



Palmetto Excel Center
Q2 Budget Board of Directors
Meeting

June 25, 2026

ROLL CALL

Board Members present: Herbert Drayton III, Chris Harvey, Brian Itzkowitz, Amy Mims, Dr. Fran Welch

Staff & Consultants present: Megan Friedman, Mary Ann Gilmer, Stacey Lindbergh

Call to Order & Attendance (Amy Mims)

Meeting called to order at 4:02 PM. Quorum confirmed. Absent: Kelly Whitaker. All other members present.

Agenda Approval (Amy Mims; Motion: Herbert Drayton; Second: Chris Harvey)

Agenda approved unanimously.

Program Updates (Dr. Jeremy Easley – Presented by Amy Mims)

33 graduates recognized (66 total). 42 projected for 2026–27; 12 disengaged. Partnership with Learn for Life in progress. Nyasia Patton hired as pharmacy technician. Strong workforce partnerships continue.

State Department of Education Update (Marianne Gilmer; supported by Stacey Lindbergh)

DOE recommends alignment as adult education program under CCSD. Draft contract in progress. Maintaining system access. Next steps include strategy session, June 30 CCSD meeting, and securing support letters.

Palmetto Goodwill Update (Brian Itzkowitz)

Strong organizational support. Board aligned on transition strategy. Advocacy approach pending CCSD meeting. Financial position stable.

Finance Committee & Budget Approval (Chris Harvey)

FY26–27 budget approved. State funding: \$839K; Goodwill contribution: \$850K. Personnel costs largest expense. Exploring cost savings and new audit firm.



Governance Committee Update (Amy Mims, Herbert Drayton)

Board expansion paused. Kathy Amquist to be invited. Fran Welch confirmed to remain.

Executive Committee Report (Amy Mims)

Graduation recognized. Dr. Easley rated Proficient overall. Last day July 31, 2026. Board to propose recognition ideas.

Adjournment (Amy Mims)

Meeting adjourned at approximately 4:35 PM.

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