

**Southwest Georgia STEM Charter School
Governance Committee Meeting Minutes
August 18, 2025 after Finance Meeting
SGSC Media Center**

Call to Order - By Erwin Thomas @ 5:45 p.m. In attendance were: Anthony Lee, Sherri Cartwright, Erwin Thomas, Ginger Almon- School Leader, Lori Wilson- CFO

Approval March Minutes - Action Item

Motion: Tony Lee_ Second: _Erwin Thomas_ Vote: All in Favor - Yes

Approval of August Agenda - Action Item

Motion: Tony Lee_ Second: _Sherri Cartwright_ Vote: All in Favor - Yes

Public Comment - None

Visitors - None

Governance Training - Information Item

Governance Training Dates have been set. November 5-6 in Macon and February 11-12 in Atlanta. It appears that all members except Ms. Cartwright will attend the Macon training. Ms. Cartwright will attend the Atlanta training session. Once the portal opens for registration all members will be registered for their one day training since all are returning members and not new members.

Orchard Next Steps - Information Item

We received word that we are good to move forward with projects because the trees have not been deemed as historical artifacts. We will continue to work toward funding for the Athletic Complex that will be made from that acreage purchased behind the fields.

SRO Discussion - Information Item

The committee agrees that we need to move forward with purchasing a police car for the school's police department. At this time, we do not have an active SRO. We are looking for the right fit for the position - particularly someone with previous SRO experience. We will continue to try to find a qualified candidate for the position.

New Hire for the Science Position - Information Item

The committee agrees that hiring Mr. Ryan Dodrill for the middle grades science position is a good idea. SGSC will put Mr. Dodrill through GTAPP to gain his certification. He will begin in December 2025.

Conflict of Interest forms to be signed - Information Item

There was no change to the Conflict of Interest statements - all members will sign as they do annually.

Walkway from Middle/High - Information Item

We will begin to look into different options for the walkway that is needed from the middle high to the adjoining walkways to prevent students and staff from getting wet on days that it is raining. Mr. Tony has spoken with one business and Lori will reach out to others about the project.

Adjourn - Action Item -

Motion: Tony Lee Second: Erwin Thomas Vote: All in Favor Yes

TIME ADJOURNED: 6:11 PM