

**Cooper River Constituent District 4 Board of Trustees  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
Monday, May 6, 2024  
6:00 P.M.**

**Proceedings:**

**I. Call to Order:**

The board meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m. The Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Board Chair Carla Gadson.

In attendance: Rev. Chris Collins, Edwina Peterson, Carla Gadson, Michael Garnett, Janna Wilson, Lala Fyall, Joseph Bennett

**II. Adoption of Agenda:**

A motion was made by Ms. Fyall, seconded by Ms. Gadson to adopt the agenda. Motion passed 7-0.

The agenda and calendar invite did not include DOSS, and there was no rep from DOSS present. We were able to contact Dr. Coakley and a staff member joined by Zoom. Dr. Coakley later attended 4 of the 6 hearings and will not participate in the appeals. Attendees would like to thank Dr. Coakley for her assistance.

**III. Approval of Minutes (Action)**

- A. April 9, 2024 -- Regular
- B. April 16, 2024 – Special Called
- C. April 18, 2024 – Special Called
- D. April 23, 2024 – Special Called
- E. April 25, 2024 -- Special Called
- F. April 30, 2024 -- Special Called

Ms. Gadson moved with a second by Mr. Garnett to approve the minutes for April 9<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting and April 16<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> Special Called Meetings. Motion passed 6-0-1, Collins abstains.

**IV. Public Comments/Visitors**

None

**V. Executive Session**

A motion was made by Ms. Gadson, seconded by Ms. Fyall, to move into Executive Session. Motion passed 7-0.

## **A. Discipline Hearings**

- 4.184.24** Infraction 580: Drug Possession 2
- 4.186.24** Infraction 020: Major Disruption Level 3
- 4.187.24** Infraction 570: Drug Distribution Level 3
- 4.183.24** Infraction 580: Drug Possession 2
- 4.185.24** Infraction 520: Simple Assault
- 4.172.24** Infraction 380: Probation Violation, 210: Profanity (Adult), 270: Refusal to Obey (Defiant) x 2
- 4.177.24** Infraction 700: Other Offenses

## **VI. Open Session Reconvened**

Ms. Gadson made a motion and seconded by Ms. Fyall, to move into Open Session. Motion passed 7-0.

## **VII. Vote on Executive Session Items (Actions)**

### **A. Discipline Hearings**

**4.184.24** A motion was made by Ms. Fyall, seconded by Mr. Garnett to allow the student to return to school on District Probation for the remainder of the 23-24 school year. Motion passed 7-0.

**4.186.24** A motion was made by Mr. Garnett to expel the student from CCSD schools for the remainder of the 23-24 school year. Motion fails; A motion was made by Rev. Collins, seconded by Ms. Gadson to allow the student to return to school on District Probation for the remainder of the 23-24 school year. Motion passed 5-2.

**4.187.24** A motion was made by Mr. Garnett, seconded by Ms. Wilson, to assign the student to Liberty Hill Academy until successful completion of the program and place the student on District Probation for the remainder of the 23-24 school year. Motion failed 2-5.

A motion was made by Rev. Collins, seconded by Ms. Peterson, to assign the student to Turning Point Academy for a minimum stay of 30 school days and place the student on District Probation for the remainder of the 23-24 school year. Motion passes 4-1. Collins and Peterson abstain.

**4.183.24** A motion was made by Rev. Collins, seconded by Mr. Bennett to assign the student to Turning Point Academy for a minimum stay of 30 school days and place the student on District Probation for the remainder of the 23-24 school year. Motion passed 6-0. Garnett abstained.

**4.185.24** A motion was made by Mr. Garnett, seconded by Mr. Bennett to return the student to school on District Probation for the remainder of the 23-24 school year. Motion passed 6-0. Ms. Fyall abstained.

**4.172.24** A motion was made by Ms. Gadson, seconded by Ms. Peterson to assign the student to Turning Point Academy for a minimum stay of 45 school days and place the student on District Probation for the remainder of the 23-24 school year. Motion fails 3-4.

A motion was made by Mr. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Garnett, to assign the student to Daniel Jenkins Academy until successful completion of the program and on District Probation for the remainder of the 23-24 school year. Motion passed 4-3.

**4.177.24** A motion was made by Rev. Collins to expel the student from CCSD for the remainder of the 23-24 school year. Motion failed.

A motion was made by Mr. Garnett, seconded by Ms. Peterson, to return the student to school on District Probation for the remainder of the 23-24 school year. Motion passed 5-1. Ms. Wilson abstained.

## **IX. District Updates**

District updates were provided by our Superintendent's Designee, Mr. John Cobb. Charleston County School District proudly announces our new Deputy Superintendent, Dr. Luke Clamp and new Staff Attorney, Toya Hampton. Mr. Cobb will also be taking a new position as a teacher in the upcoming school year but the location of that new position is unknown at this time.

## **X: New Business:**

Zoom Policy Discussion – Rev. Collins requested Ms. Lara Moore, board admin, to type a written draft of policy proposal and email to him. It is to be added to next meeting's agenda for discussion/action.

## **XI: Old Business**

None

## **XII: Announcements**

None

## **XIII: Adjournment**

There being no further business, Ms. Fyall moved with a second by Ms. Gadson, to adjourn the meeting at 9:34 P.M.