

**Cooper River Constituent District 4 Board of Trustees**  
**Special Called Meeting - Minutes**  
**Tuesday, October 17, 2023**  
**6:00 p.m.**

District 4 Office – 4720 Jenkins Avenue, North Charleston, SC 29405

Members Present: Carla Gadson, Lala Fyall, Michael Garnett, Jana Wilson, Edwina Peterson, Joseph Bennett, Chris Collins

- I. Call to Order**
- Meeting was called to order at 6:09pm by Board Chair C. Gadson.
- II. Adoption of the Agenda (Action)**
- Motion was made by L. Fyall, seconded by M. Garnett, to adopt the agenda. The motion passed 7-0.
- III. Executive Session**
- A motion was made by J. Wilson, seconded by M. Garnett, to go into Executive Session. The motion passed 7-0.
- IV. Open Session Reconvened**
- A motion was made by C. Gadson, seconded by E. Peterson, was made to reconvene into Open Session. The motion passed 7-0.
- V. Vote on Executive Session Items (Action)**
- A. Discipline Hearings
- 4.21.24 Infraction 650: Intimidation – Hearing will be rescheduled.
  - 4.23.24 Infraction 025: Sex Violation – A motion was made by C. Collins, seconded by M. Garnett, to have the student placed at Turning Point Academy for a minimum stay of 45 days. The student would also be placed on Board probation for the remainder of the 2023 – 24 school year. The motion passed 5 – 1 – 1 (Peterson abstained / Collins opposed).
  - 4.24.24 Infraction 009 & 380: Fighting & Probation Violation – A motion was made by C. Collins, seconded by M. Garnett, to have the student placed at Turning Point Academy for a minimum stay of 45 days. The student would also be placed on Board probation for the remainder of the 2023 – 24 school year. The motion passed 5 – 1 – 1 (Peterson abstained / Collins opposed).
  - 4.25.24 Infraction 580: Drug Possession 2 – A motion was made by J. Wilson, seconded by J. Bennett, to allow the student to return to school. The student will also be on Board probation for the remainder of the 2023 – 24 school year. The motion passed 7-0.
  - 4.26.24 Infraction 650: Intimidation (Verbal) – A motion was made by L. Fyall, seconded by C. Collins, to have the student referred back to the school based IEP team for consideration of an alternative placement. The student will also be placed on Board probation for the remainder of the 2023 – 24 school year. The motion passed 7 – 0.
- VI. Adjournment**
- There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:26pm.

Minutes Prepared By: Shanikqua Johnson Smith – 10.18.2023

**Approved 11.6.2023**