

Southwest Georgia STEM Charter Board of Directors Meeting

May 28, 2026, 5:00 P.M. - Media Center at SGSC

Called Board Meeting MINUTES

Meeting also offered through Teleconference Option due to COVID-19:

Dial-in Number 978-990-5080: Access Code: 6521665

advertised on the School Website as well.

Call to Order - By Tony Lee at 5:03

Recognition of All Members in Attendance/Note Those Not Present - Tony Lee-Board Chairman, Chris Weathersby- Vice Chairman, Erwin Thomas- Board Member, Sherri Cartwright-Board Member (By Phone), Ginger Almon-School Leader, Lori Wilson- CFO

Approval of April Meeting Minutes - Motion to Approve by Erwin Thomas, 2nd by Chris Weathersby. All in favor.

Approval of May Agenda - Motion to Approve by Erwin Thomas, 2nd by Chris Weathersby. All in favor.

Recite the current SGSC Mission Statement

- SGSC will provide distinguished and integrated instruction in an environment that cultivates respect, is inclusive of all, and lays the foundation for excellence and life-long learning.

Public Comment - None

School Liaison (Mrs. Greenway) - None

Academic - Information Items

- **Preliminary Assessment Scores - Information Item**
Mrs. Almon presented that the school has received math, science, and social studies scores for the grade levels that took End of Grade Assessments in grades 3rd-8th. Also End of Course scores were received for the US History, Biology, and Algebra classes. Math scores were showing a significant gain of those performing with level 3s and 4s. There were fewer level 1s as well. Science remained about the same for 5th grade and dropped some in the 8th grade. Social Studies showed more 3s and 4s than previous years. Algebra performed at a much higher level. Other subject scores dropped some from previous test sessions. Overall, the data is looking promising, as we will continue to wait for the ELA scores due to the transition to amended standards - possibly August date before receiving those scores. We are excited about the future!

Finance - Action Items and Information Items

- **FY 2027 Proposed Budget- Action Item- Motion to Approve by Erwin Thomas, 2nd by Chris Weathersby. All in favor.** The Board approved the FY 2027 proposed budget. There will be two public hearings. The budget will be considered for final adoption at the June 11th board meeting.
- **Human Resources Handbook Amendment- Action Item- Motion to Approve by Erwin Thomas, 2nd by Chris Weathersby. All in favor.** The Board accepted the changes to the Human Resources Handbook. 5 days per fiscal year may be used as personal days for full-time employees. GA H.B 1118 regarding Maternal Birth Leave was added to the handbook.

Governance - Action and Information Items

- **Accept Resignation of Hope White - Action Item**
Motion to Accept the Resignation of Hope White by Erwin Thomas, 2nd by Chris Weathersby. All in favor.
- **Approve New Hires for 2026-2027 School Year - Action Item**
Several new hires to be approved:
Motion to Approve the hiring of Allyson Stapleton by Erwin Thomas, 2nd by Chris Weathersby. All in favor. (Middle grades co-teacher)
Motion to Approve the hiring of Dodie Law by Sherri Cartwright, 2nd by Chris Weathersby. All in favor. (1st grade teacher)
Motion to Approve the hiring of Lindsey Langford by Sherri Cartwright, 2nd by Erwin Thomas. All in favor. (HS Science teacher)
Motion to Approve the hiring of Michaela Simmons by Erwin Thomas, 2nd by Chris Weathersby. All in favor. (Middle grades co-teacher)

Motion to Approve the hiring of Anna Grace Jones by Erwin Thomas, 2nd by Sherri Cartwright. All in favor. (Elementary Art teacher)

Motion to Approve the hiring of Lanie Biery by Chris Weathersby, 2nd by Sherri Cartwright. All in favor. (Elementary co-teacher)

Motion to Approve the hiring of Brittany Duncan by Erwin Thomas, 2nd by Chris Weathersby. All in favor. (Middle grades math)

Motion to Approve the hiring of Karen Smith by Sherri Cartwright, 2nd by Chris Weathersby. All in favor. (Self-contained teacher)

Motion to Approve the hiring of Madi Stull by Erwin Thomas, 2nd by Sherri Cartwright. All in favor. (1st grade teacher)

Motion to Approve the hiring of Sammy Starling by Erwin Thomas, 2nd by Chris Weathersby. All in favor. Erwin Thomas. All in favor. (School Resource Officer)

Motion to Approve the hiring of Harvey Smith by Erwin Thomas, 2nd by Chris Weathersby. All in favor. Erwin Thomas. All in favor. (Physical Education and Health Teacher - Football Coach)

Adjourn Meeting - 5:48 PM- Motion for Adjournment by Chris Weathersby, 2nd by Erwin Thomas. All in favor.