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
- Jesica 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 McAra
- 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 Stuba
- Karen Oliver
- Kate Roach
- Kaytlen Caldwell
- Kim Chariker
- Kristin Zeaser Sydow
- Kristine Jenkins
- Laura Baker
- Lavinia Tejada
- Leslie Williams
- Linnie Miller
- Lis Guaiares
- 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
- Shaylor Pettigrew
- Sheila Cornwell
- SheKiah Reese
- Sheryl Stewart
- Stephanie Cook
- Suzanne McGougan
- Tierra Thomas
- Tiffany Outlaw
- Tom Lacas
- Tonya Mack
- Tricia Richardhson
- 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.