



Minutes of (January) REGULAR Board Meeting on Tuesday, January 27, 2026

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				6:06PM	
5.	Ms. Meredith Cotton	appointed	Director			X		
6.	Mr. Anthony Velazquez	appointed	Director	X				
7.	Dr. Ron Roberts	elected	Director	X				
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
 Ms. Melissa Yutzy, Veris CPA (remote)
 Mr. V, Chief Operations Officer, CIE

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 the late arrival of 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 Director Hodges. Carried unanimously.

4. Special Recognition of Past and Present Board Members

CEO Toni Brant recognized past and present board members, and unveiled a mural to honor former Board Chair Mr. Ducey.

5. Public comment¹

None.

6. Approval of minutes:

a. 12/16/25 Regular Meeting

After Review of the 12/16/25 Regular Meeting Minutes, and seeing no amendments needed Treasurer Sanderson moved to approve Minutes as presented. Seconded by Secretary Sprauve. Carried unanimously.

7. Financial Report - Income Statement and Balance sheet as of 12/31/2025 (Veris)

Melissa Yutzy presented the Income Statement and Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2025 and addressed questions from the group.

8. Guest discourse:

a. Mr. V, Chief Operations Officer, CIE

Spoke to the group in regards to Virtus Academy's journey and success thus far.

b. Dr. Bill Roach, Deputy Superintendent, CIE

Expressed appreciation for our board and community.

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

CEO Toni Brandt spoke on the emergency action. She reiterated that this is a help designation at the authorizer level.

10. Officer reports

a. Board President

Board President Privette reported that they have begun discussion on upcoming board elections.

b. Board Secretary

No Report.

c. Board Treasurer

Board Treasurer Sanderson gave a financial summary and moved for the Board to accept it as presented, second by Director Hodges. Carried unanimously.

11. Chief Executive Officer's Report

No report was given, as the bi-monthly board report was sent out to the board members.

12. New Business

A. Consideration of amended budget for FY 26

Treasurer Sanderson moved to accept the amended budget as presented. Seconded by Director Hodges. Carried unanimously.

B. Consideration of School Calendar for 26-27

Secretary Sprauve moved to approve as presented. Seconded by Director Hodge. Carried unanimously.

13. A. Closed session

Director Hodges moved to enter into closed session at 6:41pm. Seconded by Treasurer Sanderson. Carried unanimously.

a. Pending Contractual Arrangements-Academic Plan

b. Personnel matters-Certification Status

Board Chair Privette moved to return to open session at 7:13pm. Seconded by Director Hodges. Carried unanimously.

14. Action, if any, from Executive Session

15. Good of the school

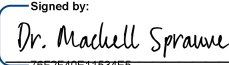
Director Hodges commended the administrative staff on handling the weather conditions well and in a timely manner to allow student and staff safety.

16. Adjournment

With the conclusion of the agenda, Director Cook moved to adjourn at 7:14pm. Seconded by Chair Privette. Carried unanimously.

¹ 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.

Approved by the board February 24, 2026

Board Secretary  _____
Signed by:
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The next REGULAR meeting is scheduled for February 24, 2026 at 6:00pm.