

City of Pickens
Special Called Meeting
April 21, 2026
5:30 P.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 April 20, 2026.

Council Members in Attendance:

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

Staff:

Tim O'Briant, City Administrator
Daniel Hughes, City Attorney
Mandy Hess, Finance Director

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Scipio called the special called meeting to order and further gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENTS FROM MAYOR SCIPIO:

Mayor Scipio stated the Pickens Police Department presented its 250th-anniversary commemorative badge. The chief explained the historic symbolism traditionally found in American law-enforcement badges:

- Shield — represents the duty to protect and defend the community
- Seal — reflects civic pride, jurisdiction, and responsibility
- Eagle — symbolizes authority
- Overall badge — serves as a reminder of an officer's oath and commitment

The special 250-year Pickens badge includes local imagery, specifically the mountains and the city water tower, honoring the community's identity. It is authorized for officers to wear throughout 2026.

Chief Randall J. Beach presented the commemorative badge as a token of dedication to the community and expressed respect for elected officials who oversee the department's oath and service.

>>Council thanked Chief Beach for the badge.

Council Member Floyd Rogers made a motion to appoint Meagan Nations the new City Clerk and classified that position in the new pay grade of 113 at \$175,000. Council Member Baker declared a point of order and stated that Mr. Rogers is out of order and not following the agenda.

Attorney Hughes confirmed that Mr. Rogers is out of order and needs to follow the agenda.

(note the following day on April 22, 2026, it was posted on the city website that \$175,000 was an error and the amount of salary was \$75,000)

CONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

>>Council Member Allie Winter moved to convene into executive session for the stated purpose. Motion was seconded by Council Member Ray Wilson. All members voted in favor with the exception of Council Member Baker who opposed. Motion carried with a 5-1 vote. Council Member Baker stated he is opposing because he believes these issues need to be discussed in public.

RECONVENE INTO PUBLIC SESSION:

Motion was made by Council Member Floyd Rogers to reconvene into Public Session, seconded by Council Member Danny Adams and unanimously passed.

ACTION AS IT RELATES TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Scipio stated while there is no action as a result of executive session, Council did discuss better procedural steps regarding the hiring of the Clerk/Human Resources position. Mayor Scipio stated he should have called a meeting and brought back to Council the agreement prior signatures. However, it has been discussed and at the next meeting the official appointment of the Clerk/HR Director will be voted on properly.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL:

Council Member Baker acknowledged that many residents attended with concerns and noted that some expected the issue of the SLED investigation to be addressed due to recent newspaper reporting. He explained that the information available is still incomplete and that several concerns require further review before the council can take action. He stated that the council anticipates addressing the matter more fully at the meeting on the 27th, where clearer information and potential next steps can be discussed. His goal is to help move the city forward and continue bringing the community together.

ADJOURNMENT:

Hearing no further business, Mayor Scipio called for the motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Council Member Ray Wilson, seconded by Council Member Floyd Rogers and unanimously passed. City of Pickens stood adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:


Donna Owen, City Clerk

Approved:

Mayor, Isaiah Scipio