



Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes
May 6, 2026

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Kurt Davis (Chair)
Dr. Elgin Dixon
Mr. James Futch
Ms. Kerry McCarty (Secretary/Treasurer)
Ms. Traci Martin
Ms. Keri Orvin (Vice Chair)
Mr. Lonnie Roberts
Dr. Chris Roppe
Ms. Sara Waters

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Gary Evans
Mr. Derrin Wheeler

NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Sarah Beth Barber
Ms. Jessica Boatright
Dr. Ryan Flowers
Mr. Scottie Graham

NON-VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Matt Carter
Mr. Kevin Ellis
Mr. Marty Mullis
Mr. Oakley Perry
Mr. Perry White

SPCCA STAFF

Ms. Jamey Collins (CEO)
Ms. Amanda Towns (On-Site Coordinator)

GUESTS

CALL TO ORDER

The Southern Pines College and Career Academy (SPCCA) Board of Directors met Wednesday, May 6, 2026, at 1:35 p.m. Mr. Kurt Davis called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

INVOCATION

The invocation was provided by Mr. James Futch.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Upon a motion to approve by Dr. Chris Roppe, a second by Ms. Traci Martin, the Board unanimously approved the agenda for the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion to approve by Ms. Keri Orvin, a second by Mr. James Futch, minutes of the February 4, 2026, SPCCA Board of Directors' meeting were unanimously approved.

BUDGET UPDATE (Handout Provided)

Ms. Kerry McCarty provided a budget update to the Board. As of March 31, SPCCA is approximately 75% through the fiscal year and has encumbered approximately 73% of the budget.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS (Action Item)

Mr. Kurt Davis reported that initial nominations for the three officer positions of Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary/Treasurer were conducted electronically through an anonymous online nomination process. The results were also shared with board members via email prior to the meeting. Ms. Keri Orvin received the majority of nominations for Chair, Dr. Chris Roppe for Vice-Chair, and Ms. Kerry McCarty for Secretary/Treasurer. Mr. Davis reported that all nominees had confirmed their willingness to serve if elected by the Board.

Mr. Davis opened the floor for any additional nominations for the FY2027 officer positions.

During discussion, Dr. Chris Roppe inquired about any potential conflict of interest related to serving as a school superintendent while also serving as a board officer. Following discussion, the board determined that no conflict of interest existed.

Ms. Traci Martin made a motion to accept the nominees receiving the greatest number of nominations through the online nomination process for the FY2027 officer positions. With no additional nominations presented, Mr. Kurt Davis declared nominations from the floor closed. Mr. James Futch seconded the motion. A voice vote was conducted, and the following officers were unanimously elected for FY2027:

Chair: Ms. Keri Orvin

Vice-Chair: Dr. Chris Roppe

Secretary/Treasurer: Ms. Kerry McCarty

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER/SPCCA STAFF REPORT

FY2027 SPCCA Annual Plan of Work (Jamey Collins) (Action Item)

Ms. Jamey Collins proposed the FY27 Annual Plan of Work to the Board. The plan follows the same meeting schedule as the current year, with a total of seven meetings.

Upon a motion to approve by Dr. Chris Roppe, a second by Kerry McCarty, the FY2027 Annual Plan of Work was unanimously approved.

Strategic Plan End of the Year Update (Jamey Collins)

Ms. Jamey Collins provided a brief end-of-year overview of the Strategic Plan, which had been shared with Board members one week prior for their review. She highlighted improvements since the mid-year update, including additional program videos being completed and shared with school systems, all school systems now listing SPCCA as a school on their websites with a link to the SPCCA website, and all schools providing SPCCA with their YouScience reports to support program alignment and alignment with student interests.

New Program Video: Plumbers Assistant (Jamey Collins)

Ms. Jamey Collins shared with the Board that an additional program video has been completed and is ready to be shared. She presented the Plumber's Assistant video to the Board and noted that it has been uploaded to the SPCCA website and shared with the partnering high schools.

Fall 2026 Enrollment Projections (Jamey Collins)

Each year, enrollment projections are shared with the Board. Last week, Ms. Jamey Collins provided each superintendent with a first look at their projections. She noted that the handout includes program enrollment as of May 5 by program and county, along with trend data at the bottom to show enrollment patterns over time. She also explained that the "Waiting List" category includes students from other counties, homeschool students, and Coastal Pines students, and that these students will only be added at a later date if seats are not filled by the three partner school systems.

Ms. Collins then reviewed the fall enrollment projections with the Board. She explained that these are preliminary numbers and may shift slightly up or down, but are overall indicative of what can be anticipated for the fall semester. Ms. Collins asked if there were any questions regarding the projections. Ms. Keri Orvin inquired about the potential reason for the dip in enrollment numbers for Appling County for the upcoming fall. Dr. Elgin Dixon explained that there has been an update and that we will see an increase in those numbers for the fall semester in Appling County.

SPCCA Bylaws Discussion (Kurt Davis & Jamey Collins)

Mr. Kurt Davis shared with the Board that he wanted to bring forward a couple of bylaws considerations ahead of the annual bylaws review in August, specifically looking at moving to an all voting Board. He noted that several members have expressed interest in reviewing Board structure and Board attendance.

Ms. Jamey Collins stated that she has spoken with several college and career academy CEOs in Georgia and conducted research on how other academies are structured and whether they include attendance policies in their bylaws. Based on her research, she shared that it is uncommon for academies to include attendance policies in their bylaws. Instead, attendance concerns are typically handled by the Board Chair, who addresses any issues directly with individual members.

In regard to Board structure, Ms. Collins noted that it is common for academies to operate with all voting members, although some do include ex-officio members who serve in an advisory capacity. She also shared that moving to an all voting Board may help strengthen participation and encourage input from all entities represented on the Board.

There was discussion regarding how moving to an all-voting Board would affect quorum requirements. Mr. Davis encouraged Board members to consider the proposals and any potential bylaw changes prior to the August meeting. Several Board members shared their perspectives on the topics discussed. While some members did not support implementing an

attendance policy, many agreed that requiring all members to vote would be beneficial. The Board will officially vote on these matters at the August meeting.

SPCCA Scholarship Update:

Ms. Towns informed the board that the committee had voted and selected three recipients for the SPCCA Scholarship. The scholarships will be presented to the recipients at their respective high schools during Honors Night.

BOARD TRAINING

YouScience Reports and Program Alignment (Amanda Towns)

Ms. Amanda Towns shared that data from YouScience was compiled by combining students' top interest areas with their top aptitude reports to provide the most accurate results possible. She explained that the data allows SPCCA to be more intentional in ensuring that offered programs align with students' interests and aptitudes. This approach is intended to create stronger outcomes for students, schools, and the local workforce. Ms. Towns also noted that SPCCA continues to offer programs aligned with student interests, aptitudes, and high-demand career areas. Training documents and resources were distributed and reviewed with board members to explain the data and reports.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Mr. James Futch inquired about Board training hours. Ms. Amanda Towns reported that she had updated records available for any Board member wishing to review their hours before leaving the meeting. She also stated that the majority of Board members had completed the required training hours, and SPCCA staff are working with those who have not yet completed them in an effort to ensure all members are certified.

Congratulations were extended to the newly elected officers, and appreciation was expressed to the current officers for their service.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next Board of Directors' meeting is scheduled for August 12, 2026, at 1:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:17 p.m.

Submitted by:


Ms. Kerry McCarty
Treasurer/Secretary