



Board of Trustees Meeting
December 4, 2024 2:00PM
SC First Steps
636 Rosewood Drive Columbia, SC 29201
Minutes

Trustees Present (15):

Dr. Robert Bank
Jacque Curtin
Mary Lynne Diggs
Constance Holloway
Mike Leach
Jessica Mackey
Jack McBride
Dave Morley, Chairman
Janie Neeley

Roger Pryor
Mary Anne Scott
Dr. Ed Simmer
Wes Wooten
Sue Williams
Dr. Amy Williams, Vice Chair

Trustees Absent (6)

Rep. Terry Alexander
Rep. Shannon Erickson
Dr. Matthew Ferguson
John Hayes
Sen. Greg Hembree
Eunice Medina

Attendees (67)

Ann Vandervliet
Mark Barnes
Avian Jones
Chelsea Richard
Derek Cromwell
Martha Strickland
Karen Oliver
Kaitlyn Richards
Kristine Jenkins
David O'Kelly
Molly Tuck
Betty Gardiner
Jim Riddle
Laura Baker
Samantha Ingram
Alexis Pipkins
Amira Hulwe
Aubrielle Kituuma
Benjamin Hall
Bernice Linton
Brandie Maness
Briana Lined
Candi Lalonde
Cheryl Scales
Cindy Galloway
Cindy Riley
Crystal Campbell

Emma Matzko
Felicia Battle
Felicia Patrick
Gina Beebe
Gloria Goodwin
Ivory Mitchell
Jade Wright
Jaiden Branch
Janice Kilburn
Jenny May
Jon Artz
Joy Mazur
Kate Roach
Kathy Fitzgerald
Kenna Hoover
Kerry Cordan
Kim Chariker
Kristen Martocchio
Kristi Richardson
LaMyra Sanders-Dukes
Lawanda Jones
Leila Jacobs
Lis Guimaraes
Mary Laney
Melissa Sanders
Michelle Bowers
Pauletta Plowden

Rachal Hatton-Moore
Rhonda Kelsey
Sally McClellan
Sarah Crawford
Senekita Farmer
Shayla Pettigrew
Stacy Greenwalt
Teneshia Slempa
Tiffany Outlaw
Tricia Gordon
Tyshica McConner
Valencia Johnson
Vanessa Earle



Chairman Morley called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

Mr. Morley requested a motion to adopt the agenda. Mr. McBride provided the motion, seconded by Ms. Neeley and the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Morley asked for a motion to approve the October 17, 2024 minutes. Mr. McBride provided the motion, seconded by Mr. Wooten and the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Morley reported on the Executive Committee where he shared that the committee met to discuss and take action on Local Partnership Executive Director compensation submissions. These actions were taken on behalf of the full board due to their time sensitivity. There was some discussion with Mr. Leach, Dr. Simmer, and Chairman Morley around the salaries and stipends.

Chairman Morley asked for a motion to approve the 2025 meeting dates through June 2025. Dr. Simmer provided the motion seconded by Ms. Williams. After some discussion the motion was unanimously approved.

Dr. Richards shared highlights from the Strategic Planning and Evaluation Committee meeting.

Mr. Wooten reported on the Local Partnership Programs and Grants Committee did not meet.

Mr. Barnes reported on the Finance and Administration Committee and briefly shared information on agency expenses. He reported on the status of separation from the Department of Education.

Mr. Wooten reported that Local Partnership Programs and Grants Committee did not meet.

Mr. Cromwell acknowledged the local partnership Executive Directors that have transitioned from their roles in 2024 and welcomed new directors that began this year. Chairman Morley acknowledged Dr. Brenda Williams, Director Robbie Kerr, Senator Gerald Malloy, and Director Mike Leach who all transitioned off of the board this year and welcomed Eunice Medina, Interim Director of DHHS.

Mr. Barnes gave remarks on behalf of Ann Vandervliet and thanked the board and staff during her transition. Dr. Richards shared highlights from the 2023-2024 Annual Report. Ms. Strickland provided highlights and goal for 4K. Ms. Gardiner shared the fundraising goal for the year, details about the annual Night to Celebrate Community fundraiser, and the status of grant awards. Mr. Cromwell invited trustees to participate in the AmeriCorps MLK Week of Service.

Ms. Williams made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Dr. Williams, and the motion was unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:01 p.m. by Chairman Morley.