

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA FIRST STEPS TO SCHOOL READINESS  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
A SOUTH CAROLINA NONPROFIT CORPORATION**

**November 10, 2009**

**MINUTES**

- Voting Directors Present: Mr. Lewis Smoak, Vice Chair  
Ms. Lisa Van Riper  
Sen. Mike Fair  
Rep. Rita Allison  
Ms. Julia-Ellen Davis  
Ms. Judith Aughtry
- Voting Directors Absent: Governor Mark Sanford  
Senator John Matthews  
Superintendent Jim Rex, SC Dept. of Ed.  
Mr. Floyd Creech  
Ms. Marileen Chapman  
Ms. Linda O'Quinn, excused  
Ms. Katherine Davis  
Mr. Henry Parr Jr., excused  
Ms. Nicky Wallace  
Rev. Reece Yandle, excused
- Non-Voting Directors Present: Ms. Susan Jones (designee, SC DOT)  
Dr. David Goble, Director, SC State Library  
Ms. Cindy Sweigart (designee for Mr. C. Earl Hunter, SC DHEC)
- Non- Voting Directors Absent: Ms. Melissa Craft (designee, for Mr. John McGill, SC DMH)  
Ms. Jennifer Buster (designee for Mr. Andy Laurent, SC DDSN)  
Ms. Kathleen Hayes, Director, SC DSS  
Ms. Emma Forkner, Director, SC DHHS  
Mr. Lee Catoe, Director, DAODAS  
Mr. Jim Griffith, Director, Transportation Assn. of SC  
Ms. Stephanie Frazier(designee for Mr. Barry Russell, SC Tech Colleges)  
Ms. Lane Goodwin (designee for Dr. Garrison Walters, SC Commission on Higher Education)  
Mr. Tim Ervolina, President/CEO, United Way of SC, excused  
Dr. Nancy Freeman, Regulatory Advisory Committee  
Dr. Paul Krohne, President, SC School Board Association  
Mr. Bobby Bowers, SC B&CB/ORS
- Others Present: Ms. Susan DeVenny, SC First Steps  
Mr. Dan Wuori, SC First Steps  
Ms. Debbie Robertson, SC First Steps  
Ms. Betty Gardiner, SC First Steps

Mr. Russell Brown, SC First Steps  
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### **Call to Order**

Mr. Lewis Smoak called the meeting to order.

### **Approval of Minutes**

A motion and a second was made to approve the minutes from the previous meeting, held October 16, 2009. The motion was approved unanimously.

### **Strategic Planning and Evaluation Committee**

Ms. Lisa Van Riper began her second reading of VISION 2013 by briefing the board on First Steps legislation and the agency's first ten years. Ms. Van Riper encouraged everyone to read the legislation and note the language referring to collaboration and public/private partnership goals. Ms. Van Riper then gave an overview of the VISION process, and committee recommendations. Ms. Van Riper commended the County Partnerships for their hard work during the Early Childhood Regional Summits and throughout the VISION process.

Board members and partners present discussed the various VISION recommendations in light of the budget and reauthorization efforts.

### **Program and Grants Committee**

Ms. Julia Ellen Davis, on behalf of Dr. Floyd Creech, offered the Program and Grants Committee report. The committee recommended the approval of a reallocation request of \$11,500 from Chesterfield County. The committee's recommendation was approved unanimously.

### **Finance and Administration Committee**

Ms. Judith Aughtry provided a finance update to the board, and gave a brief update on the October 28 VISION 2013 webinar, which also addressed community questions around the subsidy conditions established by the board. In addition, Ms. Aughtry briefed the board on the work of the Ad Hoc committee on "Exemplary Performance," and described the next steps as information to the trustees.

### **Director's Report**

Ms. Susan DeVenny stated that the board would receive a final report on the SC BabyNet Transition at the December board meeting.

Ms. Susan DeVenny called on Ms. Betty Gardiner to preview the upcoming Barnes & Noble book fair partnership.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.