



Enterprise Campus Authority Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, January 12, 2026, 4:30 pm

Location: Dr. Benjamin Snoddy Boardroom

Attendees:

Chairman Keller, Vice Chairman Bell, Commissioner K. Fowler, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Sarratt, Commissioner Kennedy, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Hill, Commissioner Hamrick, Commissioner J. Fowler, Commissioner O'Neill, Commissioner Powell-Baker, Dr. Mikota, Mr. Burroughs, Mrs. Walker, Mr. Aughinbaugh, Dr. Williams, Mrs. Harris, Dr. Obi, Mrs. Painter, Ms. Schultz, Ms. Hughes, Dr. Brothers

Absent: Commissioner King

Call to Order

Chairman Keller called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

Approval of Previous Minutes

Chairman Keller presented the minutes from the December 11, 2025, meeting, which had been previously shared with the Members. Hearing no amendments or objections, he called for a motion to approve the minutes as written.

Motion: Commissioner Kennedy

Second: Commissioner K. Fowler

Vote: All in favor

Consent Agenda Items

Chairman Keller presented the Consent Agenda Items, which previously had been shared with the Members and asked if any Member had edits or questions. Hearing no amendments or objections, Chairman Keller asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items as presented.

Motion: Commissioner Anderson

Second: Commissioner K. Fowler

Vote: All in favor

Clean Room Update

Presented by Mr. Ethan Burroughs

Mr. Burroughs provided an update on the progress toward establishing a clean room to support students, the Spark Center, company recruitment, and regional life sciences initiatives.

Funding milestones:

\$127,500 grant received from Piedmont Natural Gas (January, previous year).

\$247,500 ARC grant awarded (notification received around June/July).

Additional grant support secured from the Department of Commerce for site enhancements, following a tour and proposal highlighting economic impact.

The Department of Commerce grant was officially awarded on December 18 for \$776,200.

Total funding secured for the clean room initiative is approximately \$1.15 million, allowing the project to move forward.

The Department of Commerce grant was submitted jointly with OneSpartanburg, with support from Commissioner O'Neill and her team, as well as Palmetto InnovaSphere, an organization supporting life sciences initiatives in the region.

Mr. Burroughs opened the floor to Commission O'Neill to add any additional comments or context to the discussion.

Commissioner O'Neill expressed appreciation for the work by Dr. Mikota, Mr. Burroughs, and others to advance life sciences in Spartanburg County. Commissioner O'Neill shared that life sciences industry recruitment is a priority, and having local infrastructure is critical both for Spartanburg and the state overall. A significant gap in life sciences infrastructure in South Carolina was noted, reinforcing the importance of this initiative.

The Department of Commerce, ARC, and Piedmont Natural Gas were also acknowledged for investing in Spartanburg.

The clean room will support Xoted, the first recruited company, as well as additional companies being recruited by Palmetto InnovaSphere and One Spartanburg Inc.

The facility will be a shared resource, usable by multiple companies rather than a single tenant.

The clean room will also provide valuable hands-on learning opportunities for students.

This type of asset is rare in the community, and there is enthusiasm that it will attract visitors once installed and operational.

Chairman Keller thanked Mr. Burroughs for the update and Mrs. O'Neill for her comments.

Adjournment

Chairman Keller called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Commissioner K. Fowler

Second: Commissioner Anderson

Vote: All in favor

Meeting adjourned at 4:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tracey Hill". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mrs. Tracey Hill, Secretary