

Board members are elected in 78 of the 85 districts. Seven districts have members appointed by a County Board. Sixty-four elections take place in November. Special elections and appointments occur in other months in the remaining districts.

Thirty-nine districts choose board members from single-member districts, 30 retain at-large representation and 16 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 four districts, candidates run in partisan elections – Chester, Georgetown, Horry and Lee counties.

In three counties, Georgetown, Horry, and Marlboro, the board chairman is elected by the public.

### **Citizen involvement**

In Aiken, Charleston and Chesterfield, 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, elected advisory councils hear discipline cases that may be appealed to the district board.

### **County boards**

In addition to the 85 local school boards statewide, four county boards have varying degrees of responsibility. In June 2005, legislation was signed by Governor Sanford to dissolve the Orangeburg County Board of Education. A fiscal commission will replace the OCBE and will have three members. Each district will have one representative on the commission to serve for one year beginning with district three and rotate yearly.

- Anderson – members of this county board are elected and exercise fiscal authority over the five local Anderson school boards.
- Clarendon – members of this county board are appointed by their legislative delegation. They then in turn appoint all members of the Clarendon Two 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 their legislative delegation. These members appoint the members of the three Dillon boards.
- Marion – members of this county board are elected and exercise fiscal authority over the three Marion boards. They appoint the members of the three Marion boards.

# Board member elections and meetings

August 2005

District	Board * members			Appt	Term	Partisan	Petition	Elections held	Election month	Officers elected	Board meetings
	S-M	A-L									
Abbeville	9	9	0	0	4 yrs	No	No	Even years	November	November	4th Tuesday
Aiken	9	9	0	0	4 yrs	No	Yes	Even years	November	December	2nd & 4th Tuesday
Allendale	5	5	0	0	4 yrs	No	Yes	Even years	November	January	4th Monday
Anderson 1	7	7	0	0	4 yrs	No	No	Even years	November	November	last Tuesday
Anderson 2	7	6	1	0	4 yrs	No	No	Even years	November	December	2nd Monday
Anderson 3	5	4	1	0	4 yrs	No	No	Even years	November	December	2nd Monday
Anderson 4	5	5	0	0	4 yrs	No	No	Even years	November	January	2nd Monday
Anderson 5	9	7	2	0	4 yrs	No	No	Even years	November	January	3rd Tuesday
Bamberg 1	5	5	0	0	4 yrs	No	No	Odd years	April	January	4th Monday
Bamberg 2	5	5	0	0	4 yrs	No	No	Odd years	April	April	2nd Monday
Barnwell 19	5	0	5	0	3 yrs	No	No	Annually	April	May	2nd Monday
Williston 29	5	0	5	0	3 yrs	No	No	Annually	April	April	3rd Tuesday
Barnwell 45	5	0	5	0	3 yrs	No	No	Annually	April	April	4th Thursday
Beaufort	11	11	0	0	4 yrs	No	Yes	Even years	November	January	2nd & last Tuesday
Berkeley	9	9	0	0	4 yrs	No	No	Even years	November	November	2nd & 4th Tuesday
Calhoun	5	5	0	0	4 yrs	No	No	Even years	November	December	3rd Monday
Charleston	9	0	9	0	4 yrs	No	Yes	Even years	November	November	2nd & 4th Monday
Cherokee	9	9	0	0	4 yrs	No	No	Even years	November	November	2nd & 4th Tuesday
Chester	7	6	1	0	4 yrs	Yes	No	Odd years	November	January	3rd Monday
Chesterfield	9	9	0	0	4 yrs	No	No	Even years	November	December, bi-annually	2nd Monday
Clarendon 1	9	0	5	4	4 yrs A-L/2 yrs appt	No	No	Even years	November	January	3rd Monday
Clarendon 2	9	0	9	9	3 yrs	No	No	Annually appointed	April	July	3rd Tuesday
Clarendon 3	7	7	0	0	3 yrs	No	No	Annually	March	April	3rd Thursday
Colleton	7	7	0	0	4 yrs	No	No	Even years	November	January	2nd & 3rd Tuesday
Darlington	8	8	0	0	4 yrs	No	No	Even years	November	Jan bi- annually odd yrs	2nd & 4th Monday
Dillon 1	7	0	7	7	3 yrs	No	No	Annually appointed	February	September	3rd Monday
Dillon 2	7	0	7	7	3 yrs	No	No	Annually appointed	February	March	3rd Monday
Dillon 3	7	0	7	7	3 yrs	No	No	Annually appointed	February	March	2nd Tuesday

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	members	S-M	A-L	Appt							
Dorchester 2	7	0	7	0	4 yrs	No	Yes	Even years	November	January	2nd & 4th Monday
Dorchester 4	5	5	0	0	4 yrs	No	No	Even years	November	November	3rd Tuesday
Edgefield	7	7	0	0	4 yrs	No	No	Even years	November	November	2nd & 4th Tuesday
Fairfield	7	7	0	0	4 yrs	No	No	Even years	November	December	3rd Tuesday
Florence 1	9	9	0	0	3 yrs	No	No	Annually	May	June	2nd Thursday
Florence 2	7	7	0	0	3 yrs	No	No	Annually	March	April	4th Monday
Florence 3	9	9	0	0	3 yrs	No	No	Annually	May	June	3rd Thursday
Florence 4	7	0	7	0	3 yrs	No	No	Annually	November	December	2nd Tuesday
Florence 5	7	4	3	0	3 yrs	No	No	Annually	September	September	4th Monday
Georgetown	9	0	9	0	4 yrs	Yes	No	Even years	November	January	1st Tuesday-reg. bd mtg, 3rd Tues-bd work session
Greenville	12	12	0	0	4 yrs	No	No	Even years	November	December	4th Tuesday; Comm. of Whole-2nd Tuesday
Greenwood 50	9	9	0	0	4 yrs	No	No	Even years	November	November	3rd Monday
Greenwood 51	5	0	5	0	3 yrs	No	No	Annually	May	July	3rd Monday
Greenwood 52	5	0	5	0	3 yrs	No	No	Annually	May	December	2nd Tuesday
Hampton 1	5	0	5	0	4 yrs	No	Yes	Even years	November	January	4th Monday
Hampton 2	5	0	5	0	4 yrs	No	Yes	Even years	November	November	3rd Tuesday
Horry	12	11	1	0	4 yrs	Yes	No	Even years	November	November	3rd Monday
Jasper	9	9	0	0	4 yrs	No	Yes	Even years	November	November	2nd & 4th Monday
Kershaw	9	9	0	0	4 yrs	No	No	Even years	November	January	1st & 3rd Tuesday
Lancaster	7	7	0	0	4 yrs	No	No	Even years	November	November	3rd Tuesday
Laurens 55	7	7	0	0	4 yrs	No	Yes	Odd years	March	June	4th Monday
Laurens 56	7	7	0	0	4 yrs	No	Yes	Odd years	March	April	4th Monday
Lee	7	7	0	0	4 yrs	Yes	No	Even years	November	January	3rd Monday
Lexington 1	7	0	7	0	4 yrs	No	No	Even years	November	November	3rd Tuesday bi-annually
Lexington 2	7	0	7	0	4 yrs	No	No	Even years	November	November	3rd Thursday
Lexington 3	7	0	7	0	4 yrs	No	No	Even years	November	December	2nd Tuesday
Lexington 4	7	0	7	0	4 yrs	No	No	Even years	November	November	3rd Monday
Lexington/ Richland 5	7	0	7	0	4 yrs	No	No	Even years	November	November	2nd & 4th Monday
Marion 1	7	0	7	7	2 yrs	No	No	Annually	June	July	2nd Monday
Marion 2	7	0	7	7	2 yrs	No	No	Annually	June	July	1st Thursday
Marion 7	7	0	7	7	2 yrs	No	No	Annually	June	July	1st Tuesday

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	members	S-M	A-L	Appt							
Marlboro	9	8	1	0	4 yrs	No	No	Even years	November	January	1st Monday
McCormick	7	0	7	0	4 yrs	No	Yes	Even years	November	November	2nd Monday
Newberry	7	7	0	0	4 yrs	No	Yes	Annually	November	January	4th Monday
Oconee	5	5	0	0	4 yrs	No	Yes	Even years	November	November	2nd & 3rd Tuesday
Orangeburg 3	7	7	0	0	4 yrs	No	No	Odd years	November	November	2nd Tuesday
Orangeburg 4	7	7	0	0	4 yrs	No	No	Odd years	November	November	1st Monday & 3rd Tuesday
Orangeburg 5	7	4	3	0	4 yrs	No	No	Odd years	November	January	2nd & 4th Tuesday
Pickens	9	6	3	0	4 yrs	No	No	Even years	November	January	4th Monday
Richland 1	7	4	3	0	4 yrs	No	No	Even years	November	December	2nd & 4th Tuesday
Richland 2	7	0	7	0	4 yrs	No	No	Even years	November	January	2nd & 4th Tuesday
Saluda	7	7	0	0	4 yrs	No	No	Even years	November	November	3rd Monday
Spartanburg 1	9	0	9	0	4 yrs	No	Yes	Odd years	November	November	2nd Monday
Spartanburg 2	10	1	9	0	4 yrs	No	Yes	Odd years	November	November	2nd Tuesday
Spartanburg 3	9	0	9	0	4 yrs	No	Yes	Odd years	November	April	3rd Thursday
Spartanburg 4	9	0	9	0	4 yrs	No	Yes	Odd years	November	December	1st Monday
Spartanburg 5	9	2	7	0	4 yrs	No	Yes	Odd years	November	June-odd yrs	4th Monday
Spartanburg 6	9	0	9	0	4 yrs	No	Yes	Odd years	November	November	1st Monday
Spartanburg 7	9	9	0	0	4 yrs	No	Yes	Odd years	November	December	1st Tuesday
Sumter 2	7	7	0	0	4 yrs	No	No	Even years	November	November	1st & 3rd Tuesday
Sumter 17	7	7	0	0	4 yrs	No	No	Even years	November	Nov bi- annually Even yrs	3rd Tuesday
Union	9	9	0	0	4 yrs	No	No	Even years	November	November	2nd & 4th Monday
Williamsburg	7	7	0	0	4 yrs	No	Yes	Even years	November	January	4th Monday
York 1	7	5	2	0	4 yrs	No	No	Even years	November	December	2nd Tuesday
Clover 2	7	5	2	0	4 yrs	No	No	Even years	November	November	3rd Monday
Rock Hill 3	7	5	2	0	4 yrs	No	No	Even years	November	November	2nd Monday- work session, 4th Monday- bd meeting
Fort Mill 4	7	0	7	0	4 yrs	No	No	Annually	November	November	1st & 3rd Monday

\*Seats ( S-M Single Member; A-L At-Large; Appt. Appointed)

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