

GREENVILLE COUNTY



Greenville First Steps  
Board of Directors Meeting  
February 9, 2018

Minutes

**Board members present:** Grady Patterson, Karen Allen, Gina Blohm, Lauren Briles, Stacy Burr, Meredith Burton, Kelly Byers, Jonathan Cote, Tommy Flinn, Michelle Greco, Eric Hassman, Cal Hurst, Leonard Kupersmith, Jennifer Portwood, Nancy Powers, Melissa Roper, Cynthia Sosebee, Karen Sparkman, Stacie Stegall, Danny Varat, Jeremy Watts

**Staff Present:** Derek Lewis, Beth Jamieson, Tiffany Massey, Anne Lee Buck, Brooke Kinney (intern)

**Guests Present:** Frances Poe

1. Call to Order, Welcome, and Introductions Grady Patterson  
Grady welcomed new board members: Eric Hassman, Cal Hurst, Leonard Kupersmith, Julie Press, Stacie Stegall, and guest Frances Poe
2. Consent Agenda Grady Patterson  
**To save time, several documents were presented as a consent agenda. The executive committee requested approval of these documents.**  
**Vote was approved unanimously**
  - Approve Executive Committee
  - Chair: Grady Patterson
  - Vice Chair, Secretary: Lauren Briles
  - Karen Allen
  - Karen Sparkman
  - Danny VaratNew Board Member Nomination: Tommy Flinn  
Accept legislative appointee: Jennifer Portwood (appointed by Dwight Loftis)  
Approve December 2017 Minutes  
Approve Comprehensive Plan
3. Palmetto Basics Anne Lee Buck  
Anne Lee provided update on the latest Palmetto Basics champions and the workshop we held the week prior. Each board member was challenged to sign their organization up as a Palmetto Basics Champion, helping reach the goal of 200 champions.
4. Development Update Tiffany Massey  
Tiffany provided an update on the “thank-a-thon”, specifically thanking Tiffany Whitney, Anna Hall, Kelly Byers, Stacy Burr, and Jonathan Cote for calling and thanking Book

Warehouse volunteers. In addition, Tiffany reported \$6,700 raised/pledged during annual campaign.

5. Reauthorization Update

Derek Lewis

Derek provided an update on current reauthorization status: A bill is in line in the senate. Derek announced that SC First Steps hired a new state director: Georgia Mjartan. Derek also previewed a new funding requirement that Greenville First Steps will be dealing with in FY19, a requirement that 75% of state funds be used on evidence-based programs.

6. Nonprofit Collaborative Center Exercise

Beth Jamieson & Derek Lewis

Beth and Derek led a discussion about how we can utilize the new building to help further the goals of our Strategic Plan and how the building could help the nonprofit sector as a whole. Board members broke out into groups to brainstorm.

7. Meeting Adjourned

Grady Patterson