

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

**April 28, 2026
8:15 AM**

LANCASTER COUNTY COUNCIL

LANCASTER COUNTY AIRPORT, CONFERENCE ROOM,
286 AVIATION BOULEVARD, LANCASTER, SC 29720

MINUTES

Council Members Present: Stuart Graham *[who entered the meeting late and during Executive Session]*, Charlene McGriff, Billy Mosteller, Jose Luis, Steve Harper, Bryant Neal, and Brian Carnes.

Staff Members/Others Present: Ginny Merck-Dupont, County Attorney; and Sherrie Simpson, Clerk to Council.

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.

Call to Order Special Meeting - Chair Brian Carnes

Chair Brian Carnes called the Special Meeting of County Council to order at approximately 8:15 a.m.

Approval of the Agenda

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

Action Items

a. Dissolution of County Council Ad-Hoc County Administrator Interview Committee - Chair Brian Carnes

Chair Brian Carnes stated that he was dissolving the former County Council Ad-Hoc County Administrator Interview Committee because Council would now be taking over the duties of conducting interviews for the applicants for County Administrator.

b. Approval of Minutes from the 10:00 AM April 10, 2026, County Council Ad-Hoc County Administrator Interview Committee Meeting

Charlene McGriff moved to approve the minutes from the 10:00 AM April 10, 2026, County Council Ad-Hoc County Administrator Interview Committee meeting. Seconded by Bryant Neal. There was no discussion from Council. The motion to approve the minutes Passed by a vote of 6-0. Absent: Stuart Graham.

c. Approval of Minutes from the 1:00 PM April 10, 2026, County Council Ad-Hoc County Administrator Interview Committee Meeting

Jose Luis moved to approve the minutes from the 1:00 PM April 10, 2026, County Council Ad-Hoc County Administrator Interview Committee meeting. Seconded by Steve Harper. There was no discussion from Council. The motion to approve the minutes Passed by a vote of 6-0. Absent: Stuart Graham.

Executive Session

a. One Item:

1. Discussion of a personnel matter pursuant to South Carolina Code of Laws 30-4-70(a)(1) regarding County Administrator Interviews.

Brian Carnes stated that he needed a motion to go into Executive Session for the discussion of a personnel matter pursuant to South Carolina Code of Laws 30-4-70(a)(1) regarding County Administrator interviews and to invite a representative of Find Great People into Executive Session. Jose Luis stated that he so moved. Seconded by Charlene McGriff. There was no discussion from Council. The motion to go into Executive Session Passed by a vote of 6-0. Absent: Stuart Graham. At approximately 8:17 a.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 Special Meeting back to order at approximately 12:02 p.m. Bryant Neal moved to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Jose Luis. The motion to come out of Executive Session Passed 7-0.

Upon returning to open session, Ginny Merck-Dupont stated that Council met in Executive Session for one item: discussion of a personnel matter pursuant to South Carolina Code of Laws 30-4-70(a)(1) regarding County Administrator Interviews. 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 Special Meeting of Council adjourned at approximately 12:03 p.m.

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Respectfully Submitted:

Sherrie Simpson

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Clerk to Council

Approved by Council on May 26, 2026

Bryant Neal

Bryant Neal, Secretary