



MINUTES

OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL

Special Meeting

October 28, 2025

MEMBERS, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL

Mr. John Elliott, District I
Mr. Matthew Durham, Chairman, District II
Mr. Don Mize, Vice Chairman, District III
Mr. Thomas James, District IV
Mr. Glenn Hart, Chairman Pro Tem, District V

Oconee County Council met at 2:30 PM in Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all Council Members, Interim County Administrator Phil Shirley, County Attorney David Root, & Jennifer C. Adams, Clerk to Council present.

Press: Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, notice of the meeting, date, time, place of meeting and agenda were posted on the bulletin board at the County Administrative Offices, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC, and the County Council website [www.oconeesc.com/council]. In addition, it was made available [*upon request*] to the newspapers, radio stations, television stations and concerned citizens.

Members of the press present: Dick Mangrum / 101.7 WGOG

Call to Order

Mr. Durham called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

Moment of Silence

Mr. Durham asked for a moment of silence prior to the Invocation.

Invocation by County Council Chaplain

Mr. Root, County Council Chaplain, gave the Invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Mize led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Attorney's Comments

None at this meeting.

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Executive Session

Mr. Hart made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mize, approved 5 – 0, to enter into Executive Session for the following purposes, as allowed for § 30-4-70(a) of the South Carolina Code of Laws:

- 1. Discussion regarding a personnel matter related to the County Administrator.*

Council entered into Executive Session at 2:31 p.m.

Council returned from Executive Session at 3:48 p.m. on a motion made by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. James, approved 5 – 0.

As requested by Mr. Durham, Mr. Hart made a motion, seconded by Mr. James, approved 5 – 0, to approve the termination of County Administrator, Ms. Amanda Brock, per the terms of her contract and to authorize the Chairman to issue a written statement of the reasons alleged for the proposed removal pursuant to SC Code 4-9-620 and the Administrator has a right to a public hearing pursuant to the SC Code 4-9-620. The Administrators contract, while terminated without cause, is terminated due to Council's loss of trust in her.

Mr. Durham read aloud a statement on behalf of Council that provided details related to the circumstances surrounding Council's loss of trust in the County Administrator, noting that Mr. Phil Shirley, current PRT director, has agreed to serve as interim County Administrator while the search begins for a permanent replacement.

Adjourn:

Mr. Hart made a motion, approved unanimously, to adjourn at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Jennifer C. Adams
Clerk to Council

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