

Limestone Charter Association Full Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 11, 2025, at 1:00 pm

Directors Present (Virtual)

Wendy Wells	Bridgett Fowler
Phyllis Pelzer	Sedric Webber

Directors Absent:

Michelle Combs
Lee Sowell

Bridgett Fowler called the meeting to order.

Mrs. Fowler asked if public notice had been made of the meeting, Jackie Washington responded yes.

Mrs. Fowler read the mission statement. The Limestone Charter Association Mission was stated on the agenda.

Action: Adoption of the agenda for September 11, 2025 - all were in favor – **Approved**

Action: Motion to approve the minutes from June 19, 2025 – **Approved**

Superintendent Update: Angel Malone

- Angel shared that LCA had its 2025 School Leader's Retreat on August 26-27, 2025. The sessions on August 26th was for newly approved schools this past year and are currently in their planning year and on August 27th the sessions were for new schools that are newly opening and existing schools.
- An update was given on LCA School Portfolio and LCA Statewide Footprint
 - 2022-23 LCA started with three schools
 - 2023-24 increased to 7 schools
 - 2024-25 increased to 13 schools
 - 2025-26 increased to 17 schools
 - LCA has 11 schools that will open in the upcoming year
- **District Highlights**

Angel gave an update on all member schools and their accomplishments

 - Orangeburg High School for Health Professions – The State Department visited to observe their work. They will have their groundbreaking ceremony on Monday, September 15th to celebrate their \$20 Million Dollar Expansion.
 - Oceanside Collegiate Academy hosted their groundbreaking ceremony for their Athletic Expansion project.
 - Horse Creek Academy held its 2nd Annual REINVENT Conference for Teachers by

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Teachers. They also hosted a hiring event for their new replicated school HCA-Kershaw.

- East Link Academy Celebrated their Chinese New Year 2025
- Discovery Schools Myrtle Beach 1st week of school – Angel and Bridgett Fowler were able to visit and tour the school
- Horse Creek Academy – Kershaw celebrated their 1st week of school; they have a little over 250 students and continue to grow
- Coastal High School – New School Opening and increased their enrollment
- Global Academy of SC had their 5th grade Graduation Ceremonies
- Oceanside Collegiate Academy started their New Virtual Academy
- Arts, Innovation, & Media (AIM High) had a Recruitment Fair
- Goucher Charter Academy started their 1st week of school — their focus is scouting and they have expanded their enrollment
- Summerville Prep Academy Enrollment Expansion
- Colearn Academy - Open their doors with over 250 students enrolled

- **LCA Transfer Process**

Limestone University Closure Impact

- Limestone University has ended its role as an SC Institution of Higher Education
- Triggers closure of Limestone Charter Association (LCA) per state law
- Not a reflection of LCA performance or leadership
- This year is our Transition Year 25-26 and LCA is working with the State Department of Education through the closure protocol
- LCA continues LEA and authorizer responsibilities
- No new schools approved, or transfers accepted into LCA
- All LCA sponsored schools must transfer to new authorizers by July 1, 2026
- Next Steps for Schools
 - Engage in internal decision-making and community consultation
 - Identify viable authorizers and initiate discussions
 - Submit formal selection through board resolution to LCA by December 15, 2025
 - Prepare for transition completion by July 1, 2026
- Final Notes from SCDE
 - Closure not a reflection on LCA performance
 - Process aims for orderly, student-centered transition
 - LCA and SCDE will remain in close communication
 - New Authorizers that register with SCDE will also be eligible to receive schools

- **School Authorization & Development – Donna Manning**

- **Charter Amendments**

Action: Grand Strand Charter Arts School – Name Change

Proposing to change name from Grand Strand Charter Arts School to Grand Strand School of the Arts. This is part of the school's rebranding strategy.

Motion: for the board to approve Grand Strand Charter Arts School name change - **Approved**

Action: Grand Strand Charter Arts School – 6th Grade Addition

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Propose adding 6th grade during the first year to help with recruitment efforts and overall enrollment targets.

Motion to approve the amendment to add 6th grade to Grand Strand Charter Arts School — Approved

Facilities Update

SC High School Accelerated Learning – Project 2026-2027 opening in Richland, Greenville/Spartanburg areas.

- **Finance Update** – Kelly Richardson
School Audits are due to LCA by November 1, 2025, and LCA and all schools are due to the State Department by December 1, 2025.

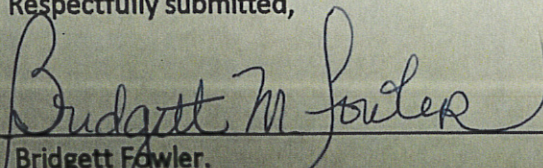
Executive Session

Motion to go into Executive Session at 1:36 pm – **Approved**

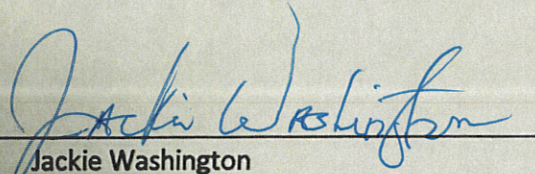
Executive Session ended at 2:03 pm – **no action taken**

Motion to adjourn - Approved

Respectfully submitted,



Bridgett Fowler.
Secretary to the Board of Directors
Limestone Charter Association



Jackie Washington
Office Manager
Limestone Charter Association

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