



## Early Childhood Advisory Council Meeting

October 19, 2023, immediately following the SCFS Board of Trustees Meeting  
SC First Steps  
Minutes

### **Council Members Present** **(17):**

Dr. Robert Bank  
Jacque Curtin  
Matthew Ferguson  
John Hayes  
Sen. Greg Hembree  
Constance Holloway  
Michael Leach  
David Lisk  
Jack McBride

Dave Morley, Chairman  
Janie Neeley  
Dorothy Priester  
Roger Pryor  
Mary Anne Scott  
Dr. Edward Simmer  
Dr. Amy Williams  
Wes Wooten

### **Council Members Absent(8):**

Rep. Terry Alexander  
Mary Lynne Diggs  
Rep. Shannon Erickson  
Robert Kerr  
Jessica Mackey  
Sen. Gerald Malloy  
Dr. Brenda Williams  
Sue Williams

### **Attendees (79)**

Georgia Mjartan  
Avian Jones  
Amber Gillum  
Chelsea Richard  
David Lisk  
Derek Cromwell  
Dorothy Priester  
Ellen Andrews-Morgan  
Elizabeth Dudek  
Jackson Wilkins  
Kaitlyn Richards  
Karen Oliver  
Kathy Fitzgerald  
Mark Barnes  
Martha Strickland  
Myrelo King  
Valencia Johnson  
Adriana Rush  
Althea Clyburn  
Amanda Bailey  
Amy Engle  
Betty Gardiner  
Brandie Maness  
Candi Lalonde  
Chastine Dickey-Jackson  
Cheryl Scales

Cindy Ellis  
Cindy Galloway  
Denise Savidge  
Felicia Battle  
Gwendolyn Ross  
Kim Chariker  
Jabari Clyburn  
Jade Wright  
Jennifer Williams  
Jon Artz  
Joy Mazur  
Julie Greer  
Kenna Hoover  
Kerry Cordan  
Kim Trudell  
Kristin Zeaser-Sydow  
Kristine Jenkins  
LaMyra Sanders  
Leah Crosby  
Lis Guimaraes  
Lavinia Tejada  
Marcia Nash  
Mary Bailey  
Melissa Johnson  
Roddrick Dugger  
Ryan Shinn

Salandra Bowman  
Sally McClellan  
Samantha Ingram  
Sarah Crawford  
Shalya Pettigrew  
Sheila Cornwell  
Silvia Landrum  
Stacy Greenwalt  
Tiffany Outlaw  
Tricia Gordon  
Virginia Ravenel



The meeting began at 3:36 p.m.

Mr. Morley welcomed David Lisk, York County First Steps Executive Director, and Dorothy Priester, Cherokee County First Steps Executive Director, to their first in-person council meeting. He asked for a motion to adopt the agenda. Mr. McBride provided the motion. Dr. Williams provided a second and the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Morley asked for a motion to approve the August 17, 2023 minutes. Ms. Neeley provided the motion. Mr. Pryor provided the second and the motion was unanimously approved.

Ms. Oliver introduced Charles Appleby, Advisor to the Coordinating Council for Workforce Development, who went over the statewide Educational Workforce Development Act and presented the Unified State Plan for the council.

Ms. Gillum reported on the interagency collaboration committee.

Ms. Mjartan reported on activities of the ECAC. She shared First5SC data and website metrics. She shared that there will be a launch for a cohort of six to eight local school districts and two Head Start providers later this month. She also shared the nationwide reach that First5 has had while SC serves as a model to other states. Lastly, she provided information on the annual board meeting and the end of year celebration that are being held on December 6<sup>th</sup> as well as the Summit on Early Childhood that is being held on December 7<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Morley asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Pryor provided the motion, seconded by Mr. Lisk, and unanimously approved. The meeting ended at 4:15 pm.