

City of Pickens
Special Called
March 4, 2026
10:00 a.m.

The Mayor and City Council convened at Pickens City Hall, 219 Pendleton Street, Pickens, S.C. for a special called meeting. Agendas were posted and sent to media on March 3, 2026.

Council Members in Attendance:

Mayor, Isaiah Scipio
Mayor Pro-Tem, Allie Winter
Danny Adams
Jonathan Baker
Cameron Rivers
Floyd Rogers
Ray Wilson

Staff:

Administrator, Tim O'Briant

(The minutes are a synopsis of the meeting, and they are not a verbatim discussion. Full viewing and recording of the meeting is available on the City of Pickens Web-page and Facebook. Also, the full agenda packet with all departmental reports are available in the City Clerk's office.)

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Isaiah Scipio called the special called meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance. Council Member Floyd Rogers gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Scipio read both reasons for the executive session.

a. Motion to enter into executive session to discuss investigative proceedings regarding allegations of criminal misconduct as allowed by S.C. Code 30-4-70 (a) (4):

>>Motion was made by Council Member Allie Winter, seconded by Council Member Floyd Rogers and unanimously passed to convene into executive session for the stated purpose.

b. Motion to enter into executive session to discuss employment, appointment, compensation, promotion, demotion, discipline or release of an employee, a student, or a person regulated by a public body as allowed by S.C. 30-4-70 (a) (1):

>>Motion was made by Council Member Floyd Rogers, seconded by Council Member Ray Wilson and unanimously passed to convene into executive session for the stated purpose.

RECONVENE INTO PUBLIC SESSION:

>>Motion was made by Council Member Allie Winter, seconded by Jonathan Baker and unanimously to reconvene into Public Session.

ACTION AS IT RELATES TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Scipio stated the City Council went into executive session for the stated purposes, and he would make the following statement regarding both items.

- 1) Fabricated Email Accusing Council Members of Bribery
 - An original email was altered to falsely claim that the Mayor and several council members accepted bribes related to an annexation issue.
 - SLED investigated and confirmed the accusations were false.
 - The source of the fabricated email is still unknown.
 - The city plans to conduct an internal investigation and hopes local law enforcement will help identify who created and distributed the false information.
 - The Mayor emphasized the importance of clearing the council’s names and allowing Council to get back to doing the work of the citizens.
- 2) False Accusation Against Council Member Jonathan Baker
 - Newly elected Council Member Jonathan Baker was accused of being in a judge’s office improperly.
 - Both SLED and an internal investigation found this accusation to be false.
 - The Mayor stated Mr. Baker is fully exonerated of this accusation.

Mayor Scipio thanked Council for their time and patience with these unfortunate issues.

ADJOURNMENT:

Hearing no further business, Mayor Scipio called for the motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Council Member Floyd Rogers, seconded by Council Member Allie Winter, and unanimously passed. Pickens City Council stood adjourned at 12:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Donna Owen, City Clerk

Approved:



Mayor, Isaiah Scipio