

**Committee Members**

District 2: Charlene McGriff  
District 4: Jose Luis  
District 6: Bryant Neal  
District 7: Brian Carnes, Chair  
Staff: *Stephany Snowden, Dep. Cty. Adm.*  
Staff: *Sabrena Harris, CFO*  
Staff: *Jessica Eason Foggie, HR Dir.*  
Staff: *Jeff Catoe, Public Works Dir.*  
Community: *John McCain, Chamber CEO*  
Community: *Melissa Thornton, INSP VP*  
Community: *Scott Broome, MUSC CEO*



**County Attorney**  
Ginny L. Merck-Dupont

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**April 1, 2026  
5:00 PM**

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**LANCASTER COUNTY COUNCIL  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR SEARCH COMMITTEE  
COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COUNTY ADMINISTRATION  
BUILDING, 101 NORTH MAIN STREET, LANCASTER, SC 29720**

**MINUTES**

Committee Members Present: Charlene McGriff, Jose Luis, Bryant Neal, Brian Carnes, Stephany Snowden, Sabrena Harris, Jessica Eason Foggie, Jeff Catoe, John McCain, Melissa Thornton, and Scott Broome.

Staff Members/Others Present: Ginny Merck-Dupont, County Attorney; Sherrie Simpson, Clerk to Council; and Christin Mack from Find Great People.

A quorum of the County Administrator Search Committee 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 County Council Ad-Hoc County Administrator Search Committee Meeting - Committee Chair Brian Carnes**

Committee Chair Brian Carnes called the County Council Ad-Hoc County Administrator Search Committee meeting to order at approximately 5:00 p.m.

**Approval of the Agenda**

Charlene McGriff moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Bryant Neal. There was no discussion from the Committee. The motion to approve the agenda Passed by unanimous vote of 11-0.

**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.

### **Action Item(s)**

**a. Approval of Minutes from the March 2, 2026, County Council Ad-Hoc County Administrator Search Committee Meeting**

Melissa Thornton moved to approve the minutes from the March 2, 2026, County Council Ad-Hoc County Administrator Search Committee meeting. Seconded by Charlene McGriff. There was no discussion from the Committee. The motion to approve the March 2, 2026, meeting minutes Passed by unanimous vote of 11-0.

### **Executive Session**

**a. One Item:**

***1. Discussion of a personnel matter pursuant to South Carolina Code of Laws 30-4-70(a)(1) relative to the search for a County Administrator.***

Brian Carnes stated that he needed a motion to go into Executive Session in regards to one item: the discussion of personnel matters pursuant to South Carolina Code of Laws 30-4-70(a)(1) relative to the search for a County Administrator, and to invite representatives of the search firm, Find Great People, in to discuss the item. Scott Broome so moved. Seconded by Bryant Neal. There was no discussion from the Committee. The motion to go into Executive Session Passed by unanimous vote of 11-0. The Committee went into Executive Session at approximately 5:07 p.m.

### **Items Requiring a Vote Following Executive Session**

The Committee returned to Chambers and Jose Luis moved to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Charlene McGriff. There was no discussion from the Committee. The motion to come out of Executive Session Passed by unanimous vote of 11-0. Brian Carnes called the Committee meeting back to order at approximately 6:39 p.m.

Upon returning to open session, Ginny Merck-Dupont stated that Council met in Executive Session in regards to one item: the discussion of personnel matter pursuant to South Carolina Code of Laws 30-4-70(a)(1) relative to the search for a County Administrator. She noted that, during Executive Session, no motions were made, and no votes were taken.

### **Other**

**a. Dissolution of Ad-Hoc County Administrator Search Committee and Appointment of Ad-Hoc County Administrator Interview Committee - *Committee Chair Brian Carnes***

Brian Carnes stated that he was dissolving the County Council Ad-Hoc County Administrator Search Committee and that he was creating a new County Council Ad-Hoc County Administrator Interview Committee. He explained that the County Administrator Interview Committee would be composed of Jose Luis, Charlene McGriff, Bryant Neal, Brian Carnes, Melissa Thornton, Scott Broome, and John McCain.

**Adjournment**

Jose Luis moved to adjourn the County Council Ad-Hoc County Administrator Search Committee meeting. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

*Sherrie Simpson*

Sherrie Simpson  
Clerk to Council

**Approved by the Committee on April 10, 2026, at the 10:00 a.m. Meeting**