



Ms. Jones conducted a roll call.

Ms. Jones reported there were no members of the public that requested to speak.

Mr. Morley discussed Governor McMaster's South Carolina Birth through Five Press Conference that was held earlier that day. He thanked the Governor and First Steps staff for this accomplishment. Ms. Mjartan discussed the ability to award \$4 million to the local partnerships to expand their parenting programs. She also discussed the SC First Steps 4K childcare centers that will be receiving awards to expand childcare.

Mr. Morley called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m. Mr. Morley requested a motion to adopt the agenda. Dr. Mathis provided the motion. Ms. McConnell provided a second and the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Morley asked for a motion to approve the December 3, 2021 minutes. Ms. Neeley provided the motion. Ms. Newman provided a second and the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Morley provided a report on the Executive Committee. He announced that items B and C will be removed from the consent agenda and that the SC First Steps Board of Trustees will continue to work with Abbeville and Greenwood County First Steps to address their Corrective Action Plans. Mr. Morley asked for a motion to approve the following consent agenda. Mr. Leach provided the motion. Ms. McConnell provided a second and the motion was unanimously approved.

Consent Agenda: Motions Recommended by Committees (David Morley)

- **a.** Motion: To approve the 2022 Board of Trustees & ECAC meeting dates (Executive Committee recommends)
- **b.** Motion: Todisallow certain unallowable costs for Abbeville County First Steps and to suspend payments to that local partnership if they do not bring themselves back to a