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Upper Savannah Regional Education Center Advisory Board

Meeting Agenda

July 11, 2025

8:30am

BiltWise

Vision: To connect education, industry, and economic development to create an educated, prepared, and skilled workforce.

Those in attendance:

Lynn Finley, Rusty Denning (in lieu of Hope Rivers), Mary Kate Leggeri, and Stephen Taylor. Guest presenter: Samie Worthington

Absent:

Lynette Lindell, Josie Kate Haupfear, Meg Davis, Kal Kunkel, Yolanda Moore, Kyle Oronzio, John Ryan, Kay Self, Mark Warner, Tara Alexander.

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| I. | Welcome & Introductions | Stephen Taylor, RECAB President |
| II. | Approval of December 17, 2024 meeting minutes
<i>Quorum was not met; no vote taken.</i> | Stephen Taylor |
| III. | Overview of the 2024-2025 Academic Year
<i>Upper Savannah Region: January-June 2025 in Numbers:</i>
<i>Student: 6,249</i>
<i>Educator: 1,233</i>
<i>Parent: 4,807</i>
<i>Community Representative: 673</i>
<i>Business Partners: 581</i>
<i>School District: 172</i>
<i>2025 Hire Summit Events:</i>
<i>Abbeville/Greenwood/McCormick/Saluda- 37 Students/16 Business Partners</i>
<i>Aiken/Edgefield/Barnwell- 20 Students/6 Business Partners</i>
<i>Laurens: 35 Students/12 Business Partners- 27 On-the-spot Interviews!</i> | Shelby Dominick Reed, RWA |

Business & Menus, educator summer series to connect educators with a wide variety of industries, including the hospitality industry.

- IV. Smart Growth Meets Smart Talent: Samie Worthington, Co-Founder, Emily
How AI is Transforming Business Development & Revolutionary Marketing Group
the Workforce
Samie shared the value of knowing how to ask the “right questions” as AI is only as smart as its prompt. From education to healthcare and economic development, Samie shared how AI is “completely tanking organic traffic” and the “discoverability” of businesses on the web.
- V. Upcoming Event Dates Shelby Dominick Reed, RWA
*Upper Savannah Invitational: Building Construction Competition
Friday, October 24, 2025; 8am-2pm, Sponsorship is needed*
- VI. Adjourn Stephen Taylor

Next meeting: TBA