

AGENDA

Education Scholarship Trust Fund (ESTF) Review Panel (SECTION 59-8-160)

Thursday, August 5, 2026

11:00 a.m.

308 Gressette Building

- I. Welcome and Introductions – Melanie Barton
- II. Overview of ESTF Review Panel’s Responsibilities – Melanie Barton
- III. Overview of ESTF Program Administration – Meka Childs, Director of Education Choice and Family Engagement, SC Department of Education
- IV. Information - Reports Regarding ESTF Program

Annual Reports on Administrative Costs and Applications Associated with the Education Scholarship Trust Fund for Fiscal Years 2023-24 and 2024-25 Provided by the South Carolina Department of Education to the General Assembly

A Very Promising Start – The Year-One (2024-25) Report on South Carolina’s Education Scholarship Trust Fund (ESTF) Program – Published September 2024 by the South Carolina Department of Education.

Parental Satisfaction Survey of the Education Scholarship Trust Fund 2024-25 School Year, Published December 2024 by the Education Oversight Committee.

Parental Satisfaction Survey of the Education Scholarship Trust Fund 2025-26 School Year, Published December 2025 by the Education Oversight Committee.

- V. Next Meetings

Members:

Melanie Barton, Chair
Andrew Beckwith
Representative Micah Caskey, IV
Edward Earwood
Representative Shannon Erickson
Senator Greg Hembree
Senator Brad Hutto
Shaunette Parker
Jena Sherban
Steven Zimmerman