

Board of Trustees Meeting  
August 15, 2024 2:00PM  
SC First Steps  
636 Rosewood Drive Columbia, SC 29201  
Minutes

Trustees Present (14):

Mary Lynne Diggs  
Rep. Shannon Erickson  
Dr. Matthew Ferguson  
John Hayes  
Sen. Greg Hembree  
Mike Leach  
Dave Morley, Chairman  
Janie Neeley

Mary Anne Scott  
Dr. Edward Simmer  
Wes Wooten  
Sue Williams  
Dr. Amy Williams, Vice Chair

Trustees Absent (9)

Rep. Terry Alexander  
Dr. Robert Bank  
Jacque Curtin  
Constance Holloway  
Robert Kerr  
Jessica Mackey  
Sen. Gerald Malloy

Mr. Morley called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.m.

Mr. Morley requested a motion to adopt the agenda. Mr. Wooten provided the motion, seconded by Dr. Simmer, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Morley asked for a motion to approve the June 20, 2024 minutes. Mr. Wooten provided the motion, seconded by Dr. Simmer and the motion was unanimously approved.

Chairman Morley reported on the Executive Committee where he shared that the committee met to take action on Local Partnership Executive Director compensation submissions. These actions were taken on behalf of the full board due to their time sensitivity. Effective July 1, Local Partnership Executive Director compensation decisions will go through the formal approval process and will be reviewed twice per year. Mr. Morley provided an update on the Executive Director search process.

Mr. Wooten made a motion to adopt the consent agenda and seconded by Dr. Simmer. Mr. Barnes provided information on the revised formula allocation for the Local Partnerships. The motion was unanimously approved.

- a. Motion: To approve the Revised Formula Allocation for the Local Partnerships for 2024-25 based on additional funds appropriated by the state for the 2024-25 fiscal year. (Finance and Administration Committee recommends)
- b. Motion: To approve the corrective action determination as presented for the seven (7) local partnerships identified (Abbeville, Aiken, Barnwell, Dorchester, Georgetown, Kershaw, and Richland counties). As a result of corrective action, the local partnerships affected are not eligible to apply for competitive or targeted grants until they have satisfactorily resolved the deficiencies noted on their corrective action plan as

ongoing implementation. Dr. Richard shared the plans for the 2025-2030 strategic plan development and dates of listening sessions for the board to participate in.

Mr. Barnes gave an update on the 4K data from the SC Department of Education. He also provided updates on the Act 81 implementation process for Local Partnership Executive Director hiring, salary, and evaluations, their core personnel policies, and their transition to PEBA. He shared the leadership change at Richland County First Steps. Mr. Barnes shared 4K data for the 2023-2024 school year, and 4K data for the upcoming 2024-2025 school year. Ms. Strickland shared highlights from the recent 4K Academy. Mr. Barnes gave an update on grants awarded to local partnerships for FY2024-2025. He announced new team members and shared the current job vacancies.

Mr. Wooten made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Dr. Simmer, and the motion was unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:48 p.m. by Chairman Morley.

Early Childhood Advisory Council Meeting  
August 15, 2024, immediately following the SCFS Board of Trustees Meeting  
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Council Members Present (16):

Mary Lynne Diggs  
Rep. Shannon Erickson  
Dr. Matthew Ferguson  
John Hayes  
Sen. Greg Hembree  
Mike Leach  
David Lisk  
Dave Morley, Chairman  
Janie Neeley

Dorothy Priester  
Roger Pryor  
Mary Anne Scott  
Dr. Edward Simmer  
Wes Wooten  
Dr. Amy Williams, Vice Chair  
Sue Williams

Council Members Absent (9):

Rep. Terry Alexander  
Dr. Robert Bank  
Jacque Curtin  
Constance Holloway  
Robert Kerr  
Jessica Mackey  
Sen. Gerald Malloy  
Jack McBride  
Dr. Brenda Williams


Attendees (75)

Mark Barnes  
Avian Jones  
Alissa Durham  
Alonzo Johnson  
Amanda Bailey  
Amber Gillum  
Amy Breault  
Anita Ellison Porter  
Anna Layton  
April Cromer  
Arthur Brewton  
Barbara Casper  
Berry Kelly  
Betty Washington  
BJ Norris Long  
Brian Butler  
Chelsea Adamson  
Chelsea Richard  
Cheryl Scales  
Cindy Galloway  
Cindy Hurst  
Cindy Riley  
Crystal Williams  
Darlyene Gillie  
David Lisk  
David O'Kelly

Dorian Young  
Elaine Gentry  
Elizabeth Dudek  
Emma Matzko  
Felicia O'Neal  
Francis Rushton  
Gina Beebe  
Harriett Clarke  
Jaiden Branch  
Janice Kilburn  
Jeanette Samuel  
John Browne  
Jon Artz  
Joy Mazur  
Julie Greer  
Kaitlyn Richards  
Karen Oliver  
Kate Roach  
Kathy Fitzgerald  
Kenna Hoover  
Kerry Cordan  
Kristen Martocchio  
Kristine Jenkins  
LaKesha Meredith  
Lamikka Samuel  
LaMyra Sanders-Dukes

Lexi Jones  
Lis Guimaraes  
Maebelle Williams  
Martha Strickland  
Melissa Griffin  
Mildred Daniels  
Patricia McRoy  
Pauletta Plowden  
Pauline Whiting  
Rachel Amrhein  
Renee Williams  
Rudilly Dubose  
Sabrenna Long  
Salisa McTeer  
Sarah Eargle  
Shannon Allen  
Shayla Pettigrew  
Sheila Cornwell  
Stacy Greenwalt  
Tiffany Outlaw  
Tyshica McConner  
Veronica Reynolds  
Victoria Belin





Surveillance Survey for the stated. Ms. Williams shared that all 7 home visiting models are now available on the First5SC portal.

Ms. Gillum shared that another round of grant applications for PDG were submitted at the end of July. If awarded, South Carolina would receive \$8 million for 3 years. Only 10 states in the count