

Committee Members

District 2: Charlene McGriff

District 4: Jose Luis

District 6: Bryant Neal

District 7: Brian Carnes, Chair

Community: John McCain, Chamber CEO

Community: Melissa Thornton, INSP VP

Community: Scott Broome, MUSC CEO

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

April 7, 2026
10:00 AM

LANCASTER COUNTY COUNCIL
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR INTERVIEW 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, John McCain, Melissa Thornton (*who only attended the Executive Session portion of the meeting*), and Scott Broome (*who left after Executive Session*).

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 Interview 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 Interview Committee Meeting - Committee Chair Brian Carnes

Committee Chair Brian Carnes called the County Council Ad-Hoc County Administrator Interview Committee meeting to order at approximately 10:00 a.m.

Approval of the Agenda

Jose Luis moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Charlene McGriff. There was no discussion from the Committee. The motion to approve the agenda Passed by a vote of 6-0. Absent: Melissa Thornton.

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.

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 a personnel matter 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. Jose Luis so moved. Seconded by Bryant Neal. There was no discussion from the Committee. The motion to go into Executive Session Passed by a vote of 6-0. Absent: Melissa Thornton. The Committee went into Executive Session at approximately 10:01 a.m.

Items Requiring a Vote Following Executive Session

The Committee returned to Chambers and Charlene McGriff moved to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Bryant Neal. There was no discussion from the Committee. The motion to come out of Executive Session Passed by a vote of 5-0. Absent: Melissa Thornton and Scott Broome. Brian Carnes called the Committee meeting back to order at approximately 11:32 a.m.

Upon returning to open session, Ginny Merck-Dupont stated that Council met in Executive Session in regards to one item: the 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. She noted 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 Ad-Hoc County Administrator Interview Committee meeting adjourned at approximately 11:32 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Sherrie Simpson

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Clerk to Council

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