

**Southwest Georgia STEM Charter School
Governance Committee Meeting Minutes
October 14, 2025 after Finance Meeting
SGSC Media Center**

Call to Order - By Erwin Thomas @ 5:49 p.m. In attendance were: Anthony Lee, Sherri Cartwright, Erwin Thomas, Ginger Almon (School Leader), and Lori Wilson- CFO

Approval September Minutes - Action Item

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

Approval of October Agenda - Action Item

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

Public Comment - None

Visitors - None

Governance Training - Information Item

The following board members are registered for November 6th SCSC Governance Training: Tony Lee, Chris Weathersby, Erwin Thomas, and Patricia Goodman. Ginger Almon will also attend with the board members for the November training requirement.

Orchard Next Steps - Information Item

Mrs. Almon is requesting to meet with government officials to try to gain funding for the athletic complex to be erected at SGSC. She has reached out to Senator Freddie Powell Sims to see if she can point her in the right direction. Sanford Bishop will be another point of contact in an effort to reach out for funding.

SRO Hiring Discussion - Information Item

Mrs. Almon stated that there is another candidate for an interview for the School Resource Officer. She will keep the board up to date after the interview.

Resignation of Ag/Science Teacher - Information Item

The board discussed the resignation of Ms. Cindy Fincher. Ms. Fincher emailed her resignation on October 8th - requesting to be released from her contract on October 17, 2025.

Walkway from Middle/High - Information Item

We have one estimate for the walkway from the middle high school building to the walkway behind the multipurpose brick building. We are working to gain 2 other estimates to try to make the best decision for getting this job moving and keep the students and staff dry during rainy weather.

Updated Policies for Monitoring - Information Item

Financial policies and Title IX grievance policies update will be put before the board on Thursday to get them updated in time for the upcoming monitoring.

Adjourn - Action Item

Motion: _Tony Lee_ Second: _Erwin Thomas_ Vote: _ All in Favor__Yes

TIME ADJOURNED: 6: 17 PM