



# Florence County School District 3

## *Called Board Meeting Minutes*

*Location: Board Room*

**Tuesday, April 21, 2025**

**6:00 p.m.**

**Call to Order:** Board Chair Jac'Kel Brown called the April 21, 2025 called board meeting of the Florence County School District Three Board of Trustees to order.

**Declaration of Freedom of Information Act (FOIA):** In accordance with the S. C. Code of Laws, 1976, Section 30-4-809d, as amended, the following have been notified of the time, date, place and agenda of this meeting: Morning News, Lake City Shopper, WBTW, WPDE, & WMBF. This agenda is also posted on the Florence County School District Three website.

**Roll Call by Board Secretary:** Ms. Rebecca Yates reported that all board members were in attendance.

**Moment of Silence:** Dr. Hickson requested prayers for all FSD3 students, staff, and families. We observed a moment of silence.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Dr. Hickson led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of the Agenda:** Ms. Rutha Frieson made the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Ms. Mattie Thomas provided the 2<sup>nd</sup> for this motion. All board members present voted in favor of this motion. The motion to approve the agenda as presented passed 9-0.

**Enter into Executive Session** – Ms. Rebecca Yates made the motion to exit regular session to go into executive session to discuss Superintendents resignation, seek legal counsel and appoint an Interim Superintendent. Ms. Rutha Frieson provided the 2<sup>nd</sup> for this motion. All board members present voted in favor of this motion. The motion to enter executive session passed 9-0.

**Exit Executive Session** – Ms. Paula Morris made the motion to exit executive session and enter public session. Ms. Julia Mims provided the 2<sup>nd</sup> for this motion. All board members present voted in favor of this motion. The motion to exit the executive session and enter back into public session passed 9-0.

## **PUBLIC SESSION**

**Action from executive session** – Board Chair Jac'Kel Brown reviewed the item on the agenda regarding the appointment of hiring an Interim Superintendent. The candidates are internal candidates that were recommended by the outgoing Superintendent Dr. Laura Hickson. Ms. Rutha Frieson made the motion to recommend Dr. Yvonne Commodore for Interim Superintendent. Ms. Julia Mims provided the 2<sup>nd</sup> for this motion. Mr. Jac'Kel Brown then stated, to the board, there would now be roll call voting and to prepare to state their vote with a Yay or Nay.

Roll call vote for the recommendation for Dr. Yvonne Commodore to be the Interim Superintendent:

Ms. Julia Mims - Yay

Ms. Paula Morris- Yay

Ms. Mattie Thomas - Nay

Ms. Rutha Frieson - Yay

Ms. Rebecca Yates - Nay

Mr. Gregory McKnight - Yay

Mr. Jason Kirby - Nay

Mr. Steve Locklair - Nay

Mr. Jac'Kel Brown – Nay

Board Chair Jac’Kel Brown entertained a motion for the second candidate for Interim Superintendent. Ms. Rebecca Yates made the motion to recommend Kasey Feagin for Interim Superintendent. Ms. Mattie Thomas provided the 2<sup>nd</sup> for this motion.

Roll call vote for the recommendation for Kasey Feagin to be the Interim Superintendent:

Ms. Julia Mims - Nay

Ms. Paula Morris- Nay

Ms. Mattie Thomas - Yay

Ms. Rutha Frieson - Nay

Ms. Rebecca Yates - Yay

Mr. Gregory McKnight - Nay

Mr. Jason Kirby - Yay

Mr. Steve Locklair - Yay

Mr. Jac’Kel Brown - Yay

Board Chair Mr. Jac’Kel Brown announced; by votes of roll call, Ms. Kasey Feagin is our Interim Superintendent.

**Adjourn:** There being no further business for the Board of Trustees; Ms. Julia Mims made the motion to adjourn. Ms. Rutha Frieson provided the 2<sup>nd</sup> for this motion. All board members present voted in favor of this motion. The motion to adjourn passed 9-0.

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Date approved

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Jac’Kel Brown, Chair

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Liz Acuña, Recording Clerk

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Rebecca Yates, Secretary