



Board of Trustees Meeting

April 15, 2021

2:00PM

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Members Present (17):

Dave Morley, Chair
Sen. Gerald Malloy
Sen. Greg Hembree
Dr. David Mathis
Mary Lynne Diggs
Sue Williams
Michael Leach
Dr. Edward Simmer
Jessica Mackey

Walter Fleming
Tim Holt
Roger Pryor
Jennifer McConnell
Rep. Jerry Govan
John Hayes
Janie Neeley
Dr. Amy Williams

Members Absent (5):

Rep. Rita Allison
Constance Holloway
Robert Kerr
Alexia Newman
Dr. Shelley Canright

Others Present (69)

Georgia Mjartan
Aimee Rovane
Anna Workman
Berry Kelly
Beth Moore
Betty Gardiner
Betty Washington
Bill Potapchuk
Blaine VanDyke
Brenda McRae
Candi Lalonde
Carletta Isreal
Chelsea Richard
Cheryl Scales-Chavis
Cindy Ellis
Cindy Galloway
Cindy Riley
Debbie Robertson
Dione Brabham
Dorian Young
Gina Beebe
Iris Morant
Jennifer Williams

Jessica Garrett
Justina Siuba
Karen Oliver
Kate Roach
Kaytlen Caldwell
Kim Chariker
Kristin Zeaser Sydow
Kristine Jenkins
Laura Baker
Lavinia Tejada
Leslie Williams
Linnie Miller
Lis Guimares
Marc Drews
Marcia Bacon
Mark Barnes
Martha Strickland
Meredith Dickens
Misty Pearson
Nancy Zioboro
Pierce McNair
Rachal Hatton-Moore
Rebecca Antill

Rogers Pendor
Sally Cauthen
Sarah Crawford
Sharon Bruton
Shayla Pettigrew
Sheila Cornwell
SheKiah Reese
Sheryl Stewart
Stephanie Cook
Suzanne McGougan
Tierra Thomas
Tiffany Outlaw
Tom Lacas
Tonya Mack
Tricia Richardson
Valencia Johnson
Tonya Misuraca
Samantha Ingram
Tamara Pack
Christine Zamboki
Crystal Campbell
Kerri Schnake
Crystal Culbreath

Ms. Mjartan conducted a roll call.

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



Mr. Morley called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.m. and requested a motion to adopt the agenda. Dr. Mathis provided the motion. Mr. Pryor provided a second and the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Morley asked for a motion to approve the February 18, 2021 minutes. Mr. Holt provided the motion. Ms. Williams provided a second and the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Morley introduced the new board member: Constance Holloway who is the Interim Director for the Department of Disabilities and Special Needs.

Mr. Morley asked if there were any items to be removed from the consent agenda. Ms. McConnell requested that item C be removed from the agenda before approval. Mr. Morley asked for a motion to approve the following consent agenda with the exception of item C:

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

- a. Motion to approve the 2019 Form 990 for submission. (Finance and Administration Committee recommends)
- b. Motion to approve the ratification of funds for permanent improvements for Lexington County First Steps. (Finance and Administration Committee recommends)
- c. Motion to approve the FY22 Local Partnership and Program Accountability Standards as presented in the attached document. (Programs and Grants Committee recommends)
- d. Motion to approve the Greenville First Steps Partnership Board request to begin supporting a new program, Reach Out and Read, allocating \$30,000 in state funds towards this program. (Programs and Grants Committee recommends)
- e. Motion to evaluate Child Care Quality Enhancement and Training in FY22-23 (Due November 1, 2022) for the next prevalent program evaluation. (Strategic Planning and Evaluation Committee recommends)

Sen. Hembree provided the motion. Rep. Govan provided a second and the motion was unanimously approved.

Ms. McConnell discussed the request to change the name of the Local Partnership Accountability Standards to FY22 First Steps Program Operational Guidelines.

Mr. Morley requested a motion to approve the name change of the Local Partnership Accountability Standards to FY22 First Steps Program and Operational Guidelines. Sen. Hembree provided the motion. Dr. Williams provided the second and the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Fleming reported on the Finance and Administration Committee and provided a financial update for FY 2020-2021. He announced that the SC First Steps state office will be moving to 632 Rosewood Drive Columbia, SC 29201 this summer.

Ms. McConnell reported on the Programs and Grants Committee where she announced 6 new program guidelines will be added to the FY22 First Steps Program and Operational Guidelines. She shared the approval of reallocation requests from Greenville First Steps and Anderson First Steps. Ms. McConnell also provided an update on Corrective Active Plans and the status of return to normal operations for Local Partnerships.



Dr. Williams reported on the Strategic Planning and Evaluation Committee and provided updates on the Your Voice Matters project, South Carolina Early learning Extension of the K-12 Statewide Longitudinal System, and Parents as Teachers project.

Sen. Malloy and Sen. Hembree provided a Legislative report with updates on the Senate budget. Sen. Malloy also thanked Dr. Simmer for his direction on vaccinations for citizens of the state as the Director of DHEC. Rep. Govan thanked the First Steps staff for the work they are doing.

Ms. Mjartan provided the Executive Director's report which included the status of operations for South Carolina First Steps and provided an update on First Steps 4K summer and fall enrollment and the roll out of the 4K First Steps plus Siblings program with the partnership of DSS. She also gave a grant making update, announced that AnLar will be the vendor for the new Outcomes and Accountability Data System, and gave an update on the launch of the new SC First Steps website.

Mr. Morley asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Williams provided the motion. Dr. Mathis provided a second and the motion was unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:04 pm by Mr. Morley.