



## Board of Trustees Meeting

February 18, 2021

2:00PM

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### *Minutes*

#### **Members Present (16):**

Dave Morley, Chair	Walter Fleming
Dr. Shelley Canright, Vice Chair	Tim Holt
Sen. Greg Hembree	Roger Pryor
Dr. David Mathis	Jennifer McConnell
Mary Lynne Diggs	Jesica Mackey
Sue Williams	John Hayes
Michael Leach	Janie Neeley
Dr. Edward Simmer	
Thomas Phillip	

#### **Members Absent (6):**

Rep. Rita Allison  
Sen. Gerald Malloy  
Rep. Jerry Govan  
Dr. Amy Williams  
Alexia Newman  
Mary Poole

#### **Others Present (89)**

Georgia Mjartan	Dione Brabham	Kim Trudell	Sarah Eargle
Avian Jones	Dorian Young	Kristin Zeaser Sydow	Shamika Dukes
Zack Catoe	Candi Lalonde	Kristine Jenkins	Sharon Bruton
Audrey McClary	Ellen Hamilton	Lareece Mack	Shayla Pettigrew
Frederick Fuller	Emily Parish	Laura Baker	Sheila Cornwell
Anna Workman	Felicia Patrick	Lavinia Tejada	SheKiah Reese
Barbara Marshall	Gina Beebe	Leigh D'Amico	Tierra Thomas
Beth Moore	Ginger Ryall	Lindsay Porter	Tiffany Outlaw
Beth Reilly	Janice Kilburn	Lis Guimaraes	Valencia Johnson
Betty Gardiner	Jennifer Williams	Loretta Parker	Valerie Johnson
Beverly Brockington	Jill Brady	Maria Green	Patti Wilkes
Betty Washington	Jon Artz	Mark Barnes	Bill Potapchuk
B Manoski	Joy Mazur	Martha Strickland	Angelia Turner
Carletta Isreal	Julie Hussey	Mary Beth Testa	Linnie Miller
Chelsea Richard	Justina Siuba	Mary Ellen Warren	Gary Jones
Cheryl Scales-Chavis	Karen Oliver	Terry McLean	Sandra Meadows
Cindy Ellis	Kaytlen Caldwell	Nancy Ziobro	Breonna Weaver
Cindy Galloway	Keisha Gray	Nur Tanyel	Misty Pearson
Cindy Riley	Kenny Smith	Pauletta Plowden	Sonia Gass
Constance Martin-Witter	Kerrie Schnake	Tammy Compton	Dolores Steglin
Crystal Campbell	Kim Archung	Rachal Hatton-Moore	
Debbie Robertson	Kim Charika	Reginald Williams	
Rogers Pender	Ryan Shinn	Samantha Ingram	

Avian Jones conducted a roll call.



Mr. Morley allowed for an opportunity for public comment. No members of the public who were present requested to speak.

Mr. Dave Morley called the meeting to order at 2:07 p.m. and requested a motion to adopt the agenda. Dr. Canright provided the motion. Mr. Holt provided a second and the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Morley asked for a motion to approve the December 4 , 2020 minutes. Dr. Mathis provided the motion. Ms. McConnell provided a second and the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Morley introduced three new board members: Janie Neeley, filling the role of Parent of a Young Child, Dr. Edward Simmer, Director of DHEC, and Thomas “Clark” Phillip, acting Director of DHHS. He reported on the Executive Committee and then turned it over to Sen. Hembree who presented a concurrent resolution, S. 452, to Julie Hussey, in honor of her retirement from the SC First Steps Board of Trustees.

Mr. Morley asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda as follows:

Consent Agenda: **Motions Recommended by Committees** (David Morley)

- a. a. Motion for the approval of the Local Partnership Allocation for the State Fiscal Year 2021-2022 (Finance and Administration Committee recommends)
- b. b. Motion for the approval of the Local Partnership Match Waiver Request for State Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (Finance and Administration Committee recommends)
- c. c. Motion to approve the “Early Childhood Innovation Grant Application and Process” for awarding competitive grant funding to eligible Local Partnerships (Programs and Grants Committee recommends)

Dr. Canright provided the motion. Ms. McConnell provided a second and the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Fleming reported on the Finance and Administration Committee and shared that the agency is waiting on approvals to move to a new state office building by this summer.

Ms. McConnell reported on the Programs and Grants Committee, where she welcomed John Hayes as a new member to the committee. She announced that the Partnership Program Accountability Standards changes for FY22 are being reviewed and she provided an update on the Early Childhood Innovation Grants application and process.

Ms. Richard reported on the Strategic Planning and Evaluation Committee where she welcomed Jessica Mackey and Janie Neeley to the committee. She provided an update on the Overarching Measure of Success for the Strategic and Comprehensive Plans. She also provided an update on the Build It Back Better Survey, Listen4Good, and Parents as Teachers projects.

Ms. Mjartan provided a Legislative update.

Ms. Mjartan provided the Executive Director’s report and provided an updated on the GEER Funds and 4K enrollment and capacity. She discussed the First Steps 4K and WIC partnership. First Steps 4K budget request, and provided an update on grants. Ms. Richard gave an overview of the All-Team Survey and the agency’s next steps as a result of the responses. Ms. Mjartan introduced the four new First Steps team members, which included Karen Oliver, the new ECAC Program Manager.



Mr. Morley asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Canright provided the motion. Ms. McConnell provided a second and the motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Morley.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:12 p.m.