

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF SCSDB  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
March 22, 2022**

The regular meeting of the SCSDB Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, March 22, 2022, at 12:00 p.m. in the conference room of the SCSDB Outreach Center in Columbia, South Carolina. Chairman Brawley called the meeting to order and stated that proper notification of the meeting had been made according to the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act. He welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked for the introductions of any guests in attendance. Mr. Riddle introduced Melissa Taylor, the Budget Manager for the SCSDB finance department.

MEMBERS PRESENT

W. Scott Brawley, Chairman  
Phyllis H. Alexander  
Andrew Dobson  
Julie Fowler, Ex-officio  
Robin Price

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Mary Hayes  
Scott Falcone  
Sam Hook  
Jolene Madison  
Scott Ramsey  
Ben Riddle  
Melissa Taylor

MEMBERS ABSENT

Edward B. Bible  
Tara P. Carroll, Ex-officio  
David J. Gundling  
Dr. Steven R. Ross

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

Kristin Barber, Attorney

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Brawley presented the minutes from the meeting on December 14, 2021 (see attachment #1 to the March 22, 2022 agenda) to the board. A motion was made by Mrs. Alexander and seconded by Mrs. Price. The minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Madison opened her report with an update to the SCSDB admission's department, informing the board that the application and registration process is fully online, making it more accessible for parents and staff. Additionally, she was delighted to announce that school athletics has resumed for the spring, with track kicking off their season. earlier in the month. President Madison informed the board that the principal position at the School for the Deaf had recently posted online and interviews had begun with applications coming in daily. She briefly mentioned the Cognia reaccreditation process that took place virtually the week prior, explaining that although an exit interview with favorable remarks was provided at the end, a more thorough written review was expected to follow. Lastly, President Madison updated the board on the bus wrapping project that would begin during spring break, as well as informing the board of the upcoming events on campus, such as prom, awards day and graduation.

### OUTREACH UPDATE

Scott Falcone, Director of Outreach Services, presented the board with an extensive powerpoint of all the many ways they serve the state of South Carolina. He spoke directly about the partnerships with colleges and universities across the state of South Carolina and beyond that help provide qualified interpreting staff and the varying ways he sees the potential for growth in terms of retaining those individuals. Chairman Brawley applauded Mr. Falcone on the tremendous work Outreach achieves across the state and the sustainable growth it has continued to demonstrate throughout the years.

### FINACIAL REPORT

Mr. Riddle reviewed the financial information that had been mailed to the board prior to the meeting (see attachment #2 to the March 22, 2022 agenda). Chairman Brawley asked for Mr. Riddle to briefly explain revenue that was placed in the “not assigned” category, which he described as originally being developed as a catchall for new funds that were not identified at the time in the system when the report was created.

### LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Mr. Ramsey informed the board that SCSDB was currently half way through the budget process for the 2022-2023 cycle. Additonally, Mr. Ramsey informed the board that the annual SCSDB Student Performance at the State House would take place on April 20, 2022, where a video of the SCSDB students performing would be viewed by the House of Representatives and a resolution would be read and presented to President Madison. Lastly, Mr. Ramsey told the board that he has followed up with the Governor’s office regarding vacant board appointments and assured Chairman Brawley that the recommmendation letters have been written and sent to the appropriate offices.

### SCSDB FOUNDATION UPDATE

Mr. Hook updated the board on the recent activities of the SCSDB Foundation and the many ways they continue to assist the school and more specifically the students and staff on campus and throught the State. He informed the board that the SCSDB Foundation raised \$70,000 from their annual “You think You Can Cook Chilif Cook-Off” event that was held in January. Additionally, Mr. Hook spoke about an upcoming event to be held in Charleston on May 31<sup>st</sup> during Spoleto where SCSDB Foundation staff would house an art exhibit in Morgan Square encouraging people to give their handprint that would help create an “I Love You” sculpture that will be placed in the city. Lastly, Mr. Hook mentioned the planned foundation events next fall, such as the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Bobby Dobson Aim High Event scheduled for August.

### DISCUSSION OF SCSDB BOARD AWARDS

Mrs. Alexander reminded the board that due to Covid the annual board awards normally given at SCSDB graduation have not taken place the last two years. After a brief discussion, the board agreed that the 2020 and the 2021 recipients of the Douglas F. Dent Award, the SCSDB Charitable Giving Award, and the SCSDB Hearts and Hands Award would be contacted and invited to attend the 2022 SCSDB Graduation Ceremony on May 27<sup>th</sup>. As a result, no new recipients would be nominated for 2022. Additonally, Mrs. Alexander and Mrs. Price agreed to work together to create criteria for the proposed Robert H. Morrow Distinguished Alumni Award that they would have ready to be voted on by the next board meeting in May.

2022-2023 SCHOL CALENDAR APPROVAL

President Madison presented the 2022-2023 School Calendar (see attachment #3 to the March 22, 2022 agenda) to the Board of Commissioners. After reviewing the calendar, a motion was made by Mrs. Alexander, seconded by Mr. Dobson and unanimously passed to approve the proposed calendar as presented.

DATE/TIME/PLACE FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

- May 17, 2022.....Zoom

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 1:39 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

W. Scott Brawley, Chairman

Phyllis H. Alexander, Secretary