

AGENDA

S.C. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD

260 D. Epting Lane
West Columbia, SC 29172
October 22, 2026, 10:00 a.m.

Please use the following link and select the “Watch Live” button if you would like to watch the Board meeting: <https://www.dnr.sc.gov/>

1. Call to Order Dr. Mark Hartley
SCDNR Board Chairman
2. Invocation Maj. Kevin Thompson
SCLEAP Chaplain
3. Pledge of Allegiance.....Duane Swygert
SCDNR Board Vice Chairman
4. Chairman’s Comments Dr. Mark Hartley
SCDNR Board Chairman
5. Introduction of Guests/Constituent Comments.....Shannon Bobertz
SCDNR Chief of Staff
(Comments are limited to 5 minutes)
6. Approval of Minutes for the September 11, 2026, Meeting SCDNR Board Members
7. Agency Reports/Updates..... Dr. Tom Mullikin
SCDNR Director
8. Advisory Committee Reports
 - A. Governor’s Cup Billfishing Series..... Carlisle Oxner
SCDNR Board Representative
 - B. Heritage Trust Dr. Mark Hartley
SCDNR Board Chairman
 - C. Land, Water and Conservation..... Hope Blackley
SCDNR Board Representative
 - D. Law Enforcement Duane Swygert
SCDNR Board Vice Chairman
 - E. Marine Resources Jerry Lee
SCDNR Board Representative
 - F. Saltwater Recreational Fisheries.....Davy Hite
SCDNR Board Representative
9. Item(s) for Board Information
 - A. Climate Update.....Hope Mizzell
Land, Water and Conservation Division
 - B. Mitigation Trust Fund Report.....Scott Speares
Executive Office Division

- C. Outreach Update Cheyenne Twilley
Executive Office Division
- D. Legal Update Susan Porter
(Executive Session) Executive Office Division

10. Item(s) for Board Action

- A. Amendment of Policy 702.04 Paid Parental Leave Eva Smith
Executive Office Division
- B. Preliminary Approval of Property Acquisition in Barnwell County (TC-H) Fran Varacalli
Office of Environmental Programs
- C. Preliminary Approval of Property Acquisition in Charleston County (D-W) Fran Varacalli
Office of Environmental Programs
- D. Preliminary Approval of Property Acquisition in Greenville County (TP-F) Fran Varacalli
Office of Environmental Programs
- E. Preliminary Approval of Property Acquisition in Marion County (LPD-CB) Fran Varacalli
Office of Environmental Programs
- F. Preliminary Approval of Property Acquisition in Marion County (LPD-SM) Fran Varacalli
Office of Environmental Programs
- G. Final Approval of Property Acquisition in Pickens County (BM-GK) Fran Varacalli
Office of Environmental Programs
- H. Final Approval of Property Acquisition in Pickens County (SS-W) Fran Varacalli
Office of Environmental Programs
- I. Final Approval of Property Acquisition in Richland County (WR-G) Fran Varacalli
Office of Environmental Programs
- J. Request for Use in Horry County (LPD-D) Lindsey Vann
Office of Environmental Programs
- K. Marine Resources Advisory Committee Reappointment Blaik Keppler
Marine Resources Division
- L. Land, Water and Conservation Advisory Committee Appointments Tyler Brown
Land, Water and Conservation Division
- M. Soil and Water Conservation District Commissioner Appointments Tyler Brown
Land, Water and Conservation Division
- N. Soil and Water Conservation District Commissioner Emeritus Tyler Brown
Land, Water and Conservation Division
- O. Soil and Water Conservation District Commissioner Reappointments Tyler Brown
Land, Water and Conservation Division
11. Comments SCDNR Board Members
12. Time and Location of Next Board Meeting Dr. Mark Hartley
SCDNR Board Chairman
- Thursday, January 28, 2027
13. Adjournment Dr. Mark Hartley
SCDNR Board Chairman