



Board member selection and meetings

March 2015

Board members are elected in 77 of the 81 districts. Four districts have members appointed by a County Board. Sixty-five board elections take place in November. Special elections and appointments occur in other months in the remaining districts.

Fifty-five districts choose board members from single-member districts, 39 retain at-large representation and 17 districts use a combination.

Although most school board members are elected in non-partisan elections, some are appointed, and some run in partisan elections. In two districts, candidates run in partisan elections – Lee and Horry counties.

In two counties, Horry and Marlboro, the board chairman is elected at-large by the public.

Citizen involvement

In Aiken, Charleston, Chesterfield, and Marion, appointed or elected citizens also hold some governance responsibilities.

Aiken is divided into five administrative areas, each with a seven-member area advisory council appointed by the district school board. Councils serve as disciplinary hearing panels, and they may set policies for their local areas as long as policies are consistent with district policies.

Eight elected constituent boards in Charleston, created under a countywide consolidation act in 1967, serve distinct geographic areas with authority to hire school-based personnel, act on student discipline cases and set attendance lines for schools within the constituent districts. The district board may hear appeals.

In six geographic areas in Chesterfield County, appointed advisory councils hear discipline cases that may be appealed to the district board.

County boards

In addition to the 81 local school boards statewide, three county boards have varying degrees of responsibility. In June 2005, the Orangeburg County Board of Education was replaced with a three-member fiscal commission whose primary role is to equalize funding among the three school districts. The four counties with county boards and their primary roles are as follows:

- **Anderson** – members of this county board are elected and exercise fiscal authority over the five local school district boards.
- **Clarendon** – members of this county board are appointed by the local legislative delegation and appoint all members of the Clarendon Two board and four of the nine members of the Clarendon One board - Clarendon Three board members are elected.
- **Dillon** – members of this county board are appointed by the local legislative delegation and appoint the members of the two local school district boards.



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District	Members	S-M	A-L	Appt.	Term	Partisan	Petition	Elections held	Elect members	Install members	Elect officers	Board meeting
Abbeville	9	9	0	0	4 yrs	No	No	Even years	Nov	Nov	Nov	4th Tuesday
Aiken	9	9	0	0	4 yrs	No	Yes	Even years	Nov	Nov	Dec	2nd-4th Tues
Allendale	5	5	0	0	4 yrs	No	Yes	Even years	Nov	Nov	Jan	4th Monday
Anderson 1	7	7	0	0	4 yrs	No	No	Even years	Nov	Nov	Nov	Last Tuesday
Anderson 2	7	6	1	0	4 yrs	No	No	Even years	Nov	Nov	Dec	2nd Monday
Anderson 3	5	4	1	0	4 yrs	No	No	Even years	Nov	Nov	Dec	2nd Monday
Anderson 4	5	5	0	0	4 yrs	No	No	Even years	Nov	Nov	Jan	2nd Monday
Anderson 5	9	7	2	0	4 yrs	No	No	Even years	Nov	Nov	Jan	3rd Tuesday
Bamberg 1	5	5	0	0	4 yrs	No	No	Odd years	April	April	May	4th Monday
Bamberg 2	5	5	0	0	4 yrs	No	No	Odd years	April	April	April	2nd Monday
Barnwell 19	5	0	5	0	3 yrs	No	No	Annually	April	April	May	2nd Monday
Williston 29	5	0	5	0	3 yrs	No	No	Annually	April	April	April	3rd Tuesday
Barnwell 45	5	0	5	0	3 yrs	No	No	Annually	April	April	April	4th Thursday
Beaufort	11	11	0	0	4 yrs	No	Yes	Even years	Nov	Jan	Jan	1st-3rd Tues
Berkeley	9	9	0	0	4 yrs	No	No	Even years	Nov	Nov	Nov	2nd-4th Tues
Calhoun	5	5	0	0	4 yrs	No	No	Even years	Nov	Nov	Dec	3rd Monday
Charleston	9	0	9	0	4 yrs	No	Yes	Even years	Nov	Nov	Nov	2nd-4th Mon
Cherokee	9	9	0	0	4 yrs	No	No	Even years	Aug	Aug	Aug	2nd-4th Tues
Chester	7	6	1	0	4 yrs	Yes	No	Even years	Nov	Jan	Jan	3rd Monday
Chesterfield	9	9	0	0	4 yrs	No	No	Even years	June	June	Dec	2nd Monday
Clarendon 1	9	0	5	4	4 yrs A-L 2 yrs appt	No	No	Even years	Nov	Nov	Jan	3rd Monday



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Clarendon 2	9	0	0	9	3 yrs	No	No	Annually	June	July	July	3rd Tuesday
Clarendon 3	7	7	0	0	3 yrs	No	No	Annually	March	March	April	3rd Thursday
Colleton	7	7	0	0	4 yrs	No	No	Even years	Nov	Nov	Jan	2nd-3rd Tues
Darlington	8	8	0	0	4 yrs	No	No	Even years	Nov	Nov/Jan	Jan	2nd Monday
Dillon 3	7	0	0	7	3 yrs	No	No	Appt. Annually	Feb	March	March	2nd Tuesday
Dillon 4	7	0	0	7	3 yrs	No	No	Appt. Annually	July	Sept	March	3rd Monday
Dorchester 2	7	0	7	0	4 yrs	No	Yes	Even years	Nov	Nov	Jan	2nd-4th Mon
Dorchester 4	5	5	0	0	4 yrs	No	Yes	Even years	Nov	Nov	Nov	3rd Tuesday
Edgefield	7	7	0	0	4 yrs	No	No	Even years	Nov	Nov	Nov	2nd-4th Tues
Fairfield	7	7	0	0	4 yrs	No	No	Even years	Nov	Nov	Dec	3rd Tuesday
Florence 1	9	9	0	0	4 yrs	No	No	Even years	Nov	Jan	Jan	2nd Thursday
Florence 2	7	7	0	0	3 yrs	No	No	Annually	March	April	April	4th Monday
Florence 3	9	9	0	0	3 yrs	No	No	Annually	Nov	Jan	Jan	3rd Thursday
Florence 4	7	0	7	0	4 yrs	No	No	Annually	Nov	Nov	Dec	2nd-4th Tues
Florence 5	7	4	3	0	3 yrs	No	No	Annually	Sept	Sept	Sept.	4th Monday
Georgetown	9	7	2	0	4 yrs	No	No	Even years	Nov	Nov	Jan	1st Tues
Greenville	12	12	0	0	4 yrs	No	No	Even years	Nov	Nov/Dec	Dec	4th Tues
Greenwood 50	9	9	0	0	4 yrs	No	No	Even years	Nov	Nov	Nov	3rd Monday
Greenwood 51	5	0	5	0	3 yrs	No	No	Annually	May	July	July	3rd Monday
Greenwood 52	5	0	5	0	3 yrs	No	No	Annually	May	July	July	2nd Tuesday
Hampton 1	5	0	5	0	4 yrs	No	Yes	Even years	Nov	Nov	Jan	4th Monday
Hampton 2	5	0	5	0	4 yrs	No	Yes	Even years	Nov	Nov	Nov	3rd Tuesday



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Horry	12	11	1	0	4 yrs	Yes	No	Even years	Nov	Jan	Nov	3rd Monday
Jasper	9	9	0	0	4 yrs	No	Yes	Even years	Nov	Nov	Nov	2nd-4th Mon
Kershaw	9	9	0	0	4 yrs	No	No	Even years	Nov	Nov/Jan	Jan	1st-3rd Tues
Lancaster	7	7	0	0	4 yrs	No	No	Even years	Nov	Nov	Nov	3rd Tuesday
Laurens 55	7	7	0	0	4 yrs	No	Yes	Even years	Nov	Jan	Feb	4th Monday
Laurens 56	7	7	0	0	4 yrs	No	Yes	Even years	Nov	Dec	Dec	4th Monday
Lee	7	7	0	0	4 yrs	Yes	No	Even years	Nov	Nov	Jan	3rd Monday
Lexington 1	7	0	7	0	4 yrs	No	No	Even years	Nov	Nov	Nov	3rd Tuesday
Lexington 2	7	0	7	0	4 yrs	No	No	Even years	Nov	Nov	Nov	3rd Thursday
Lexington 3	7	0	7	0	4 yrs	No	No	Even years	Nov	Nov	Dec	2nd Tuesday
Lexington 4	7	0	7	0	4 yrs	No	No	Even years	Nov	Nov	Nov	3rd Monday
Lexington/ Richland 5	7	0	7	0	4 yrs	No	No	Even years	Nov	Nov	Nov	2nd-4th Mon
Marion	7	7	0	0	2 yrs	No	No	Annually	April	April	April	3rd Tue. - 7pm
Marlboro	9	8	1	0	4 yrs	No	No	Even years	Nov	Jan	Jan	1st Monday
McCormick	7	0	7	0	4 yrs	No	Yes	Even years	Nov	Nov	Nov	2nd Monday
Newberry	7	7	0	0	4 yrs	No	Yes	Annually	Nov	Nov	Jan	4th Monday
Oconee*	5	5	0	0	4 yrs	No	Yes	Even years	Nov	Nov	Nov	2nd-3rd Mon
Orangeburg 3	7	7	0	0	4 yrs	No	No	Odd years	Nov	Nov	Nov	2nd Tuesday
Orangeburg 4**	7	7	0	0	4 yrs	No	No	Odd years	Nov	Nov	Nov	1st-3rd Tuesday
Orangeburg 5	7	4	3	0	4 yrs	No	No	Odd years	Nov	Jan	Jan	2nd Tuesday

* (Oconee) Board meetings are held the 2nd and 3rd Monday of each month, with the exception of November and December.

** (Orangeburg 4) Work sessions are held the 1st Tuesday of each month if scheduled.



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Pickens	6	6	0	0	4 yrs	No	No	Even years	Nov	Nov	Jan	4th Monday
Richland 1	7	4	3	0	4 yrs	No	No	Even years	Nov	Nov	Dec	2nd & 4th Tues
Richland 2	7	0	7	0	4 yrs	No	No	Even years	Nov	Nov	Jan	2nd & 4th Tues
Saluda	7	7	0	0	4 yrs	No	No	Even years	Nov	Nov	Nov	3rd Monday
Spartanburg 1	9	0	9	0	4 yrs	No	Yes	Odd years	Nov	Nov	Nov	2nd Monday
Spartanburg 2	10	1	9	0	4 yrs	No	Yes	Odd years	Nov	Dec	Dec	2nd Tuesday
Spartanburg 3	9	0	9	0	4 yrs	No	Yes	Odd years	Nov	Dec	Dec	3rd Thursday
Spartanburg 4	9	0	9	0	4 yrs	No	Yes	Odd years	Nov	Dec	Dec	1st Monday
Spartanburg 5	9	2	7	0	4 yrs	No	Yes	Odd years	Nov	Dec	Dec	4th Monday
Spartanburg 6	9	0	9	0	4 yrs	No	Yes	Odd years	Nov	Dec	Dec	1st Monday
Spartanburg 7	9	9	0	0	4 yrs	No	Yes	Odd years	Nov	Dec	Dec	1st Tuesday
Sumter	7	7	0	0	4 yrs	No	No	Even years	Nov	Nov	Nov	2nd-4th Mon
Union	9	9	0	0	4 yrs	No	No	Even years	Nov	Nov	Nov	2nd & 4th Mon
Williamsburg	7	7	0	0	4 yrs	No	Yes	Even years	Nov	Nov	Jan	4th Monday
York 1	7	5	2	0	4 yrs	No	No	Even years	Nov	Nov	Dec	2nd Tuesday
Clover 2	7	5	2	0	4 yrs	No	No	Even years	Nov	Nov	Nov	3rd Monday
Rock Hill 3	7	5	2	0	4 yrs	No	No	Even years	Nov	Nov	Nov	2nd & 4th Mon
Fort Mill 4	7	0	7	0	4 yrs	No	No	Even years	Nov	Nov	Nov	1st & 3rd Mon



Fiscal authority

September 2014

Limited Authority- 27 districts

Referendum to exceed this limit (subject to cap under Act 388)

Allendale Inflation + 4 mills
 Bamberg 1, 2 3 mills
 Barnwell 19, 29, 45 10 mills
 Florence 4 10 mills
 Lancaster 5 mills
 Pickens Formula

County council approval to exceed this limit (subject to cap under Act 388)

Fairfield 3% above previous year's budget or CPI whichever is lower
 Newberry 4 mills

Legislative delegation approval to exceed this limit (subject to cap under Act 388)

Chesterfield 10% of prior year's tax levy
 Laurens 55, 56 7 mills + EFA inflation factor not to exceed 10 mills
 York 1 6 mills
 Clover 2 6 mills
 Rock Hill 3 6 mills
 Fort Mill 4 6 mills

County board approves millage rate (subject to cap under Act 388)

Anderson 1, 2, 3, 4, 5... 8 mills
 Orangeburg 3, 4, 5 3 mills over EFA inflation factor (Fiscal Commission)

Special law to exceed this limit (subject to cap under Act 388)

Williamsburg 3 mills

Fiscal Autonomy - 26 districts (subject to cap under Act 388)

No overseeing body, school board votes by majority

Aiken	Georgetown
Berkeley	Greenville
Charleston	Horry
Cherokee	Lexington 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Chester	Marlboro
Darlington	Marion
Edgefield	Spartanburg 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
Florence 3	Union

No Authority - 25 districts

Legislative Delegation approves budget & sets millage rate (subject to cap under Act 388)

Dillon 3, 4

Town/Citizens meeting to approve budget (subject to cap under Act 388)

Florence 2, 5

County council approves millage rate (subject to cap under Act 388)

Beaufort	Jasper
Calhoun	Lee
Clarendon 1, 2, 3	McCormick
Colleton	Oconee
Dorchester 2, 4	Richland 1, 2
Greenwood 50, 51, 52	Saluda
Hampton 1, 2	Sumter

Statutory Cap - 3 districts

Requires county council approval to exceed (subject to cap under Act 388)

Abbeville Same millage
 Kershaw Limit 74 mills

Requires referendum to exceed (subject to cap under Act 388)

Florence 1 Same millage