

MINUTES OF SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL BOARD  
ETHICS TRAINING  
MCSD CENTRAL SERVICES OFFICE  
Thursday, January 13, 2022  
12:30 pm

The Meeting of the Marion County Board of Education was held Thursday, January 13, 2022 at 12:30 p.m. The Board Members attending were Chairperson White, Rev. Brown, Mrs. Foxworth, Mrs. Pridgen, Mrs. Neal and Mr. Davis.

Members Absent: Vice-Chairperson Atkinson

**Call to Order & Notification of Board Workshop:** The Board meeting was called to order at 12:39 p.m. by Chairperson-White. In accordance with the S.C. Code of Laws, 1976, Section 30-4-80 (d) as amended, the local media was notified of the time, date and place of the meeting. The media was notified of the meeting and a copy of the agenda was also provided.

**Invocation:** A Moment of Silence.

**Welcome to Staff and Visitors Present:** Chairperson-White welcomed the staff to the January 13, 2022 meeting.

**Establishment of Quorum:** Chairperson-White verified that a quorum was present.

**Purpose:** Chairperson White began by introducing the Presenter, Ms. Meghan Walker, Executive Director of the State Ethics Commission and stated that the purpose was to discuss the their legal roles and responsibilities as board members.

**Board Members Roles and Responsibilities:** The Presenter, Ms. Meghan Walker began by informing the Board of the State ethics Commission responsibility to restore public trust in government by educating public officeholders and the public on the requirements of the state's ethics laws; conducting criminal and administrative investigations of violations of the state's ethics laws; and prosecuting violators either administratively or criminally. Ms. Walker thoroughly explained what members are allowed to do and not do such as filing the proper forms and reporting all income in the household that is earned through salary. Ms. Walker addressed several questions from members during the training.

Ms. Walker also stated that if the Board had any concerns or questions after the training, feel free to call her or email her or contact Ms. Laster. The Board commended Ms. Walker for a very outstanding presentation.

After the Ethics presentation, Chairperson White stated that the Board would take a five minute break before the Audit Presentation.

**Auditor's Report:** Mr. Larry Finney, CPA of Greene Finney, LLP; presented the Audit report to the Board for their review. He gave his financial highlights and overview of the financial statement and stated that the audit was good. The fund balance compared to the

level of safety it would need to be for financial obligations that might occur during the slow peak was very good. He was very impressed. Mr. Finney stated that there was always concerns with any audit that he has done. He expressed the assessment of risk and fraud that can occur with any business. After his presentation, members were given the opportunity to ask questions. The Board thanked Mr. Finney for his presentation

**Executive Session:** Chairperson White asked for a motion to go into executive session for legal, contractual and personnel matters. Mrs. Pridgen moved, seconded by Mr. Davis to approve this request; and the vote was unanimous. (Mrs. Neal, Rev. Brown, Mrs. Foxworth, Mrs. Pridgen, Mr. Davis, and Chairperson-White).

**Open Session:** Chairperson White asked for a motion to come out of executive session back into open session. Mrs. Pridgen moved, seconded by Mr. Davis; and the vote was unanimous. (Mrs. Neal, Rev. Brown, Mrs. Foxworth, Mrs. Pridgen, Mr. Davis and Chairperson-White).

No Action was taken in executive session.

**Adjournment:** Chairperson White asked for a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Foxworth moved, seconded by Mrs. Pridgen to approve this request; and the vote was unanimous (Rev. Brown, Mr. Davis, Chairperson White, Mrs. Pridgen, Mrs. Foxworth and Mrs. Neal). The Meeting adjourned @ 2.25 pm.