Board of Trustees Meeting  
February 18, 2021  
2:00PM

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**Minutes**

**Members Present (16):**
- Dave Morley, Chair
- Dr. Shelley Canright, Vice Chair
- Sen. Greg Hembree
- Dr. David Mathis
- Mary Lynne Diggs
- Sue Williams
- Michael Leach
- Dr. Edward Simmer
- Thomas Phillip
- Walter Fleming
- Tim Holt
- Roger Pryor
- Jennifer McConnell
- Jessica Mackey
- John Hayes
- Janie Neeley

**Members Absent (6):**
- Rep. Rita Allison
- Sen. Gerald Malloy
- Rep. Jerry Govan
- Dr. Amy Williams
- Alexia Newman
- Mary Poole

**Others Present (89):**
- Georgia Mjartan
- Avian Jones
- Zack Catoe
- Audrey McClary
- Frederick Fuller
- Anna Workman
- Barbara Marshall
- Beth Moore
- Beth Reilly
- Betty Gardiner
- Beverly Brockington
- Betty Washington
- B Manoski
- Carletta Isreal
- Chelsea Richard
- Cheryl Scales-Chavis
- Cindy Ellis
- Cindy Galloway
- Cindy Riley
- Constance Martin-Witter
- Crystal Campbell
- Debbie Robertson
- Rogers Pender
- Dione Brabham
- Dorian Young
- Candi Lalonde
- Ellen Hamilton
- Emily Parish
- Felicia Patrick
- Gina Beebe
- Ginger Ryall
- Janice Kilburn
- Jennifer Williams
- Jill Brady
- Jon Artz
- Joy Mazur
- Julie Hussey
- Justinia Siuba
- Karen Oliver
- Kaytlen Caldwell
- Keisha Gray
- Kenny Smith
- Kerrie Schnake
- Kim Archung
- Kim Charika
- Ryan Shinn
- Kim Trudell
- Kristin Zeaser Sydow
- Kristine Jenkins
- Lareece Mack
- Laura Baker
- Lavinia Tejada
- Leigh D’Amico
- Lindsay Porter
- Lis Guimaraes
- Loretta Parker
- Maria Green
- Mark Barnes
- Martha Strickland
- Mary Beth Testa
- Mary Ellen Warren
- Terry McLean
- Nancy Ziobro
- Nur Tanyel
- Pauletta Plowden
- Tammy Compton
- Rachal Hatton-Moore
- Reginald Williams
- Samantha Ingram
- Sarah Eargle
- Shamika Dukes
- Sharon Bruton
- Shayla Pettigrew
- Sheila Cornwell
- Shekiah Reese
- Tierra Thomas
- Tiffany Outlaw
- Valencia Johnson
- Valerie Johnson
- Patti Wilkes
- Bill Potapchuk
- Angelia Turner
- Linnie Miller
- Gary Jones
- Sandra Meadows
- Breonna Weaver
- Misty Pearson
- Sonia Gass
- Dolores Steglin

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 Jesica 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. McConnel 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.