

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF SCSDB
MINUTES OF MEETING
September 12, 2024**

The regular meeting of the SCSDB Board of Commissioners was held on Thursday, September 12, 2024 at 12:00 p.m. in the BB&T Board Room in Walker Hall on the main campus in Spartanburg, South Carolina. Chairman Scott 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. The Chairman welcomed the board members and SCSDB staff who were participating in the meeting, followed by Vice Chairman Dobson who opened the meeting in prayer.

MEMBERS PRESENT

W. Scott Brawley, Chairman
Phyllis H. Alexander
Edward B. Bible
Andrew Dobson
Dr. Page McCraw

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Jolene Madison
Scott Ramsey
Ben Riddle
Logen Belmont
Sam Hook

MEMBER ABSENT

Cynthia Holland
Robin Price
Dr. Steven R. Ross
Deb Blickenstaff

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

Kristin Barber
Julie Bible

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of the March 26, 2024 board meeting (see attachment #1 to the September 12, 2024 agenda) was made by Mr. Bible and seconded by Vice Chairman Dobson. The minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Madison provided the board with an update of both campus and outreach programs, highlighting SCSDB's focus of improving academic performance through presuming the competence of all of SCSDB's students. She also shared with the board the completion of the newly wrapped bus and billboard campaign highlighting the slogan SCSDB – We're Here For You. President Madison gave an update regarding 2024 Homecoming activities including the arrival of a new mascot costume and an updated SCSDB History Book. She also shared with the board that SCSDB was the highlight of a PBS program celebrating Deaf Awareness Month. President Madison provided the board with a brief update regarding campus buildings and adjustments that were being made to improve the overall function and safety of the campus. President Madison concluded her

report with a brief update of the history wall and art show that the SCSDB Foundation is working on to benefit the programs for the students of SCSDB.

ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT

President Madison provided the board with an overview and update of the 2023-2024 SCSDB Accountability Report (see attachment #2 to the September 12, 2024 agenda). She explained to the board that the report is submitted annually and published to the SC State House website.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Riddle reviewed the financial information that had been mailed to the board prior to the meeting (see attachment #3 to the September 12, 2024 agenda).

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Mr. Ramsey updated the board regarding the legislative budget process moving into the new legislative year and also provided a brief update on campus operations.

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 throughout the state. He spoke about the continued work taking place on the history wall that once completed will be located on the second floor of Walker Hall. He closed his update with the mention of the upcoming art show the Foundation plans to host in October.

ADJORNEMENT

Chairman Brawley thanked everyone for their attendance and reports. After a brief discussion, a tentative date for the next SCSDB Board of Commissioners meeting was scheduled for December 2, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. A motion to adjourn was made by Dr. McCraw, seconded by Vice Chairman Dobson, and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

W. Scott Brawley, Chairman

Phyllis H. Alexander, Secretary