

# Limestone Charter Association Full Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 19, 2026, at 1:00 pm

## Directors Present (Virtual)

Wendy Wells

Lee Sowell

Bridgett Fowler

Phyllis Pelzer

## Directors Absent:

Sedric Webber

Bridgett Fowler called the meeting to order.

Mrs. Fowler noted that public notice had been made of the meeting, and asked if there were any public comments, Ms. Malone answered no public comments.

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

**Action:** Adoption of the agenda for February 19, 2026, Bridgett

**Motion** to approved Agenda all were in favor – **Approved**

**Action:** Motion to approve the minutes from January 22, 2026 -- **Approved**

**Superintendent Update:** Angel Malone

### District Highlights:

- Atlantic Collegiate Academy – had an incident with one of their students Ms. Ava Holland, Angel asked for a moment of silence – students have been visiting her in Charleston at the hospital.
- Coastal High School participated in the Title I Conference in Denver, Colorado
- Oceanside Collegiate Academy hired a new principal this month – Dr. Kelly Linkenhoker

### LCA School Closure Update:

We have three operational schools that could not secure an authorizer affiliation for the 26-27 academic year. The governing boards could voluntarily surrender their charter as of June 30, 2026, or the LCA's governing board could revoke their charter.

- Initial school closure meetings were held on January 6 & 8, 2026
- Correspondence regarding closure was sent out on January 9, 2026
- Subsequent meetings were held on February 10 & 18, 2026
- Intermittent check-in meetings have been scheduled until June 30, 2026.

### Closure Phases:

- Activation – talk with them about what was necessary
- Communication – to give to their parents, faculty and staff
- Student Transition – ensuring that there is enrollment counseling and support for the students
- Staff & HR - meeting with staff and HR to ensure that all faculty and staff have accurate information

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as to their closure and preparing for new employment

- Finance – what they need to do to close their books by June 30th
- Assets – disposition of their assets
- Certification – process with LCA where we sign stating that those things have been completed.
- LCA has provided a 30-60-90 Day Timeline that includes Immediate Actions, Wind Down & Transition and Final Close-out

### **Governance Responsibilities:**

- Closure Resolution
- Designates Closure Lead
- Audit Completion
- Asset Disposition Approval

### **Student Services & Records**

- Enrollment Support
- SPED/EL Priority
- FERPA Compliance

### **Staff and HR Close-Out**

- Separation Notices – ensuring that separation notices were given to each faculty and staff member
- Final Payroll – identifying date for their final payroll
- Benefits
- Staff Evaluations Completed
- PCS Updated

### **Finance & Assets**

- Spending Freeze – spending any additional funds they have in their budget
- Grant Close-Out – those schools that are receiving Federal Funds
- Asset Disposition – making sure they understand what needs to happen with those assets that are remaining upon closure

### **Final Certification – LCA is ensuring that all schools have the proper guidance**

- Authorizer Review
- Written Certification

### **School Transfer Update:**

- There will be 14 out of 17 of our operational schools that will be transitioning to a new authorizer.
- LCA continues to meet with operational and planning schools monthly for preparation of transfer.
- LCA has met with schools and prepared a detailed checklist regarding the transfer process and data retention.
- LCA has attempted to meet with Public Charter School District (PCSD), this meeting was cancelled because of another meeting that came up with the SCDE. LCA wanted to meet with PCSD because they are taking the bulk of the schools and receiving them. LCA will schedule a future meeting with

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Charter Institute of Erskine (EIC) to ensure a smooth transfer.

### **Charter Dissolutions for Operational and Planning Schools**

**Charter Closures** – Donna Manning

#### **Operating Charter School Closure and Dissolutions**

We have three schools that could not secure an Authorizer and have submitted board resolutions indicating the voluntary relinquishment of the school's charter effective June 30, 2026

**Action** – Closure and Dissolution as of June 30, 2026, for: Arts, Innovation, & Media (AIM), SC Prep Academy and SC Leadership School

**Motion** to approve the school's voluntary relinquishment of its charter, effective June 30, 2026 - **Approved**

#### **Planning Year and Projected Charter School Closure and Dissolutions**

The following schools were not able to secure an Authorizer and will need to be dissolved effective June 30, 2026.

**Planning Year:** Grand Strand School of the Arts, Illuminate Academy, Palmetto Pathways Academy.

**Projected Schools:** Discovery School @ Columbia, Discovery School @ Nexton, Discovery School @ Simpsonville, Discovery School @ Sumter (Patriot Park), SC HS for Accelerated Learning-Greenville, SC HS for Accelerated Learning-Horry, SC HS for Accelerated Learning-Richland and SC HS for Accelerated Learning-York.

The language in the Proviso which allows schools who currently have contracts to be able to apply or transfer to another authorizer – unfortunately the SCDE is not enforcing that language consistently or not enforcing it at all. Some of the planning schools were accepted by other authorizers while some were told that they will have to reapply.

**Action** – to dissolve the Planning Year and Projected schools as of June 30, 2026.

**Motion** to dissolve the school's charter effective June 30, 2026 - **Approved**

#### **Finance Update – Kelly Richardson**

Emily Sobczak from Greene Finney and Cauley gave an update on LCA Audit

Kelly asked if there were any questions on the January Financials – no questions from Board.

#### **Executive Session**

**Motion** to go into Executive Session at 1:37 pm – **Approved**

Executive Session ended at 2:11 pm – **no action taken**

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**Motion** to approve the Limestone Charter Association Dissolution effective June 30, 2026 - **Approved**

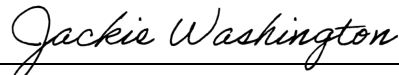
**Motion to adjourn at 2:13 pm – Approved**

Respectfully submitted,



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Wendy Wells  
Secretary to the Board of Directors  
Limestone Charter Association



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Jackie Washington  
Office Manager  
Limestone Charter Association