



**Minutes of (August) REGULAR Board Meeting on Tuesday, October 28, 2025**

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	Office	Remote	In-person	Absent	Arrived late	Departed early
1.	Mrs. Lindsay Privette	elected	Chair		X			
2.	Chief Carlos Washington	appointed	Vice Chair		X			
3.	Mr. David Sanderson	elected	Treasurer		X			
4.	Dr. Machell Sprauve	elected	Secretary	X				
5.	Ms. Meredith Cotton	appointed	Director	X				
6.	Mr. Anthony Velazquez	appointed	Director			X		
7.	Dr. Ron Roberts	elected	Director	X				6:30PM
8.	Dr. Latoya Mitchell Hodges	appointed	Director	X				
9.	Pastor Michael Cook	elected	Director			X		

**Administrators Present:**

Ms. Toni Brandt, Chief Executive Officer  
Ms. Jackee Johnston, Chief Operations Officer  
Mr. Chris Lewis, Chief Academic Officer

**Authorizer representative(s):**

Dr. Bill Roach, CIE (remote)

**Guests of the board:**

Ms. Mary Allison Caudell, Turner & Caudell Esquire  
Mr. Brice West, Veris CPA (remote)

**Agenda**

**1. Welcome/opening ceremonies (L. Privette)**

Chair Privette opens with remarks, school board mission statement, and school mission statement.

**2. Establish quorum (M. Sprauve); call to order**

After establishing the presence of a quorum, with agreement from Secretary Sprauve, Chair privette called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

**3. Approval of agenda**

Treasurer Sanderson moved to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Vice Chair Washington. Carried unanimously.

#### 4. Public comment<sup>1</sup>

None.

#### 5. Approval of minutes:

##### a. 09/30/25 Regular Meeting

After Review of the 09/30/25 Regular Meeting Minutes, and seeing no amendments needed Treasurer Sanderson moved to approve Minutes as presented. Seconded by Vice Chair Washington. Carried unanimously.

#### 6. Financial Report - Income Statement and Balance sheet as of 09/30/25 (Veris)

Brice West presented the Income Statement and Balance Sheet as of September 30, 2025, and addressed questions from the group.

#### 7. Guest discourse:

##### a. Dr. Bill Roach, CIE

Dr. Bill Roach gave an updated discourse on the wellbeing of the school.

#### 8. Report of any correspondence from/to the authorizer unique to the school since the previous regular board meeting (L.Privette, T. Brandt).

No report.

#### 9. VASC Anti-Bullying Initiative, presented by K. Lawhon, K-4 School Counselor

K.Lawhon, K-4 School Counselor presented the VASC Anti-Bullying Initiative and opened for questions.

#### 10. Officer reports

##### a. Board President

No report.

##### b. Board Secretary

No report.

##### c. Board Treasurer

Treasurer Sanderson gave an updated report for the month of October, 2025 and opened for questions. After hearing none Chair Privette moved to accept as presented. Seconded by Vice Chair Washington. Carried unanimously.

#### 11. Executive Director's Report

Mrs. Toni Brandt presented by sharing an email to staff on her experiences on a recent Leadership Cohort trip to New Orleans and the impact on what she learned to VASC. She then opened for questions from board members about her recent bi-monthly board report.

#### 12. New Business

##### A. High Dosage Math Tutoring Quote (presented by J. Robinson), Possible Action

Chair Privette moved for expenditure of the high dosage math and science tutoring to \$40,500. Seconded by Treasurer Sanderson. Carried unanimously.

##### B. Bus Acquisition–Quotes, Possible Action

Executive Director Toni Brandt provided bus acquisition-quotes and opened for discussion. Chair Privette moved to authorize Executive Director T.Brandt to purchase a full size bus not to exceed \$80,000. Seconded by Director Hodges. Carried unanimously.

#### 13. Closed session

Treasurer Sanderson moved to enter into closed session at 6:57 p.m. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Washington and carried unanimously.

##### A. Receipt of Legal Advice -Discussion of Facility Financing Structure

Upon conclusion, Vice Chair Washington moved to return to open session at 7:10pm. The motion was seconded by Treasurer Sanderson and carried unanimously.

#### 14. Good of the school

## 15. Adjournment

With the agenda concluded at 7:11pm p.m. The board unanimously called to adjourn.

<sup>1</sup> The Virtus Academy of South Carolina (VASC) Board of Directors values VASC community input and invites the community to participate. To protect the integrity of the meeting agenda, and ensure that all items requiring discussion can occur in a timely manner, public dialogue will be restricted to the Public Comment segment. Each speaker will be provided two minutes. Persons wishing to make public comments must register in person prior to the meeting and indicate the agenda item to be discussed. Registration will open approximately 10-15 minutes prior to the beginning of the Board meeting. Further information will be provided at the meeting.

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Approved by the board December 16, 2025.

Signed by:  
Board Secretary Dr. Madell Sprauve  
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**The next REGULAR meeting is scheduled for December 16, 2025 at 6:00pm.**