



**SOUTH CAROLINA PLANNING EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

Friday, November 14, 2025, 10:30 a.m.

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Members Present: Stephanie Tillerson, Chair; Andrea Melocik Vice Chair; and Committee Members, Dr. John Gaber; and Mary Catherine Lawton

Administrative Support Present: Jake Broom and Urica Floyd with the Municipal Association of SC

1. CALL TO ORDER – 10:31 a.m.

2. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT COMPLIANCE

Public notification of this meeting has been published, posted, and mailed in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act.

3. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Training Exemption Question – The Town of Mount Pleasant has a new employee that was hired as a Senior Planner. He has a Masters in Environmental Science—would this qualify him as exempt under the SCPEAC guidelines of a master’s degree in a “field related to planning.”
 - i. The committee reviewed Matt Sims' educational background, noting his master's degree in environmental science, and debated whether his experience and training met the criteria for exemption under category 3. After discussion, Tillerson called for a motion to approve the exemption for the Mount Pleasant planning official under category 3; Mary Catherine Lawton seconded the motion; the motion passed for the exemption 4-0.

4. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was motioned for adjournment by Dr. Gaber and seconded by Tillerson. The motion passed 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 10:16 a.m.

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