



Board of Trustees Meeting

August 20, 2020

2:00PM

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Members Present (18):

Dave Morley, Chair
Julie Hussey, Vice Chair
Sue Williams
Alexia Newman
Rep. Rita Allison
Tim Holt
Marshall Taylor
Rep. Jerry Govan
Roger Pryor, Jr.

Walter Fleming
Michael Leach
Mary Lynne Diggs
Dr. David Mathis
Sen. Gerald Malloy
Sen. Greg Hembree
Dr. Amy Williams
Dr. Shelley Canright
Jennifer McConnell

Members Absent (3):

Joshua Baker
Angel Johnson-Brebner
Mary Poole

Others Present (64):

Lt. Gov. Pamela Evette
Georgia Mjartan
Avian Jones
Samantha Ingram
Betty Gardiner
Sarah Eargle
David Lisle
Reginald Williams
Lamyra Sanders
Jenn Adams
Janie Quinn
Mark Barnes
Anna Workman
Debbie Robertson
Cassie Barber
Doris Mitchell
Betty Gardiner
Cindy Riley
Laura Baker
Cindy Ellis
Joy Mazur
Katie Dow

Tiffany Outlaw
Corey Dwyer
SheKiah Reese
Kim Trudell
Jon Artz
Cindy Galloway
Chelsea Richard
Verline Jacques
Tierra Thomas
Jennifer Williams
Nancy Zioboro
Micah Rea
Kristine Jenkins
Jordan Hix
Candi Lalonde
Suzanne McGougan
Pierce McNair
Shirleen Lewis
Sheila Cornwell
Zack Catoe
Lavinia Tejada

Sharon Bruton
Beth Moore
Shayla Pettigrew
Dione Brabham
Valencia Johnson
Kim Chariker
Kim Archung
Paula Durham
Sarah Conrad
Angela Compton
Lawanda Bethel
Paulette Plowden
Donna Barton
Sally Cauthen
Marie Stewart
A Brewton
Marcia Bacon
Marie Williams
Peggy McDaniel
Cindy Riley
Crystal Campbell

Avian Jones conducted a roll call.

Mr. Morley allowed for an opportunity for public comment. The audience member was not present at the time. Mr. Morley stated he would allow time for her to speak once she arrived.



Mr. Dave Morley called the meeting to order at 2:07 p.m.

Mr. Morley asked for a motion to adopt the agenda. Rep. Allison provided a second and the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Morley provided a motion to approve the June 18, 2020 minutes. Ms. McConnell provided a second and the motion was unanimously approved.

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

- I. Consent Agenda: **Motions Recommended by Committees** (David Morley)
 - a. Motion to issue Corrective Action Plans to 12 Local Partnerships to document progress towards compliance by local board and staff in meeting the minimum qualifications specified in each plan. (See attached for list of local partnerships receiving Corrective Action Plans.) (Program and Grants Committee recommends)
 - b. Motion to award \$580,113 in funding for the Family Services Expansion Grant: Parenting Program Expansion Awards to the following 8 local partnerships: Bamberg, Berkeley, Dorchester, Greenville, Newberry, Orangeburg, Pickens, and York. (Details on grant award amounts attached.) (Program and Grants Committee recommends)
 - c. Motion to award 18 AmeriCorps member slots including all stipend expenses and an additional \$77,000 in grants (\$7,000 per AmeriCorps Parent Educator awarded) to the following counties: Barnwell, Berkeley, Charleston, Colleton, Dorchester, Marion, Newberry, Orangeburg, Pickens, Richland, Williamsburg (Details on member slots awarded and grant amounts attached.) (Program and Grants Committee recommends)
 - d. Motion to award the remaining balance of \$23,830 in Rural Home Visiting Expansion funds to be distributed equally between Barnwell and Dillon County First Steps in the respective sums of \$11,915 each for continuation of their parenting programs. (Program and Grants Committee recommends)

Ms. Williams provided a second and the motion was unanimously approved.

Ms. Mjartan thanked the Local Partnership Programs and Grants Committee for their hard work in making recommendations for the allocation of recent grant awards. She requested that the Executive Committee be allowed to recommend and vote on a number of local partnerships to be awarded 12 remaining AmeriCorps member slots. Mr. Morley provided a motion to empower the Executive Committee to act. Dr. Mathis provided a second and the motion was unanimously approved.

The Trustees entered Executive Session. Mr. Morley presented on the Executive Committee. While in Executive Session they reviewed Ms. Mjartan's performance review.

Mr. Morley asked for a motion to approve the review as discussed in the Executive Session. Rep. Allison provided a second and the motion was unanimously approved.

Ms. McConnell reported on the Program and Grants Committee and recent Local Partnership grant awards and corrective action plans. Ms. Mjartan stated that this is the single largest grant pool that SC First Steps has been able to distribute in over ten years.

Mr. Leach shared that DSS was able to grant \$1.2 million federal dollars to SC First Steps that will assist with providing high quality child care across the state.



Mr. Fleming presented the report for the Finance Committee. Mr. Barnes provided an update on Blackbaud's data breach.

Dr. Williams reported on the Strategic Planning and Evaluation Committee and how they will be evaluating the work with the newly received grants.

Sen. Malloy provided a Legislative update surrounding the status of the state's budget. He addressed the work issues and funding that the House and Senate AccelerateSC Committee members are reviewing in regard to COVID-19, to include child care needs across the state.

Ms. Mjartan provided the Executive Director's report, provided an update on 4K, the agency's fundraising plan, and a brief review of the current posted positions and upcoming positions.

Mr. Morley allowed for public comments from Ms. Crystal Campbell of Dorchester County First Steps.

Mr. Morley provided a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Hussey provided a second and the motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Morley.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:43 p.m.