

Cooper River Constituent District 4 Board of Trustees
Special Called Meeting - Minutes
Monday, October 16, 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 6:06pm by Board Chair C. Gadson.
- II. Adoption of the Agenda (Action)**
- Motion was made by L. Fyall, seconded by C. Collins to adopt the agenda. The motion passed 7-0.
- III. Executive Session**
- A motion was made by L. Fyall, seconded by C. Collins 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
- 4.18.24 Infraction 510: Aggravated Assault – A motion was made by C. Collins, seconded by M. Garnett, to place the student on virtual for the remainder of the first semester. A second motion was made by E. Peterson, seconded by C. Gadson, to expel the student for the first semester. A third motion was made by J. Bennett, seconded by C. Gadson, to place the student at DJA until successful completion of the program. The student will also be placed on Board probation for the remainder of the school year. Reading the last motion first, that motion failed 3-4 (Fyall, Garnett, Wilson, and Collins opposed). Reading the second motion next, that motion failed 3-4 (Fyall, Garnett, Wilson, and Collins opposed). Reading the first motion last, that motion failed 2-5 (Fyall, Gadson, Wilson, Bennett, and Peterson opposed). The Board then had a second deliberation. A motion was made by E. Peterson, seconded by L. Fyall, to have the student expelled until the end of the first semester. A second motion was made by J. Bennett, seconded by J. Wilson, to have the student placed at DJA until successful completion of the program. The student will also be placed on Board probation until the end of the school year. Reading the second motion first, that motion failed 3-4 (Fyall, Garnett, Wilson, and Collins opposed). Reading the first motion last, that motion passed 5-2 (Collins and Garnett opposed).
 - 4.17.24 Infraction 520: Assault, Simple – A motion was made by L. Fyall, seconded by C. Gadson to have the student placed at Daniel Jenkins Academy until successful completion of the program. The student will also be on Board

probation until the end of the 2023-24 school year. The motion passed 6 – 1 (Collins opposed).

- 4.19.24 Infraction 020: Major Disruption 3rd Level – A motion was made by Collins, seconded by Fyall, to have the student returned to school and placed on Board probation for the remainder of the first semester. The motion passed 7-0.
- 4.22.24 Infraction 027: Threat – A motion was made by Collins to have the student placed on Board probation until the end of the first semester. Failing to get a second that motion was dead. A second motion was made by J. Wilson, seconded by E. Peterson, to have the student returned to school and placed on Board probation until the end of the school year. The motion passed 6-1 (Collins opposed)
- 4.20.24 Infraction 650: Intimidation – verbal – A motion was made by Collins, seconded by Wilson, to have the student placed at Turning Point Academy for a minimum stay of 45 days, and placed on Board probation for the remainder of the 2023 – 24 school year. The motion passed 6 – 1 (Peterson opposed).

VI. Adjournment

- There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:26pm.

Approved 11.6.2023