



FY19 Minutes – October 17, 2018 – Annual Meeting

Mrs. Duchett Polite Hylton, Executive Director

Sign-In/Handouts

Members Present: Margaret Williams, Dr. Tom Balliet, Mattie Wideman, Eleanor Hazel, Constance Martin-Witter, Deloris Dunham, Kimberly Malphrus, Mildred Daniels, Darlene Burroughs, Rev. Dave A. Mitchell, III, Dr. Kelvin Bostick, Kenneth Bell, Duchett Polite Hylton, Pamela Rose, Cierra Jenkins, Kate Roach (SCFS)

Community Members Present: Wesley Williams, Scott Strawn, Mary Wrighten, Lyn Boyles, Dr. LaQuandra Stevenson, Patricia Hall, Jessie Tyler

Youths Present: K. Glenn, K. Rose, A. Rose, A. Witter

Jasper County First Steps held its FY19 Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors on October 17, 2018 at the Palmetto Electric Community Room, Ridgeland, SC. The theme of the event was *“Ready, Set, Go! Blazing a Trail Towards the Ready Kindergartener.”* Ms. Pamela Rose served as the Mistress of Ceremony. Ms. Cierra Jenkins welcomed the approximately 30 guests and Ms. Margaret Williams offered our opening invocation.

The special entertainment for the evening was a poem presented by Ms. Akeilyah Witter, 4th grade student at Steps of Faith Christian Academy. The keynote speaker was Ms. Duchett Polite Hylton, JCFS Executive Director, who highlighted the need of the community and all service agencies to rally behind early childhood efforts. She acknowledged the dire current kindergarten readiness assessment for Jasper County student of 10% and pledged to work with both the public and private sector to be a trailblazer of change for the young child.

Ms. Cierra Jenkins made special presentations and acknowledgements. Closing remarks were given by Ms. Deloris Dunham, Board Chair.

***The Annual Meeting was preceded by the FY19 Annual Board Training facilitated by Ms. Kate Roach, SCFS Regional TA.

The above minutes represent the Jasper County First Steps Board Meeting on October 17, 2018. Verified by:

Deloris Dunham, JCFS Board Chair

Constance Martin-Witter, Secretary