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| Palmetto Excel Center | March 24, 2025 |
| **ROLL CALL** | **Board Members present**: Michael Saboe, Kellye Whitaker, Dr. Fran Welch, Amy Mims, Herbert Drayton III, Chris Harvey**Staff & Consultants present:** Kahdaijah Williams, Dr. Jeremy Easley, Mary Ann Gilmer |
| **CALL TO ORDER** | 1. **Mims** called the meeting to order at 8:34am.
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| **UPDATES** | 1. **Mims and Dr. Easley had a discussion on Friday regarding HB1 Visa and sponsoring, the deadline is today, March 24 at noon. A special board meeting was called to approve moving forward on sponsorship for employment for ’25-’26 School year.**
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| **DIRECTOR’S REPORT** |  |
| **MOTION TO APPROVE** | * **Dr. Jeremy Easley –**
	+ **Dr. Siddiqui, English teacher has joined with us this school year and has been a terrific addition to the team. She has two master’s degrees and a doctorate degree – her EOC test scores are extremely comparable to other instructors in the state. Her current student visa expires at the end of June 2025.**
* Need to know:
	+ **Excel would pay $250 lawyer fee – due 3/24/2025 @12pm**
	+ **Nonprofit organization status and connection to Trident Technical College exempts excel from other financial costs. Dr. Siddiqui is willing to pay the lawyer’s fee of $1200 on her own.**
	+ **Sponsorship would be valid for 3 years – if the instructor decides to resign or is terminated, sponsorship will immediately end.**

**Herbert Drayton** made a motion to approve the HB1 sponsorship contingent on PGW legal input. **Chris Harvey** seconded the motion. The motion carried with Kellye Whitaker abstaining from voting. |
| **ADJOURNMENT** | 1. **Mims adjourned the board meeting at 8:53 am**
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