

Council Members

District 1: Stuart Graham
District 2: Charlene McGriff
District 3: Billy Mosteller, Vice Chair
District 4: Jose Luis
District 5: Steve Harper
District 6: Bryant Neal, Secretary
District 7: Brian Carnes, Chair



County Administrator
Dennis E. Marstall

County Attorney
Ginny L. Merck-Dupont

Clerk to Council
Sherrie Simpson

**December 1, 2025
6:00 PM**

LANCASTER COUNTY COUNCIL
COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COUNTY ADMINISTRATION
BUILDING, 101 NORTH MAIN STREET, LANCASTER, SC 29720

MINUTES

Council Members Present: Brian Carnes, Steve Harper, Jose Luis, Billy Mosteller, Charlene McGriff, Bryant Neal, Stuart Graham

Staff Members/Others Present: Dennis Marstall, County Administrator; Ginny Merck-Dupont, County Attorney; Sherrie Simpson, Clerk to Council; Stephany Snowden, Deputy County Administrator; and the press.

A quorum of Lancaster County Council was present for the meeting. The following press were notified of the meeting by e-mail in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act: *The Lancaster News*, *Kershaw News Era*, *The Rock Hill Herald*, Cable News 2, Channel 9 and the local government channel. The agenda was posted in the lobby of the County Administration Building and also on the County website the required length of time. The PowerPoint presentation utilized during the meeting is attached to the written minutes in the Clerk to Council's office.

Call to Order Special Meeting - Chairman Brian Carnes

Chairman Brian Carnes called the Lancaster County Special Meeting to order at approximately 6:00 p.m.

Welcome and Recognition - Chairman Brian Carnes

Chairman Brian Carnes welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation - Council Member Bryant Neal

Council Member Bryant Neal led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and delivered the Invocation.

Approval of the Agenda

Chalene McGriff moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Steve Harper. The motion to approve the agenda Passed by unanimous vote of 7-0.

Citizens Comments

The following citizens signed up for and spoke during Citizens Comments: None.

The following citizens submitted electronic, written comments for Citizens Comments: None.

Executive Session

a. One Item:

1. Discussion of personnel matters pursuant to South Carolina Code of Laws 30-4-70(a)(1) related to the County Administrator's office.

Brian Carnes stated that he needed a motion to go into Executive Session for the discussion of personnel matters pursuant to South Carolina Code of Laws 30-4-70(a)(1) related to the County Administrator's Office. Jose Luis stated that he so moved. Seconded by Charlene McGriff. The motion to go into Executive Session Passed by unanimous vote of 7-0. At approximately 6:02 p.m., Council went into Executive Session.

Items Requiring a Vote Following Executive Session

Council came out of Executive Session and Brian Carnes called the Council meeting back to order at approximately 6:54 p.m. Jose Luis moved to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Bryant Neal. The motion to come out of Executive Session Passed by unanimous vote of 7-0.

Upon returning to open session, Ginny Merck-Dupont stated that Council met in Executive Session for the discussion of personnel matters pursuant to South Carolina Code of Laws 30-4-70(a)(1) related to the County Administrator's Office. She stated that during Executive Session, no motions were made and no votes were taken.

Billy Mosteller moved to authorize the Chairman to enter into negotiations for a contract with an Interim County Administrator. Seconded by Jose Luis. The motion Passed by unanimous vote of 7-0.

Adjournment

Jose Luis moved to adjourn the County Council Special meeting. There being no further business to discuss, the Special meeting of County Council adjourned at approximately 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Sherrie Simpson

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Clerk to Council

Approved by Council on January 12, 2026

Bryant Neal

Bryant Neal, Secretary