



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 6, 2026, 6:00 pm
Central Carolina Technical College
506 N. Guignard Drive, Building 400, Rm M401
Sumter, SC 29150

Members Present:

Clarendon County: Mayor Julia Nelson

Kershaw County: Councilman Sammie Tucker Jr., Dr. Alfred Mae Drakeford, Senator Jeffrey Graham, Mr. John Thomas, Councilman Brad Hanley, Rev. John Wesley Lee, Councilman Kenneth McCaskill, Councilman William Wilkes

Lee County: Councilman Travis Windham, Councilman Wayne Hancock, Rep. Keishan Scott

Sumter County: Councilmen Jim McCain, Mr. Earl Wilson, Ms. Bernadetta Robinson, Mr. Chuck Wilson, Rep. David Weeks, Mr. Herb McClary

Members Absent:

Clarendon: Councilman Jay Johnson (excuse), Rep. Fawn Pedalino

Sumter County: Councilman James Blassingame (excused), Councilman Gilford Shaw (excused), Attorney Thomas McElveen, Councilman Anthony Gibson, Mayor David Merchant,

Kershaw County: Councilman Ben Connell

RDC Present:

Kershaw: Senator Jeffrey Graham, Dr. Alfred Drakeford

Sumter: Mr. Chuck Wilson, Mr. Roland Robinson,

RDC Absent:

Clarendon: Bobby Boykin, George Kosinski

Kershaw: Amy Kinard,

Lee: Jared Smith

Sumter: David Sanders, Earl Wilson, Chip Chase, Drake McCormick

Guest: SC Department on Aging Director: Connie Munn

CKH Group: Eon Van Wyck

1. **Welcome and Call to Order:** Chairman Wayne Hancock called the meeting to order at 6:05pm.
2. **Invocation:** Sammie Tucker Jr. provided the invocation.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance:** All members participated in the pledge of allegiance.

4. **Quorum Determination:** Board Clerk Linda Jackson determined there was a quorum.
5. **Adoption of Agenda:** Chairman Wayne Hancock called for a motion to adopt the agenda. Councilman Sammie Tucker Jr. made the motion, and the motion was seconded by Mr. Chuck Wilson. All were in favor, and the motion passed unanimously.
6. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** Chairman Wayne Hancock called for a motion to approve the December 1, 2025, meeting minutes. Dr. Drakeford made the motion, and the motion was seconded by Mr. Chuck Wilson. All were in favor, and the motion passed unanimously.

7. **Special Presentations:**

- Director Connie Munn, representing the SC Department on Aging, presented to the COG Board and provided an update on operations and programs serving the aging population across SC. Her presentation included information on state appropriations, business allocations, and the Fiscal Year budget request. Following the presentation, board members were given the opportunity to ask questions. Director Munn expressed her appreciation to the Board for the opportunity to present and to continue serving the aging population of SC.
- Eon Van Wyck, CKH Group, presented FY 2025-2025 Audit Presentation. He provided the Board with an overview. His presentation included a review of the Independent Audit Report, Communication with Those Charged with Governance (TCWG), an overview of the financial statements, the General Fund, the Government-Wide Statement of Activities, and the Government-Wide Statement of Net Position. Mr. Van Wyck also reviewed the new standard implemented for Fiscal Year 2025 and discussed new standards that will become effective in Fiscal Year 2026. Mr. Wyck concluded that the audit had no significant findings and no other findings. The presentation was also provided to the COG Board for review and information.

8. **Staff Reports**

- a. **Finance:** Assistant Finance Director Chrissy Childers informed the board that the budget year closed at 66.7% of completion. She reported the following financial details. Ms. Childers Provided a detailed enclosure to the members.

- **COG Operating Funds (Cash Balance):** \$856,164
- **Local Government Investment Pool:** \$2,114,856
- **Total Cash on Hand:** \$2,971,020

Mrs. Childers also presented a report on fund allocations across the following departments

- **Health and Human Services**
- **Workforce Development**
- **Government Services and Planning**
- **Miscellaneous Funds**

These departmental funds are included in the total balance reported. Mrs. Childers informed the Board that the department is steadily working through the implementation of the new Financial Software.

- b. **Aging/HHS:** The detailed report for this department is included in the enclosure provided to the board.
- c. **Government Services:** The detailed report for this department is included in the enclosure

provided to the board.

- d. **Workforce Development:** The detailed report for this department is included in the enclosure provided to the board.

9. Committee Reports:

a. Projects and Planning:

- Sen. Graham asked for approval from the Project and Planning Committee to approve the revised amendment for the expansion of the Spears Creek Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) located in Kershaw County. The amendment requests to reduce the proposed expansion to an increase from 12 MGD to 18 MGD. The request was second and approved by the Board.
- Sen, Graham asked for approval from the Board to remove Phase II of the Bishopville Truck Route Project and continue with Phase I in the TIP. The approval was seconded by Mr. Travis Windham and approved by the Board.

b. Executive:

- **Approval of Committee Assignments:**

Executive Director Dennis Cyphers updated the board on the committee assignment for the Aging and Human Service Committee, stating that Mr. Roland Robinson will serve as Committee Chair, replacing Ms. Shirley Keels, and Representative Fawn Pedalino will serve as a Committee Member. The approval was seconded and approved by the Board.

- **Approval of Employee Policy:**

Mr. Cyphers provided and updated the Committee regarding revisions to the employee policy. The updates include the incorporation of the newly approved AI policy, the newly approved finance policy, revised holiday dates, and the addition of a new incident report process. All changes have been fully implemented into the updated employee policy. The approval was seconded and approved by the Board.

10. Regional Development Corporation (RDC) Annual Membership Meeting

- Call to order:** Committee Chair, Sen. Jeffrey Graham, called the meeting to order.
- Approval Previous Meeting Min. 4.6.2025:** Chairman Jeffrey Graham called for a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Mr. Chuck Wilson made the motion, and the motion was seconded by Dr. Alfred Mae Drakeford. All were in favor, and the motion passed unanimously.
- RDC Financial Report:** Assistant Finance Director Chrissy Childers informed the Board that the RDC financials were in good standing. She gave the following updates:
 - General Operating Funds: \$ 48,154
 - Pinewood Development Funds: \$1,836,177
 - Total Cash Balance: \$2,070,919
- Proposed FY 2025 -2026 Board of Directors Slate:** Chairman Graham called for a motion to approve the appointed Board of Directors Slate for 2026-2027. The motion to approve was made by Councilman Sammie Tucker Jr., Dr. Alfred Mae Drakeford seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the motion passed unanimously.
- RDC Camden Project Review:** Sen. Graham presented a slide with updates on the RDC Camden Project Review. The presentation showed how the demolition was completed in May 2024, and

since then, emergency calls have been reduced by 90.3%, and crime reduction has decreased by 83%.

Adjourn: Chairman Graham called for a motion to adjourn the RDC portion of the meeting. The motion was made by Councilman Sammie Tucker Jr. and seconded by Dr. Drakeford. All were in favor, and the motion passed unanimously.

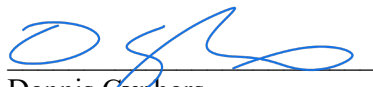
11. **Old Business:** None Applicable
12. **New Business:** None Applicable
13. **Executive Session:** None Applicable
14. **Executive Directors Report:** Executive Director Dennis Cyphers informed the Board that State Fiscal Accountability Authority rates will increase on July 1, 2026. He stated that the increase will have an impact on our budget.
15. **Chairman's Remarks:** Chairman Hancock thanked all members for their attendance and expressed appreciation to the staff.
16. **Adjournment:** Chairman Hancock called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by Councilman Sammie Tucker Jr. and seconded by Mr. Chuck Wilson. All were in favor, and the motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by:



Linda Jackson
Board Clerk

Approved by:



Dennis Cyphers
Executive Director

