

A South Carolina Public Charter High School A TransformSC School

## Meeting of the Board of Directors November 13, 2024 7:30 AM Midlands Technical College, Airport Campus Springdale Hall Conference Room Virtual Link: https://teams.live.com/meet/9339314656735?p=Z6UcqkzETjW7XOeP

MISSION

The mission of Midlands Middle College is to prepare 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade high school students for a successful work and educational future through the integration of high school, technical college, and the world of work by providing targeted students with a rigorous and relevant academic program.

| Welcome                      | Brooks Backman welcomed everyone and called the         |
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|                              | meeting to order with a quorum present. Board           |
|                              | members in attendance: Brooks Backman, Devin            |
|                              | Henson, Kaye Shaw, Robin Rucker, Robin Betsill-Cohen,   |
|                              | Chanda Barr, Laura McKinney, and Spencer Griffin. Staff |
|                              | members in attendance: Laurie Lee and Amy Graham.       |
| Public Comments              | There were no public comments.                          |
| Approval of Agenda           | Kaye Shaw made a motion to approve the agenda.          |
|                              | Robin Rucker seconded and the motion passed.            |
| Approval of Minutes          | Name spelling errors were noted, which will be          |
| (September 2024 and October  | amended prior to being the official record. Chanda Barr |
| 2024 Special Meeting)        | made a motion to approve, with the noted fix. Devin     |
|                              | Henson seconded, and the motion passed.                 |
| Review of School Report Card | Laurie Lee and Amy Graham presented the school          |
|                              | report card from the state's website. Each category was |
|                              | discussed in detail. Main takeaways include:            |
|                              | -MMC is not held accountable to the state report card   |
|                              | anymore, but will still receive one                     |

## Minutes of the November 2024 Board Meeting Approved at the January 2025 Board Meeting

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|                                   | -This year's rating is Average, an improvement from<br>year prior of Unsatisfactory<br>-Categories in which MMC is not rated is due to not<br>meeting the data requirements for rating, such as not<br>enough students that qualify<br>-Graduation rate increased to 79.2 from 67.8 last year   |
|                                   | <ul> <li>-College and Career ready rating is 63.9, which is higher than the district</li> <li>-School climate ranked as good</li> <li>-High School Success: This new metric is intended for 5th year graduate data, but MMC's did not appear to be accurate with the number of students. Laurie Lee is going to look into the source of the data.</li> <li>-The report card is put on the MMC's website, with</li> </ul>  |
|                                   | explanation   |
| Approval of Cell Phone Policy     | The Electronic Device Policy was discussed and<br>reviewed. The new policy requires all personal<br>electronic devices to be secured for the entire school<br>day due to state proviso. The school will provide any<br>and all electronics the students need to complete their<br>work, and provide a safe place for their electronics to<br>be stored. Compliance with this proviso can impact<br>school budget and standing. Laura McKinney made a<br>motion to approve the policy and Devin Henson<br>seconded. The motion passed. |
| Approval of Updated FY25 Calendar | Updated school calendar was reviewed to reflect<br>make-up days from Hurricane Helene. MMC has already<br>made up necessary days, which the calendar reflects.<br>Chanda Barr made a motion to approve the updated<br>calendar, and Kaye Shawe seconded. The motion<br>passed.  |
| Principal's Update                | MMC currently has 112 students enrolled, which is below the number of students reflected in our budget. There will be 12 December graduates.  |
| Financial Update                  | MMC will receive credit from Elevate K12 courses from CTE credit.   |

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| Adjournment | Robin Rucker made a motion to adjourn the meeting. |
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|             | Laura McKinney seconded. The motion passed and the |
|             | meeting was adjourned.                             |

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