

Limestone Charter Association Full Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 8, 2026, at 1:00 pm

Directors Present (Virtual)

Wendy Wells

Bridgett Fowler

Lee Sowell

Sedric Webber

Directors Absent:

Phyllis Pelzer

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 January 8, 2026, Bridgett asked to amend the agenda to make comments as secretary and to add the Board Officer position as part of the By-Laws.

Motion to amend the Agenda - all were in favor – **Approved**

Motion to approved Agenda as amended – all were in favor – **A**

Action: Motion to approve the minutes from November 20, 2025 -- **Approved**

Superintendent Update: Angel Malone

- District Highlights
 - January is National School Choice Month –
 - January 24, 2026, the Palmetto Promise Institute’s School Fair will take place at Brookland Baptist Church 11:00 am – 2:00 pm
 - January 28, 2026, School Choice Rally, USC Alumni Center 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Oceanside Collegiate Academy are back-to-back 3A Football State

East Link Academy

- ELA Beta Club attended their first Leadership Summit
- Received the Collaboration Award & the Outstanding Leadership Award
- They are headed to Nationals in Nashville, Tennessee

AIM HS has three students with apprenticeships with the USC Gamecocks, learning the foundations of film and media.

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- **Transfer Process**

Limestone University has ended its role as an SC Institution of Higher Education. This closure triggers closure of Limestone Charter Association (LCA) per state law. This is not a reflection of LCA performance or leadership.

This is our transition year. We are currently serving as the authorizer until June 30, 2026, we are working collaboratively with the State Department, Angel meets with them on a bi-weekly basis.

No new schools approved, or transfers accepted into LCA.

All LCA-sponsored schools must transfer to new authorizers by July 1, 2026.

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

- **Charter Amendments**

- **Action** - Horse Creek Academy Kershaw would like to amend their charter to add 6th grade the upcoming year and to add each year 7th & 8th grades as they continue to grow.

- **Comment from board member Sedric Webber** -- The Resolution document had errors and needs to be corrected. Donna will make the corrections and resubmit updated document to Board

- **Motion** to approve HCA-Kershaw to add grades 6-8 to their charter and to correct the errors in document - **Approved**

- **Transfer Resolutions**

- **Action:** Resolutions submitted by 12/15/25 (Operational Schools)

- **Current Operational Schools** - Out of the 17 schools, there was one school that has not turned in their resolution; HSHP ... Donna will reach out to them today. There are three school who currently do not have an Authorizer - AIM, SC Prep Academy and SC Prep Leadership School.

- **Planning Schools** – most of the planning schools found an authorizer.

- **Projected Schools** – none of the schools were accepted – they will formally have to reapply.

- **Motion** to approve the transfer resolutions as present to LCA for all school approved to the Charter Institute of Erskine effective July 1, 2026 - Colearn Academy, HCA-Kershaw, Entrepreneur HS, Harrisburg Global Academy, Morning Star Academy and SC Construction Academy – (Board Member Sedric Webber abstain) - **Approved**

- **Motion** to approve the transfer resolutions as present to LCA for all school approved to the SC Public Charter School effective July 1, 2026 – Atlantic Collegiate Academy, Coastal High School, Discovery School at Myrtle Beach, East Link Academy, Global Academy of SC, Goucher Charter Academy, Horse Creek Academy Aiken, Legion Collegiate Academy, Mountain View Prep, Oceanside Collegiate Academy, Orangeburg High School for Health Professions, Summerville Prep Academy – Planning Schools: Discovery School at Rock Hill, SC High School for Accelerated Learning-Charleston. - **Approved**

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- **Finance Update**
November Financials – no questions from Board.

Executive Session

Motion to go into Executive Session at 1:40 pm – **Approved**

Executive Session ended at 2:23 pm – **no action taken**

Discussion - Board Officer Positions

We have a resignation from our Board Chair, Nathan Copeland

Motion for Bridgett Fowler to become Chair - **Approved**

Motion for Wendy Wells to become Secretary – **Approved**

Comments from Bridgett Fowler

The process with what is happening with Limestone, we are not being closed for any reason other than our higher ed has closed, just want to make sure everyone understands that we are still here for our schools and will be through June 30, 2026. We will still be their authorizer, they will not move to their new authorizers until July 1, 2026. We appreciate that our schools have been so graciously accepted by other authorizers, but we will still lead the charge with Angel and her amazing team. Again, LCA is not being closed for misuse of funds, any violations in FOIA, it is because our higher ed, very unexpectedly shut down. We will continue to work as an Authorizer, making sure that schools have that autonomy to run their school and make all those changes that's in the best interest of the students of South Carolina. It's about the students, we are thankful that we have other Authorizers that have accepted our schools, we hope that we have a good positive transition and keep moving forward.

Motion to adjourn – Approved

Respectfully submitted,



Bridgett Fowler
Secretary to the Board of Directors
Limestone Charter Association



Jackie Washington
Office Manager
Limestone Charter Association