janet Robinson- Yes
        i. Motion Carries for Robin Peterson and Priscilla Martin to fill (2) Appointed Seats

c. Vote to Submit Bylaw Changes to SCPCSD for Approval
    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
d. Vote to Adopt Live Streaming and Recording Policy
    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
e. Vote to Adapt Grievance Policy for Board Members
    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

f. Vote to Join South Carolina Charter Alliance
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

All Motions Carry

7. 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

8. Executive Directors Report
a. School Lunch Program audit went well and there won't be another audit for 3 years. The only change suggested was the Local Wellness Policy. The current policy matches the policy that the SCPCSD requires and that there is a wellness committee in place including the PE teacher, school Nurse and the Executive Director.
b. MAP Testing: Testing will occur on December 8th and 9th.
c. The Budget has remained the same with money only being spent on the essentials; still meeting the bond covenant with debt-service ratio above 1.20 at 1.7. Daily cash on hand is almost tripled. Title 1 applications were recently approved and can be spent once allocated to PACE.
d. The building was re-keyed because the teachers had master keys and could access classrooms and the two master keys for the building were missing. The Fire Marshal came and opened a black box on the outside of the building that was unable to be opened and would allow access to the building in case of a fire to allow entry without breaking windows, knocking down doors, etc.

9. Adjourn
    a. Motion at 7:03pm: Janet Robinson
    b. Second: Ashleigh Dowey

Minutes Prepared by: Ashleigh Dowey, Acting Board Secretary