

**Southwest Georgia STEM Charter School
Governance Committee Meeting Minutes
August 17, 2026 after Finance Meeting
SGSC Media Center**

Call to Order -

By Ginger Almon @ 6:12 p.m. In attendance were: Tony Lee, Patricia Goodman, Sherri Cartwright, Mark Cox, Erwin Thomas by Phone, Ginger Almon-School Leader, and Lori Wilson- CFO

Approval April Minutes - Action Item

Motion: Sherri Cartwright_ Second: _Patricia Goodman_ Vote: All in Favor - Yes

Approval of August 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 gave the committee members the Strategic Planning Survey that will be disseminated to parents to get feedback for the development of the 5 Year Strategic Plan. There will be a survey disseminated to staff and students as well for feedback for development.

Discuss Conflict of Interest Statements - Information Item

The committee members reviewed the Conflict of Interest statements in the policy to ensure that they still agreed with the statements before signing will take place at the August 20, 2026 Board meeting. All members were given a copy of the statements to take home and review as well.

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

The committee discussed the plans for expansion at the school that includes: Gymnasium, Cafeteria, and Athletic Complex. Mrs. Almon and Mrs. Wilson will develop a handout that will be used to guide the conversations leading up to the submission of the information for the USDA loan. The committee agreed that the land clearing of the pecan orchard could begin as soon as the Board approves at the August 20, 2026 meeting.

Discuss Peach Tax Credit Information - Information Item

The committee discussed the application process for the Peach Tax Credit to go toward SGSC. The committee discussed the project being the land clearing and grading for the upcoming athletic complex project. Mrs. Wilson will get some of the questions from the committee members answered, so we can move forward with the actual application.

Discuss the new evaluation process through GaLEADS - Information Item

Mrs. Patricia Goodman and Ms. Sherri Cartwright will be trained on Wednesday, August 19th to learn about the way to evaluate Mrs. Almon's performance as the Principal and Superintendent at SGSC. More information will follow as this process will begin in September.

Adjourn - Action Item - 6:12 pm

Motion: Sherri Cartwright_ Second: _Patricia Goodman_ Vote: All in Favor - Yes