



Palmetto Excel Center-
Closed Board Meeting
Strategic Planning

Feb. 18 2025

ROLL CALL

Board Members present: Amy Mims, Chris Harvey, Kellye Whitaker, Jackie Draws, Michael Saboe, Herbert Drayton.

Staff present: Kahdaijah Williams, Dr. Jeremy Easley, Mary Ann Gilmer, Jackie Draws.

CALL TO ORDER

Amy Mims called the public meeting to order at 3:10pm.

AGENDA UPDATE

Amy Mims: This meeting has been moved to executive session - Amy Mims made a motion to move the meeting to executive session and Chris Harvey seconded the motion. **The Executive Session started at 3:15pm.**

**STRATEGIC
PLANNING
DISCUSSION**

Amy Mims Overview:

- Funding currently lives in a proviso - without the proviso funding is not available.
- First step - securing 1.3 million in funding, then need to secure an authorizer.

Palmetto Excel Board was notified that PEC has been stricken from the budget of SCPCSD - this request has been recorded in the record. Lawyers were in contact w/ Amy Mims and Michael Saboe on 2/17/25 late in the evening.

Saboe Update:

What happens first:

House ways & means committee - decides budget & passes
Everything that gets funded has a subcommittee (i.e., health, education & etc)

Response:

Contacted Lobbyists and Lobbyists called people. Proviso subcommittee is who had us stricken from the budget. Lobbyists got our funding secured and got the proviso back to its original amount. Proviso will be watched going forward.

Plan B: adding a line item to the Senate rather than the house.

FACTS: 10 YEAR CHARTER GRANTED TO US BY SCPCSD.

Next thing : Seeing if the lobbyist can help us to find an authorizer.
Also finding sustainable funding going forward.

Amy: Limestone as a potential? - She has a connection there.
Bringing in the national team as a way to work through an idea to secure an authorizer.



MaryAnn - SNAP funding & TANF funding as an alternative source?

Immediate Next Steps:

Philanthropic Committee:

- All hands on deck - working together to find alternate forms of payment.

Immediate Next Steps:

- Consistent communication with Lobbyists & watch the proviso.
- **Lawyer:**
 - Brian Itzkowitz : Reaching with Palmetto Goodwill's lawyers to see if there are other options who specialize in Charter law.
- **Grant Applications/ Securing Funding Committee**
 - Mary Ann Gilmer
 - Chris Harvey
 - Amy Mims
- **Memorandum of Understanding**
 - Needs to be solidified.
 - Current MOU was “material” as feedback was given a conversation needs to be had to find the things that stand out.
 - The MOU conversation can be held in a group setting with all interested parties and Allison Hannah in attendance.
 - Without the MOU the funds from PGW cannot be released to PEC.
- **MOU Committee :**
 - Chris Harvey
 - Brian Itzkowitz
 - Amy Mims
- **Kellye Whitaker -**
 - rejoining the finance committee OR moving to whatever committee is needed (Kellye has grant writing experience).

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 4:55pm