



Board of Trustees Meeting

August 19, 2021

2:00PM

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Members Present (17):

Dave Morley, Chair
Dr. Shelley Canright
Sen. Greg Hembree
Rep. Rita Allison
Rep. Jerry Govan
Dr. David Mathis
Mary Lynne Diggs
Sue Williams
Michael Leach

Dr. Edward Simmer
Walter Fleming
Tim Holt
Jennifer McConnell
Dr. Amy Williams
Jessica Mackey
John Hayes
Nicole Wynkoop

Members Absent (6):

Sen. Gerald Malloy
Robert Kerr
Constance Holloway
Alexia Newman
Roger Pryor
Janie Neeley

Others Present (83)

Georgia Mjartan
Abby Thorman
A Brewton
Adrienne Troy Frazier
Aleisha Butler
Amy Engle
Angelia Mikolajczak
Angela Pruitt
Ariel Gilreath
Audrey McClary
Avian Jones
Barbara Manoski
Berry Kelly
Beth Moore
Betty Gardiner
Betty Washington
Bill Potapchuk
Blaire Van Dyne
Carletta Isreal
Chastine Dickey
Chelsea Richard
Cheryl Scales-Chavis
Christy Stanton
Cindy Ellis

Cindy Galloway
Cindy Kellett
Crystal Campbell
Delores Rock
Derek Cromwell
Diana Cadena
Dione Brabham
Dorian Young
Dorina Foster
Dorothy Priestler
Gina Beebe
Janice Kilburn
Jared Busker
Jennifer Williams
Jenny May
Jon Artz
Joy Mazur
Justina Siuba
Karen Oliver
Kate Roach
Kathy Fitzgerald
Katie Dow
Katrina Bost
Kerry Cordan

Kim Trudell
Kristine Jenkins
Laura Baker
Linda Hickson
Lis Guimaraes
Lavinia Tejada
Marie Stewart
Mark Barnes
Martha Strickland
Mary Beth Testa
Meredith Dickens
Michael Gaskins
Michelle Wight
Nancy Ziobro
Peggy Ball
Pierce McNair
Pauletta Plowden
Rachal Hatton
Reginald Williams
Rogers Pender
Rosemarie West
Ryan Shinn
Sally Cauthen
Sharon Bruton

Shayla Pettigrew
Shelia Cornwell
SheKiah Reese
Sherry Stewart
Stacy Greenwalt
Suzanne McGougan
Tammy Hutcherson
Tiffany Outlaw
Valerie Johnson
Valencia Johnson
Willa Wingate

Ms. Jones conducted a roll call.



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

Mr. Morley called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m. Mr. Morley requested a motion to adopt the agenda. Dr. Canright provided the motion. Mr. Holt provided a second and the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Morley asked for a motion to approve the June 17, 2021 minutes. Mr. Holt provided the motion. Ms. Williams provided a second and the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Morley reported on the Executive Committee and the status of the regional board-to-board meetings. Dr. Williams made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss the evaluation of the agency head to include compensation. Sen. Hembree seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved. The board entered executive session.

Sen. Hembree made a motion to accept the agency head evaluation as presented and to contact the Agency Head Salary Commission to raise Georgia Mjartan's salary by ten percent. Dr. Mathis seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Morley asked for a motion to approve the following consent agenda. Dr. Mathis provided the motion. Rep. Govan provided a second and the motion was unanimously approved.

Consent Agenda: **Motions Recommended by Committees** (David Morley)

- a. Motion to prohibit the following local partnerships from being awarded future competitive and targeted grants from South Carolina First Steps until all of the partnerships' issues contained in their Corrective Action Plans and until any pending investigations are resolved; Unresolved Fiscal Year 19 corrective action and unresolved OIG investigation- Abbeville County FS and Greenwood County FS; New unresolved Fiscal year 21 Corrective Action- Barnwell County FS, Horry County First Steps, Jasper County FS, and Kershaw County FS. (Programs and Grants Committee recommends)
- b. Motion to accept the Early Childhood Innovation Grant Awards to 5 applications representing the following 7 Local Partnerships as recommended by the SC First Steps grant review committee- Chesterfield, Anderson, Berkeley, Charleston, Dorchester, Cherokee, and Colleton County Local Partnerships. (Program and Grant Committee recommends)

Mr. Fleming reported on the Finance and Administration Committee. He stated that FY2020 ended in good shape financially and that for FY 2021-2022 the state is providing \$15.6 million in additional funding. The total budget for FY 2021-2022 will exceed \$68 million.

Ms. McConnell reported on the Local Partnerships Programs and Grants Committee. She reviewed the Local Partnership Corrective Action Plans and announced the local partnerships that have been awarded Early Childhood Innovation Grants. Ms. Mjartan reviewed the designated and legislative board appointments for the local partnerships.

Dr. Williams reported on the Strategic Planning and Evaluation Committee and reviewed the results from the survey that went out to parents of 4K students.



Rep. Govan and Sen. Hembree provided a legislative update and discussed the additional funding for SC First Steps, the expansion of First Steps 4K and the ESSER III funding for early childhood from the State Department of Education to SC First Steps

Ms. Mjartan provided the Executive Director's report with information on the plan for the ESSER III funds, AmeriCorps, First Steps 4K and the statewide expansion. She introduced the new team members and reviewed the current list of vacancies. Ms. Mjartan announced that the agency is planning a spring fundraising event and asked for board participation on the planning committee.

Mr. Morley asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Williams provided the motion. Rep. Govan seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:14 pm by Mr. Morley.