

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

**October 25, 2007**

**MINUTES**

Voting Directors Present: Mr. Lewis Smoak, Vice-Chair  
Senator Michael Fair  
Mr. Henry Parr, Jr.  
Dr. Floyd Creech  
Ms. Lisa Van Riper  
Ms. Linda O'Quinn  
Ms. Sabine Lang  
Ms. Marileen Chapman  
Ms. Nicky Wallace  
Ms. Julia-Ellen Davis  
Ms. Judith Aughtry  
Rev. Reece Yandle

Voting Directors Absent: Governor Mark Sanford  
Representative Shirley Hinson  
Dr. Francis Rushton  
Senator John Matthews  
Representative Bessie Moody-Lawrence  
Dr. Thaddeus Bell  
Ms. Katherine Davis  
Ms. Kristin Hook  
Superintendent Jim Rex

Non-Voting Directors Present: Ms. Susan Jones (designee, SC DOT)  
Ms. Cindy Sweigart (designee for Mr. C. Earl Hunter,  
Director, SC DHEC)  
Ms. Catherine Haselden (designee for Dr. Kathleen Hayes, SC DSS)

Non- Voting Directors Absent: Ms. Angela Flowers (designee, for Ms. John McGill, SC DMH)  
Ms. Emma Forkner, Director, SC DHHS  
Mr. Lee Catoe, Director, DAODAS  
Mr. Jim Griffith, Director, Transportation Assn. of SC  
Dr. Paul Krohne, President, SC School Board Association  
Mr. David Potter, SC Education Oversight Committee  
Mr. Tim Ervolina, President/CEO, United Way of SC  
Ms. Stephanie Frazier (designee for Mr. Barry Russell, President, SC  
Tech College System)  
Dr. Nancy Freeman, Regulatory Advisory Committee  
Ms. Lane Jeselnik (designee for Dr. Garrison Walters, SC  
Commission on Higher Education)  
Ms. Jennifer Buster (designee for Mr. Stan Butkus, SC DDSN)  
Dr. David Goble, Director, SC State Library  
Mr. Bobby Bowers, Director, SC B&CB/ORS  
Mr. David Potter, SC Education Oversight Committee

Others Present: Ms. Susan DeVenny, SC First Steps

Mr. Dan Wuori, SC First Steps  
Mr. Rodney Jenkins, SC First Steps  
Ms. Lisa Michals, SC First Steps  
Ms. Samantha Ingram, SC First Steps  
Mr. Theodore Hopkins, Haynesworth, Sinkler & Boyd

**Call to Order**

Mr. Lewis Smoak, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order.

**Approval of Minutes**

Upon a motion by Ms. Lisa Van Riper and a second, the minutes of the August 7, 2007 meeting were approved as written.

**Executive Session**

Mr. Smoak entertained the motion to move into Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lisa Van Riper. Mr. Lewis Smoak entertained the motion to leave Executive Session. Mr. Henry Parr seconded the motion. It was reported that no action was taken in Executive Session.

**Director's Report**

Ms. Susan DeVenny thanked everyone for their attendance at the Board of Trustees Retreat.

Ms. Susan DeVenny gave a brief update on the SC Early Childhood Quality Standards Task Force Subcommittee. Ms. DeVenny said the Task Force subcommittee was in the final stages of completing recommendations. Ms. DeVenny said the recommendations will be completed by the middle of November 2007.

Mr. Lewis Smoak said he enjoyed the presentations from the First Steps Region II Counties and Barnwell County on child care quality. Mr. Smoak said the presentations were representative of the types of training activities being encouraged and shows that First Steps is improving early care quality around the state.

Mr. Lewis Smoak said the Finance and Strategic subcommittee will take up the recommendations presented to the Board of Trustees by Mr. Ted Hopkins. Mr. Smoak bring back their comments and ideas at the next meeting on December 13, 2007.

**Adjournment**

Ms. Susan DeVenny said the next Board of Trustees meeting will be held December 13, 2007. With no further business, Mr. Lewis Smoak adjourned the meeting.

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Lisa Van Riper, Secretary  
South Carolina First Steps to School Readiness  
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