

South Carolina First Steps to School Readiness  
Executive Committee  
March 14, 2016  
Minutes

Members Present (6):

Ken Wingate  
Alexia Newman  
Judith Aughtry  
Jennifer McConnell  
Senator Mike Fair  
Roger Pryor

Members Absent (1):

Julie Hussey

Other Present (3):

Julia-Ellen Davis  
Dan Wuori  
Mark Barnes

Mr. Wingate called the committee to order at 2:03pm. He led the committee through a review of the March 17, 2016 Board agenda.

Mr. Wingate introduced a proposed change to the Board's committee structure, reassigning agency representatives to an Interagency Collaboration Committee and limiting the service of lawmakers to the Board's Legislative Committee. These changes are designed to involve lawmakers and agency heads in substantive discussions designed to advance the mission of First Steps, while better ensuring a regular voting quorum on the Board's remaining committees. Upon a motion by Mr. Wingate and a second by Ms. McConnell the committee unanimously adopted the proposal as its recommendation to the Board.

There being no further business, the committee adjourned at 2:35pm.

## **Draft Committee Structure for Discussion**

### **(NEW) Interagency Collaboration Committee:**

Ken Wingate, First Steps, Chair  
Superintendent Molly Spearman  
Christian Soura, DHHS  
Susan Alford, DSS  
Catherine Heigel, DHEC  
Beverly Buscemi, DDSN  
Sue Williams, Children's Trust  
Mary Lynne Diggs, Head Start Collaboration Office

### **Legislative Committee:**

Senator Mike Fair, Chair  
Senator Gerald Malloy  
Representative Rita Allison  
Representative Jerry Govan

### **Finance and Administration Committee:**

Judith Aughtry, Chair  
Tim Holt  
Walter Flemming  
Rick Noble  
Kathryn Burkhalter

### **Strategic Planning and Evaluation Committee:**

Alexia Newman, Chair  
Tracy Lamb  
Amy Williams

### **Program and Grants Committee:**

Jennifer McConnell  
Evelyn Patterson  
Roger Pryor  
Julie Hussey

### **Early Head Start Governance Council:**

Roger Pryor, Chair  
Julie Hussey  
Jennifer McConnell  
Amy Williams  
Walter Fleming  
Candi Lalonde\*  
Ellen Still\*

### **Executive Committee:**

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Alexia Newman  
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Judith Aughtry  
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