



Board of Trustees Meeting

October 22, 2020

2:00PM

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Members Present (11):

Dave Morley, Chair
Dr. Shelley Canright, Vice Chair
Tim Holt

Marshall Taylor
Michael Leach
Dr. David Mathis
Sen. Greg Hembree
Dr. Amy Williams
Julie Hussey

Mary Poole
Jennifer McConnell

Members Absent (10):

Mary Lynne Diggs
Sen. Gerald Malloy
Rep. Rita Allison
Rep. Jerry Govan
Joshua Baker
Angel Johnson-Brebner

Sue Williams
Walter Fleming
Alexia Newman
Roger Pryor, Jr.

Others Present (52):

Georgia Mjartan
Avian Jones
Zack Catoe
Samantha Ingram
Angela Pruitt
Anna Workman
Annie Cherry
Barbara Scott
Beth Moore
Betty Gardiner
Carla Brown
Carletta Isreal
Chelsea Richard
Cindy Ellis
Cindy Galloway
Cindy Riley
Debbie Robertson
Delores Rock
Derek Lewis
Dione Brabham
Gina Beebe
Janice Kilburn

Jenn Adams
Jennifer Williams
Jon Artz
Joy Mazur
Kim Chariker
Kristine Jenkins
Laura Baker
Lavinia Tejada
Mark Barnes
Martha Strickland
Micah Rea
Nancy Ziobro
Reggie Earle
Rosemary Patterson
Sarah Crawford
Sharon Bruton
Shayla Pettigrew
Sheila Cornell
SheKiah Reese
Suzanne McGougan
Tierra Thomas
Tiffany Outlaw

Valencia Johnson
Veronica Davis
Michael Gaskin
Derek Lewis
Victoria Warner
Anna Workman
Candi Lalonde
Betty Washington

Avian Jones conducted a roll call.



Mr. Morley allowed for public comment from Mr. Michael Gaskin, Executive Director of Greenwood First Steps.

Mr. Dave Morley called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

Mr. Morley asked for a motion to adopt the agenda. Dr. Mathis provided the motion and Dr. Canright provided a second and the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Morley asked for a motion to approve the August 20, 2020 minutes. Ms. Hussey provided the motion and Ms. McConnell provided a second and the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Morley reported on the Executive Committee and shared that there was a vote to award Family Service Expansion Grants for AmeriCorps members to local partnerships. There was also a vote to support the adoption of the Agency Head Planning document.

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

- I. Consent Agenda: **Motions Recommended by Committees** (David Morley)
 - a. Motion that the program READY 4K! be designated as Evidence-Based and added to the State Board List of Evidence-Based Programs (Programs and Grants recommends)
 - b. Motion to add the standards for evidence-based program Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters to the FY21 Partnership and Program Accountability Standards (Program and Grants recommends)
 - c. Motion to receive the 2019-20 Financial Audit as presented (Finance and Administration Committee recommends)

Dr. Mathis provided the motion and Mr. Holt provided a second and the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Holt reported on the Finance and Administration Committee. The board unanimously approved to accept the 2018-2019 Financial Audit. Mr. Holt provided a financial update which included the state budget request and an update on the Blackbaud data breach. Mr. Holt allowed Mr. Derek Lewis, Executive Director of Greenville County First Steps, to present his request to establish Greenville First Steps Endowed Fund.

Mr. Morley thanked Mr. Lewis for his flexibility and innovation with this project. Mr. Morley acknowledged that this proposal is up to one year's annual spending level and if the endowment were to become larger than the annual spending level, all of the proceeds will go to direct service in that year as a limitation.

Mr. Morley asked for a motion to accept the proposal presented by Mr. Lewis. The motion was provided by Dr. Canright, second by Ms. Hussey, and was unanimously approved.

Ms. McConnell reported on the Program and Grants Committee, recent corrective action plans, and fiscal review.

Dr. Williams reported on the Strategic Planning and Evaluation Committee and the statewide Birth Through Five Strategic Plan.

Sen. Hembree provided a Legislative update.



Ms. Mjartan provided the Executive Director's report, an update on 4K enrollment, the new 4K center being established in the town of Kershaw. Ms. Mjartan also presented an update on the HIPPI and AmeriCorps program, how SC First Steps will implement them with the local partnerships, and the great benefits they will offer our families, statewide. She shared an update on grants, fundraising, and gave an overview of the current posted positions and upcoming positions.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 2:56 p.m.