

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



Interim County Administrator
Steve Willis

County Attorney
Ginny L. Merck-Dupont

Clerk to Council
Sherrie Simpson

**February 11, 2026
4:00 PM**

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

MINUTES

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

Council Members Absent: Steve Harper (*however, he did join the Executive Session portion of the meeting via phone.*)

Staff Members/Others Present: Steve Willis, Interim County Administrator; Ginny Merck-Dupont, County Attorney; Sherrie Simpson, Clerk to Council; Jenna Woods, Communications and Marketing Director; Jeff Catoe, Public Works Director; Chris Clouden, Parks and Recreation Director; April Williams, Planning Director; Joanie Winters of the Winters Law Firm; various elected officials; various Department Heads; various employees; and citizens.

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

Chair Brian Carnes called the County Council Special Meeting to order at approximately 4:00 p.m.

Welcome and Recognition - Chairman Brian Carnes

Chair Brian Carnes welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation - Council Member Stuart Graham

Council Member Stuart Graham led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and delivered the Invocation.

Approval of the Agenda

Charlene McGriff moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Jose Luis. There was no discussion from Council. The motion to approve the agenda Passed by unanimous vote of 6-0. Absent: Harper.

Citizens Comments

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

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

Special Presentations

a. Discussion of Updated Branding for the County - Jenna Woods

Jenna Woods provided an overview of proposed updated branding for the County via the County's PowerPoint presentation. Council discussed the fact that they did not like using LC on branding because that could be for any County. They also discussed other concerns that they had, but noted that they were open to some re-branding concepts. They asked that the Communications and Marketing department bring back possible new ideas so that Council could re-visit the updated branding.

Discussion and Action Items

There were not any discussion and action items on the agenda and, therefore, no items were discussed during this agenda item.

Executive Session

a. Five Items:

1. Receipt of legal advice subject to the attorney-client privilege related to the Recreation Advisory Board.

2. Receipt of legal advice subject to the attorney-client privilege regarding a potential legal claim relative to roads..

3. Discussion of personnel matters pursuant to South Carolina Code of Laws 30-4-70(a)(1) relative to the County organizational chart.

4. Receipt of legal advice subject to the attorney-client privilege regarding a legal claim relative to a former employee.

5. Receipt of legal advice subject to the attorney-client privilege regarding a pending development matter in the Indian Land area.

Brian Carnes stated that he needed a motion to go into Executive Session in regards to five items: (1) the receipt of legal advice subject to the attorney-client privilege related to the Recreation Advisory Board; (2) the receipt of legal advice subject to the attorney-client privilege regarding a potential legal claim relative to roads; (3) the discussion of personnel matters pursuant to South Carolina Code of Laws 30-4-70(a)(1) relative to the County Organizational Chart; (4) the receipt of legal advice subject to the attorney-client privilege regarding a legal claim relative to a former employee; and (5) the receipt of legal advice subject to the attorney-

client privilege regarding a pending development matter in the Indian Land area; and to potentially invite the Parks and Recreation Director and Clerk to Council in to discuss the first matter, the Director of Public Works/Services in to discuss the second matter; Joanie Winters of the Winters Law Firm in to discuss the third and fourth matters; and the Planning Department Director in to discuss the fifth matter. Jose Luis so moved. Seconded by Charlene McGriff. There was no discussion from Council. The motion to go into Executive Session Passed by unanimous vote of 6-0. Absent: Harper. Council went into Executive Session at approximately 4:19 p.m.

Items Requiring a Vote Following Executive Session

Council came out of Executive Session at approximately 6:00 p.m. Jose Luis moved to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Charlene McGriff. There was no discussion from Council. The motion to come out of Executive Session Passed by unanimous vote of 6-0. Absent: Harper. Brian Carnes called the Council meeting back to order and the meeting resumed.

Upon returning to open session, Ginny Merck-Dupont stated that Council met in Executive Session in regard to five item(s): (1) the receipt of legal advice subject to the attorney-client privilege related to the Recreation Advisory Board; (2) the receipt of legal advice subject to the attorney-client privilege regarding a potential legal claim relative to roads; (3) the discussion of personnel matters pursuant to South Carolina Code of Laws 30-4-70(a)(1) relative to the County Organizational Chart; (4) the receipt of legal advice subject to the attorney-client privilege regarding a legal claim relative to a former employee; and (5) the receipt of legal advice subject to the attorney-client privilege regarding a pending development matter in the Indian Land area. She stated that during Executive Session, no motions were made, and no votes were taken.

Adjournment

Jose Luis moved to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business to discuss, the County Council Special meeting adjourned at approximately 6:01 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Sherrie Simpson

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Clerk to Council

Approved by Council on March 9, 2026

Bryant Neal

Bryant Neal, Secretary