



Minutes of (November) REGULAR Board Meeting on Tuesday, December 3, 2024

Location: 2407 Pisgah Rd, Florence
Upper School Conference Room
Posted Zoom Option: <https://zoom.us/j/98364827540>
Posted start time: 6:00 p.m.

	Name	Appointed or Elected	Current Term Expires	Office	Remote	In-person	Absent	Arrived late	Departed early
1.	Dr. Tom Ducey	elected	6/30/25	Chair					
2.	Chief Carlos Washington	appointed	6/30/26	Vice Chair					
3.	Mrs. Lindsay Privette	elected	6/30/26	Treasurer					
4.	Dr. Machell Sprauve	elected	6/30/25	Secretary					
5.	Ms. Meredith Cotton	appointed	6/30/25	Director					
6.	Mr. Scott Kozacki, ESQ	appointed	6/30/25	Director					
7.	Mr. Ron Roberts	elected	6/30/26	Director					
8.	Dr. Latoya Mitchell Hodges	appointed	6/30/26	Director					
9.	Pastor Michael Cook	elected	6/30/26	Director					

Administrators Present:

Dr. Brian Carpenter, Executive Director
Ms. Jackee Johnston, Chief Operations Officer
Ms. Toni Brandt, Chief Academic Officer

Authorizer representative(s): None.

Guests of the board:

Mary Allison Caudell, Turner & Caudell Esquire (remote)

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Kim Lane, Veris CPA (remote)

1. **Establish quorum/call to order:** After establishing the presence of a quorum, Chair Ducey called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
2. **Welcome/Opening Ceremonies:** Chair Ducey welcomed everyone and read the school's mission statement and the board's mission statement.
3. **Approval of Agenda:** After calling for revisions to the posted agenda and hearing none, Chair Ducey declared the agenda as approved as posted.
4. **Public comment:** There were no public comments.
5. **Approval of Minutes:**
 - a. *Regular meeting on 10/29/24.* After calling for corrections to the minutes of the regular meetings on 10/29/24 and hearing none, Director Cook moved to approve the minutes as submitted; seconded by Vice Chair Washington. Motion carried.
 - b. *Special meeting on 11/19/24.* Dr. Carpenter requested postponing approval of these until the next regular board meeting in order for time to prepare them. Director Cook moved postponement until the next regular meeting; seconded by Vice Chair Washington. Motion carried.
6. **Guest discourse:**
 - a. Dr. Bill Roach, CIE (optional) - (N/A; no authorizer representative present.)
7. **Report of any correspondence from the authorizer unique to the school since the previous regular board meeting:** Dr. Carpenter stated that the school has not received any unique correspondence from the authorizer since the previous regular meeting.
8. **Officer Reports:**
 - a. *Board Chair:* No report given, however, Chair Ducey shared a few comments pertaining to the need to prepare for the upcoming board elections.
 - b. *Board Secretary:* No report.
 - c. *Board Treasurer:* No report.
9. **Executive Director's report:** Dr. Carpenter gave the floor to CAO Toni Brandt and COO Jackee Johnston to discuss their work on instructional improvement and climate and culture. COO Johnston's presentation included a slide deck, which is attached to these minutes.
10. **Financial report:** Kim Lane, Veris CPA, presented an overview of the most recent financial report consisting of a balance sheet and an income and expense statement through 10/31/24, and other supporting documents that were linked in the board packet for this meeting,
11. **Board Committee Reports (standing committee):**
 - a. Governance Committee: No report.
 - b. Financial Oversight Committee: No report.
 - c. Risk Management Oversight Committee: No report
12. **Board committee reports (ad hoc committees).**
 - a. Executive Director Search Committee. Committee Chair Privette reported that the school has received 25 applicants for the position of executive director thus far; two of which she indicated were familiar with charters.
13. **Unfinished Business:**

- a. *Trane proposal (postponed 10/29/24).* Board Chair Ducey moved to postpone indefinitely based on Dr. Carpenter's recommendation. Vice Chair Washington seconded. Motion carried.
- b. *Form an ad hoc committee to explore charter and bylaw revisions (postponed 10/29/24).* Board Chair Ducey moved to postpone until the next regular board meeting (01/28/25) at which time Dr. Carpenter said he will know what our current enrollment is, in order to determine whether the school can afford to hire a consultant to guide the charter revision process, and that he would get a quote from a consulting colleague that does this type of work in whom he has confidence. Vice Chair Washington seconded. Motion carried.

14. **New Business:** None.


15. **Closed session discussion of pending contractual arrangements and a confidential student matter as permitted by [SC Title 30 §30-4-70\(a\)\(1\)](#).** At 7:30 pm, Treasurer Privette moved that the board enter closed session for the purpose of obtaining legal advice from its general counsel on pending litigation and to discuss a confidential student matter. Seconded by Director Hodges. Motion carried. At 7:35 pm, Treasurer Privette moved to reenter open session. Seconded by Vice Chair Washington. Motion carried.

16. **Possible action arising from closed session discussion.** No action was proposed or taken.

17. **Good of the School.** None.

18. **Adjournment.** Having concluded the agenda at 7:36 pm, Director Cook moved to adjourn. Seconded by Vice Chair Washington. Motion carried.

Approved by the board 1/28/25
(date)

Board Secretary 
(signature)

Next Meeting: January 28, 2025 (No regular meeting is scheduled for December due to the holidays.)