

**Southwest Georgia STEM Charter School
Governance Committee Meeting Minutes
September 21, 2026 after Finance Meeting
SGSC Media Center**

Call to Order - By Erwin Thomas @ 5:43 p.m. In attendance were: Anthony Lee, Sherri Cartwright, Patricia Goodman, Mark Cox, Erwin Thomas, Ginger Almon-School Leader, Lori Wilson- CFO

Approval August Minutes - Action Item

Motion: Mark Cox_ Second: _Patricia Goodman_ Vote: All in Favor - Yes

Approval of September Agenda - Action Item

Motion: Tony Lee_ Second: _Patricia Goodman_ Vote: All in Favor - Yes

Public Comment - None
Visitors - None

Discuss Strategic Planning for next 5 years - Information Item

Mrs. Almon reviewed the parent response summary from the Strategic Planning form. Parents are most interested in improving academic achievement and providing students with opportunities to know about careers and educational opportunities after high school. Mrs. Almon let the Board know that the teachers would be completing the Strategic Planning form next.

Discuss Board Member Training Dates and Information - Information Item

The Board members have all decided to attend the SCSC Governance training in April 2027 in Macon, Ga. Registration will open on October 15th for Mrs. Almon to get everyone registered for training. Mr. Mark Cox is the only new board member that will have to attend two days instead of one day like all of the remaining board members.

Discuss Peach Tax Credit Information - Information Item

The school must apply by the September 30th deadline. Mr. Weathersby will be completing the donor form requirement.

Bylaws - Information Item

Mrs. Almon reviewed the small changes to the Bylaws being approved - there were small changes to the non-discrimination statement and the addition of a called meeting definition into the Bylaws.

Expansion Plans for the 26-27 School Year - Information Item

Mrs. Almon will reach out to Mr. McCorkle from Chatt Flint RESA to get recommendations for architects that he knows have worked with schools in our areas. Mrs. Almon will also reach out to PCA to see if they can provide guidance on the process that they completed when they built the school in Edison. Mrs. Wilson will reach out to her USDA contact to see if he would be willing to answer a few more questions. Mr. Cox is working on sketches to share the Board's ideas with the architects. The Board is researching grants and different funding options for the expansion.

APPROVAL OF ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING – 6:23 pm

Motion: _Sherri Cartwright_ Second: _Tony Lee_ Vote: _ All in Favor__Yes