Special Called Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, April 1, 2026
Time: 6:30 PM

Location: 6015 North Main Street Columbia, SC 29203

or

Via Zoom

Link: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82763988063

1. Call to Order/Welcome 6:30 (Beckye Barnes, Acting Board Chair)
2. Board Member Attendance: (Renae Martin, Secretary)

Roll Call (Renae Martin, Secretary)

a. Beckye Barnes -Present
b. Ashleigh Dowey -Present
c. Ashley Anderson -Absent
d. James McCall -Present
e. Allison Leo -Present
f. Janet Robinson -Absent
g. Robin Peterson -Present
h. Priscilla Martin -Present

3. Approval of the 04/01/26 Agenda:
   a. Motion:
   b. Second:
   c. Motion Carries
4. Vote on weather make up day (half day for students/full day for staff). Board voted unanimously to add 06/05/26 at the end of the school year calendar as a weather make up day

Vote to hire Charter Alliance to handle election in April and appoint contact person. The board discussed the process for conducting April board elections, including hiring a third-party administrator and establishing timelines. Beckye Barnes proposed hiring Charter Alliance to run the elections for $750, following the traditional process used in previous years; explained that four seats are up (two appointed seats held by Ashley Anderson and herself, and two elected seats held by Ashleigh Dowey and possibly Janet Robinson). Emphasis on the importance of transparency and suggested that someone not running for election should serve as the point person to avoid any appearance of impropriety. Allison Leo volunteered to serve as the point person for coordinating with Charter Alliance. Beckye

Barnes explained the election must be completed by the third week in May, with a proposed timeline of two weeks for candidate collection in late April, followed by 5-10 days of voting. James McCall, Renae Martin, Robin Peterson, Allison Leo confirmed they were satisfied with the election format used previously. The board unanimously approved hiring Charter Alliance to administer the election for $750. Allison Leo was approved as the point person to coordinate with Charter Alliance
The election will follow the previous format with candidate biographies shared via Facebook and ClassDojo
Discussion of how to handle appointed versus elected seats was deferred to the next meeting

Roll Call Vote (Renae Martin, Secretary)
Beckye Barnes: Yes
Ashley Dowey: Yes
Christina Harris: Did not vote
Renae Martin-Yes
James McCall: Yes
Allison Leo: Yes
Robin Peterson: Yes
Conclusion
- Motion passed unanimously among voting members
- All members approved Allison Leo as the point person with no opposition

5. Adjourned 6:40
a. Motion: Robin Peterson
b, Second: Ashleigh Dowey