



## Early Childhood Advisory Council Meeting

December 6, 2023, immediately following the SCFS Board of Trustees Meeting  
SC First Steps  
Minutes

### **Council Members Present**

**(16):**

Jacque Curtin  
Mary Lynne Diggs  
John Hayes  
Sen. Greg Hembree  
Constance Holloway  
Robert Kerr  
Michael Leach  
David Lisk  
Dave Morley, Chairman

Janie Neeley  
Dorothy Priester  
Roger Pryor  
Mary Anne Scott  
Dr. Edward Simmer  
Wes Wooten  
Sue Williams

### **Council Members Absent (9)**

Rep. Terry Alexander  
Dr. Robert Bank  
Rep. Shannon Erickson  
Matthew Ferguson  
Jessica Mackey  
Sen. Gerald Malloy  
Jack McBride  
Dr. Amy Williams  
Dr. Brenda Williams

### **Attendees (69)**

Georgia Mjartan  
Avian Jones  
Aleigha Butler  
Amanda Bailey  
Amy Engle  
Brandie Maness  
Bresheca Funches  
Carletta Isreal  
Chastine Dickey-Jackson  
Cheryl Scales  
Cindy Ellis  
Cindy Galloway  
Donna Mason  
Dwana Doctor  
Felicia Battle  
Felicia Davis  
Gina Beebe  
Grace Avin  
Jabari Clyburn  
Jennifer Williams  
Jessica Moore  
Jon Artz  
Julie Greer  
Kathy Fitzgerald  
Kathy Miller  
Kelly Cochran

Kenya Johnson  
Kristen Martocchio  
Kristin Zeaser-Sydow  
Laura Baker  
Leah Crosby  
Lee Patterson  
Lexi Jones  
Linnie Miller  
Lis Guimaraes  
Meredith Dickens  
Parry Wright Little  
Pauletta Plowden  
Rebecca Clark  
Roddrick Dugger  
Ryan Shinn  
Samantha Ingram  
Sarah Crawford  
SheKiah Reese  
Silvia Landrum  
Stacy Greenwalt  
Tiffany Outlaw  
Tyshica McConner  
Beth Moore  
Chelsea Richard  
Kaitlyn Richards  
Mark Barnes

Derek Cromwell  
Martha Strickland  
Meghan Dyson  
Kristine Jenkins  
Kerry Cordan  
Kenna Hoover  
Kim Trudell  
Joy Mazur  
Dorian Young  
Shayla Pettigrew  
David Lisk  
Dorothy Priester  
Elizabeth Dudek  
Shelley Canright  
Myrelo King  
Tomeiko Wright  
Jovanna Lewis



The meeting began at 3:29 p.m.

Mr. Morley asked for a motion to adopt the agenda. Sen. Hembree provided the motion, seconded by Ms. Neeley, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Morley asked for a motion to approve the October 19, 2023 minutes. Ms. Neeley provided the motion. Mr. Kerr provided the second and the motion was unanimously approved.

Ms. Diggs shared that Head Start legislation is being reviewed due to income challenges that families are facing and that it could possibly be adjusted.

Dr. Simmer announced that Danielle Wingo is the new director of DHEC's Bureau of Maternal and Child Health.

Ms. Mjartan shared that the ICC is on track with the South Carolina Birth through Five plan.

Ms. Mjartan reported on the ECAC where she shared information on the 2024 Summit on Early Childhood. She also provided a year in review on the work of the ECAC, which included highlights of the Family Voice Council and the First Five SC Toolkit.

Mr. Morley asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sen. Hembree provided the motion, seconded by Dr. Simmer, and unanimously approved. The meeting ended at 3:43 pm.