

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, 23 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 three districts, candidates run in partisan elections – Chester, Lee and Horry counties.

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

Citizen involvement

In Aiken, Charleston and Chesterfield, 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 85 local school boards statewide, four 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 three local school district boards.
- **Marion** – members of this county board are elected, exercise fiscal authority over the three local school district boards, and appoint the members of the three local school district boards.

Board member elections and meetings

August 2010

<i>District</i>	<i>Board members</i>				<i>Term</i>	<i>Partisan Petition</i>		<i>Elections held</i>	<i>Election month</i>	<i>Board meetings</i>
	<i>S-M</i>	<i>A-L</i>	<i>Appt</i>							
Abbeville	9	9	0	0	4 yrs	No	No	Even years	November	4th Tuesday
Aiken	9	9	0	0	4 yrs	No	Yes	Even years	November	2nd & 4th Tuesday
Allendale	5	5	0	0	4 yrs	No	Yes	Even years	November	4th Monday
Anderson 1	7	7	0	0	4 yrs	No	No	Even years	November	Last Tuesday
Anderson 2	7	6	1	0	4 yrs	No	No	Even years	November	2nd Monday
Anderson 3	5	4	1	0	4 yrs	No	No	Even years	November	2nd Monday
Anderson 4	5	5	0	0	4 yrs	No	No	Even years	November	2nd Monday
Anderson 5	9	7	2	0	4 yrs	No	No	Even years	November	3rd Tuesday
Bamberg 1	5	5	0	0	4 yrs	No	No	Odd years	April	4th Monday
Bamberg 2	5	5	0	0	4 yrs	No	No	Odd years	April	2nd Monday
Barnwell 19	5	0	5	0	3 yrs	No	No	Annually	April	2nd Monday
Williston 29	5	0	5	0	3 yrs	No	No	Annually	April	3rd Tuesday
Barnwell 45	5	0	5	0	3 yrs	No	No	Annually	April	4th Thursday
Beaufort	11	11	0	0	4 yrs	No	Yes	Even years	November	2nd & 3rd Tuesday
Berkeley	9	9	0	0	4 yrs	No	No	Even years	November	2nd & 4th Tuesday
Calhoun	5	5	0	0	4 yrs	No	No	Even years	November	3rd Monday
Charleston	9	0	9	0	4 yrs	No	Yes	Even years	November	2nd & 4th Monday
Cherokee	9	9	0	0	4 yrs	No	No	Even years	August	2nd & 4th Tuesday
Chester	7	6	1	0	4 yrs	Yes	No	Odd years	November	3rd Monday
Chesterfield	9	9	0	0	4 yrs	No	No	Even years	June	2nd Monday
Clarendon 1	9	0	5	4	4yrs A-L 2 yrs appt	No	No	Even years	November	3rd Monday
Clarendon 2	9	0	0	9	3 yrs	No	No	Annually	June	3rd Tuesday
Clarendon 3	7	7	0	0	3 yrs	No	No	Annually	March	3rd Thursday
Colleton	7	7	0	0	4 yrs	No	No	Even years	November	2nd & 3rd Tuesday
Darlington	8	8	0	0	4 yrs	No	No	Even years	November	2nd Monday
Dillon 1	7	0	0	7	3 yrs	No	No	Appt. Annually	February	3rd Monday
Dillon 2	7	0	0	7	3 yrs	No	No	Appt. Annually	February	3rd Monday
Dillon 3	7	0	0	7	3 yrs	No	No	Appt. Annually	February	2nd Tuesday
Dorchester 2	7	0	7	0	4 yrs	No	Yes	Even years	November	2nd & 4th Monday
Dorchester 4	5	5	0	0	4 yrs	No	Yes	Even years	November	3rd Tuesday
Edgefield	7	7	0	0	4 yrs	No	No	Even years	November	2nd & 4th Tuesday
Fairfield	7	7	0	0	4 yrs	No	No	Even years	November	3rd Tuesday
Florence 1	9	9	0	0	4 yrs	No	No	Annually	November	2nd Thursday
Florence 2	7	7	0	0	3 yrs	No	No	Annually	March	4th Monday
Florence 3	9	9	0	0	3 yrs	No	No	Annually	May	3rd Thursday

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	<i>members</i>	<i>S-M</i>	<i>A-L</i>	<i>Appt</i>						
Florence 4	7	0	7	0	4 yrs	No	No	Annually	November	2nd & 4th Tuesday
Florence 5	7	4	3	0	3 yrs	No	No	Annually	September	4th Monday
Georgetown	9	7	2	0	4 yrs	No	No	Even years	November	1st & 3rd Tuesday
Greenville	12	12	0	0	4 yrs	No	No	Even years	November	2nd & 4th Tuesday
Greenwood 50	9	9	0	0	4 yrs	No	No	Even years	November	3rd Monday
Greenwood 51	5	0	5	0	3 yrs	No	No	Annually	May	3rd Monday
Greenwood 52	5	0	5	0	3 yrs	No	No	Annually	May	2nd Tuesday
Hampton 1	5	0	5	0	4 yrs	No	Yes	Even years	November	4th Monday
Hampton 2	5	0	5	0	4 yrs	No	Yes	Even years	November	3rd Tuesday
Horry	12	11	1	0	4 yrs	Yes	No	Even years	November	3rd Monday
Jasper	9	9	0	0	4 yrs	No	Yes	Even years	November	2nd & 4th Monday
Kershaw	9	9	0	0	4 yrs	No	No	Even years	November	1st & 3rd Tuesday
Lancaster	7	7	0	0	4 yrs	No	No	Even years	November	3rd Tuesday
Laurens 55	7	7	0	0	4 yrs	No	Yes	Even years	November	4th Monday
Laurens 56	7	7	0	0	4 yrs	No	Yes	Even years	March	4th Monday
Lee	7	7	0	0	4 yrs	Yes	No	Even years	November	3rd Monday
Lexington 1	7	0	7	0	4 yrs	No	No	Even years	November	3rd Tuesday
Lexington 2	7	0	7	0	4 yrs	No	No	Even years	November	3rd Thursday
Lexington 3	7	0	7	0	4 yrs	No	No	Even years	November	2nd Tuesday
Lexington 4	7	0	7	0	4 yrs	No	No	Even years	November	2nd Monday
Lexington/ Richland 5	7	0	7	0	4 yrs	No	No	Even years	November	2nd & 4th Monday
Marion 1	7	0	0	7	2 yrs	No	No	Annually	June	2nd Monday
Marion 2	7	0	0	7	2 yrs	No	No	Annually	June	1st Thursday
Marion 7	7	0	0	7	2 yrs	No	No	Annually	June	1st Tuesday
Marlboro	9	8	1	0	4 yrs	No	No	Even years	November	1st Monday
McCormick	7	0	7	0	4 yrs	No	Yes	Even years	November	2nd Monday
Newberry	7	7	0	0	4 yrs	No	Yes	Annually	November	4th Monday
Oconee	5	5	0	0	4 yrs	No	Yes	Even years	November	2nd & 3rd Monday**
Orangeburg 3	7	7	0	0	4 yrs	No	No	Odd years	November	2nd Tuesday
Orangeburg 4	7	7	0	0	4 yrs	No	No	Odd years	November	1st Monday & 3rd Tuesday
Orangeburg 5	7	4	3	0	4 yrs	No	No	Odd years	November	2nd Tuesday
Pickens	9	6	3	0	4 yrs	No	No	Even years	November	4th Monday

**Oconee Additional board meeting info January 2nd & 4th Monday.; April 2nd Monday & 4th Tuesday.; June 2nd Monday; November & December-2nd Monday.

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Orangeburg 5	7	4	3	0	4 yrs	No	No	Odd years	November	2nd Tuesday
Pickens	6	6	0	0	4 yrs	No	No	Even years	November	4th Monday
Richland 1	7	4	3	0	4 yrs	No	No	Even years	November	2nd & 4th Tuesday
Richland 2	7	0	7	0	4 yrs	No	No	Even years	November	2nd & 4th Tuesday
Saluda	7	7	0	0	4 yrs	No	No	Even years	November	3rd Monday
Spartanburg 1	9	0	9	0	4 yrs	No	Yes	Odd years	November	2nd Monday
Spartanburg 2	10	1	9	0	4 yrs	No	Yes	Odd years	November	2nd Tuesday
Spartanburg 3	9	0	9	0	4 yrs	No	Yes	Odd years	November	3rd Thursday
Spartanburg 4	9	0	9	0	4 yrs	No	Yes	Odd years	November	1st Monday
Spartanburg 5	9	2	7	0	4 yrs	No	Yes	Odd years	November	4th Monday
Spartanburg 6	9	0	9	0	4 yrs	No	Yes	Odd years	November	1st Monday
Spartanburg 7	9	9	0	0	4 yrs	No	Yes	Odd years	November	1st Tuesday
Sumter 17	7	7	0	0	4 yrs	No	No	Even years	November	1st Monday & 3rd Tuesday
Sumter 2	7	7	0	0	4 yrs	No	No	Even years	November	1st & 3rd Tuesday
Union	9	9	0	0	4 yrs	No	No	Even years	November	2nd & 4th Monday
Williamsburg	7	7	0	0	4 yrs	No	Yes	Even years	November	4th Monday
York 1	7	5	2	0	4 yrs	No	No	Even years	November	2nd Tuesday
Clover 2	7	5	2	0	4 yrs	No	No	Even years	November	3rd Monday
Rock Hill 3	7	5	2	0	4 yrs	No	No	Even years	November	2nd & 4th Monday
Fort Mill 4	7	0	7	0	4 yrs	No	No	Annually	November	1st & 3rd Monday

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