

**Minutes of the South Carolina Coordinating Council
for Workforce Development (CCWD) Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

05/18/26

Executive Committee Attendees: Chairman William Floyd, Dr. Rebecca Battle-Bryant, Jay West, Dr. Jeff Perez, Dr. Josh Black (proxy for Ellen Weaver), and Bryce Amick (proxy for Dr. Tim Hardee)

Staff Attendees: James Thompson, Robert Davis, and Danielle Lindley

NOTIFICATION OF MEDIA

The South Carolina Coordinating Council for Workforce Development (CCWD) has complied with the Freedom of Information Act requirements to notify the media and post the agenda.

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Chairman Floyd welcomed all executive members and attendees, declared a quorum, and called the meeting to order at 2:04 pm. The minutes from the February 2026 meeting were reviewed and approved.

PRESENTATIONS

Chairman Floyd reviewed the agenda, highlighting important topics and sections. He then framed some of the newer education and workforce acts from neighboring states (GA, NC). Chairman Floyd transitioned to Charles Appleby for the CCWD structure and roles, and a Unified State Plan (USP) refresher.

Charles Appleby provided details about the CCWD structure and roles. He also reviewed the mission, vision, and goals of the USP. Chairman Floyd shifted the conversation to Dr. Rebecca Battle-Bryant to inform the committee about the DC Workforce Pell conference.

Dr. Battle-Bryant reported on America's Talent Strategy put forth in Washington, DC. She outlined each topic and asked for a motion to adopt the values as part of the USP. Values included industry-driven strategies, worker mobility, integrated systems, accountability, and flexibility & innovation. Chairman Floyd called for questions before the motion to adopt the values was adopted.

Charles Appleby shared the status of the Pathways and Alignment Committee and their subcommittees related to career pathways and education. He explained the proposal to make the two subcommittees separate committees: the Pathways Committee and the Employer Alignment Committee. Chairman Floyd asked for questions and clarified the information. With no objections, Chairman Floyd explained that the Pathways and Alignment Committee would now be the Pathways Committee and the Employer Alignment Committee.

Chairman Floyd reviewed the CCWD committees and the proposed FY 2026-27 direction for each from the Executive committee. With no objections, Chairman Floyd indicated the Committee Chairs would be provided with the direction for the year. He then outlined the annual game plan that would be required from each of the committees and asked Charles Appleby to summarize the requirements

and purpose. Chairman Floyd asked for committee-related questions. Jay West asked to ensure that we were still on track with the USP in terms of progress.

Chairman Floyd then moved on to discussing the administrative framework and target timeline for Workforce Pell. Charles Appleby then updated the executive members on the CCWD Lead Staff Meeting for Wednesday, 5/20. Chairman Floyd asked Mr. Appleby to detail the draft agenda for the upcoming CCWD full council meeting in June, with a specific focus on the panel discussion and committee updates.

Chairman Floyd called for questions, thanked the executive members and attendees, and adjourned the meeting at 2:56 pm.

COMMITTEE QUESTIONS

Questions and comments were placed in the body of the meeting minutes.

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