

NEWBERRY COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Board Meeting Minutes

DATE: September 9, 2025

LOCATION: 25440 W. Newberry Rd, Newberry FL 32669

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30pm by Derek Danne, Chair

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Derek Danne (Chair), Leslie McGehee (Vice Chair), Leslie Hayes-Morrison (Treasurer), Chuck Clemons (online), Veronica Kadala (Secretary); Quorum present by roll call

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion to adopt agenda as distributed. Made by: Leslie Hayes-Morrison; seconded by: Leslie McGehee; passed unanimously

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion to approve the consent agenda. Made by: Leslie Hayes-Morrison; seconded by: Leslie McGehee; passed unanimously

PUBLIC COMMENT: Members of the community spoke to share hopeful and positive messages, as well as offer help in the future to the Board/Newberry Community School.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Staffing Agreement with the City: Motion to authorize the Chair of the Board to negotiate and execute the staffing agreement with the City. Made by: Leslie Hayes-Morrison; seconded by: Leslie McGehee; passed unanimously
2. Contract with SFS: Motion to authorize the Chair to execute the contract with SFS, and authorize him to approve the issuance of the PEX card and set a limit of \$2500. Made by: Leslie Hayes-Morrison; seconded by: Leslie McGehee; passed unanimously
3. Public Records, Sunshine, and Ethics: Shawn Arnold (NCS attorney) and Lacy Roberts (NCS Consultant) shared information about training, that can be available to the board, in the areas of Sunshine Law and Ethics.
4. Designation of Public Records Custodian: Motion to authorize Chair to negotiate adding in this service with the City in the Staffing Agreement, designating the City Clerk, prior to execution. Made by: Chuck Clemons; seconded by: Leslie McGehee; passed unanimously
5. Creation of Committees:
 - a. Motion to appoint Derek Danne & Leslie McGehee to serve along side Leslie Hayes-Morrison, our Treasurer, on the Finance Committee. Made by: Leslie Hayes-Morrison; seconded by: Chuck Clemons; passed unanimously
 - b. Motion to appoint all board members; Derek Danne, Leslie Hayes-Morrison, Veronica Kadala, Chuck Clemons, and Leslie McGehee to serve on the Nominating Committee. Made by: Leslie Hayes-Morrison; seconded by: Leslie McGehee; passed unanimously
6. Board Policies and Procedures: Lacy Roberts (NCS Consultant) presented information about reviewing policies and procedures, that may be addressed at next meeting.
7. Timeline for Hiring Principal: Motion to adopt the provided principal hiring timeline. Made by: Chuck Clemons; seconded by: Veronica Kadala; passed unanimously

8. Florida Charter School Conference; October 14-16, 2025 (Orlando, Florida): Motion to approve expenditures to allow for consultant, Lacy Roberts, and Chair Danne to attend conference, and for expenses for hotel and training. Made by: Leslie Hayes-Morrison; seconded by: Leslie McGehee; passed unanimously
9. Scheduling: Motion to schedule bi-monthly meetings for the next three months. Made by: Leslie McGehee; seconded by: Veronica Kadala; passed unanimously

LEGAL UPDATE: Shawn Arnold (attorney) reviewed information regarding the results of the recent appeal by the District. The Appeal Commission voted in favor of NCS. The DOE will make their final ruling on 9/24/2025.

BOARD COMMENTS: Members of the board expressed gratitude to those citizens who came to this meeting, and who were so supportive, and willing to get correct information about the charter.

MEETING ADJOURNED: at 7:24 pm; by Derek Danne, Chair.