

**Darlington County First Steps Partnership Board of Directors Meeting**

**Date: March 11, 2025** I **Time: 6 pm** I **Location: Virtual**

**MINUTES**

This meeting was held within FOIA and ADA Compliance. Board Meetings are open to the public and meeting minutes are kept on file in the office of Darlington County First Steps and are available to the public for review.

**Board Directors Present:** Howard Nettles, Chairman; Linda George, Secretary; Dr. Lilkenya Jenkins; Rudell Dubose

**Board Directors Absent:** Barbara Carraway (excused); Lucretia Bellamy, Vice Chair (excused); Thomas “T.C.” Sawyer

**Staff:** Jacqueline Bowman, Parent Educator; Darnell Byrd McPherson, Executive Director; Patricia Sullivan-Steward, Operations Manager

**Consultant:** SNO Services, Shannon O’Berry

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|  | **Discussion** | **Outcome/Action** | **Responsible Person** |
| 1. Approval of Meeting Minutes from January 14, 2025. | No further discussion of this item. | Motion to approve minutes from January 14, 2025 meeting by **Secretary George.**  Seconded by **Director Dubose.**  Motion passed unanimously. | Chairman Nettles |
| 1. Approval of amendments to bylaws as dictated by South Carolina First Steps Board of Trustees. | Bylaws and were emailed and mailed via postal service to all directors weeks prior to the March meeting. Executive Director, Darnell Byrd McPherson, reviewed summary of amendments.  The Board Secretary Certificate was acknowledged and sent electronically to Chairman Howard and Secretary George for signing. | Motion made to approve the proposed amendments that have been provided by the board as presented at the board meeting by **Director Jenkins.**  Seconded by **Secretary George.**  Motion passed unanimously. | Executive Director, McPherson  Chairman Nettles |
| 1. Finance Report and Quarterly Core Functions Report | Chairman Nettle’s shared partnership with Darlington County First Steps and Genesis Health Care to present a Men’s Meet Up/male engagement event in July 2025. All board related items emailed prior to the board meeting. | Reports presented as information. | Executive Director, McPherson |
| 1. Adjournment | **Next meeting April 15, 2025 at 6pm.** | Motion to adjourn by **Secretary George.**  Seconded by **Director Jenkins.**  Motion passed unanimously. | Chairman Nettles |