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Thanks. Let's discuss tomorrow if possible.

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We can discuss tomorrow, but I think this spreadsheet maps the old First Steps seats onto the new ones.

Only really made one judgment call - we went from two "early childhood educator" slots to one. Both were filled, but both were serving in expired terms. One of the two was over the eight-year limit as well, so I assumed that he'd go and the other one would be the "incumbent."

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This is the new language for the First Steps Board, so the Governor's designee will Chair, and then she'll have the seven appointments listed in (C) below. I would think that several of the Governor's appointees would have to be immediately removed, since they're beyond the 8-year limit - Mike Fair, Lisa Van Riper, Lewis Smoak, Linda O'Quinn, and Reece Yandle are all beyond 8 years from the records I've seen.

That said, it's unclear to me how (D) and (E) would fit together. Fair is beyond 8 years, but is a member of the General Assembly, so his service here is coterminous to his current Senate term. Does (E) prevail?

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Section [63-11-1720](#). (A) There is created the South Carolina First Steps to School Readiness Board of Trustees which must be chaired by the Governor, or his designee, and must include the State Superintendent of Education, or his designee, who shall serve as ex officio voting members of the board.

(B) In making the appointments specified in subsection (C)(1), (2), and (3) of this section, the Governor, President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall seek to ensure diverse geographical representation on the board by appointing individuals from each congressional district as possible.

(C) The board shall include members appointed in the following manner:

(1) the Governor shall appoint one member from each of the following sectors:

- (a) parents of young children;
- (b) business community;
- (c) early childhood educators;
- (d) medical providers;
- (e) child care and development providers; and
- (f) the General Assembly, one member from the Senate and one member from the House of Representatives;

(2) the President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall appoint one member from each of the following sectors:

- (a) parents of young children;
- (b) business community;
- (c) early childhood educators; and
- (d) medical or child care and development providers;

(3) the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint one member from each of the following sectors:

- (a) parents of young children;
- (b) business community;
- (c) early childhood educators; and
- (d) medical or child care and development;

(4) the chairman of the Senate Education Committee or his designee;

(5) the chairman of the House Education and Public Works Committee or his designee; and

(6) the chief executive officer of each of the following shall serve as an ex officio voting member:

- (a) Department of Social Services;
- (b) Department of Health and Environmental Control;
- (c) Department of Health and Human Services;
- (d) Department of Disabilities and Special Needs;
- (e) State Head Start Collaboration Officer; and
- (f) Children's Trust of South Carolina.

(D) The terms of the members are for four years and until their successors are appointed and qualify. The appointments of the members from the General Assembly shall be coterminous with their terms of office.

(E) Vacancies for any reason must be filled in the manner of the original appointment for the unexpired term. A member may not serve more than two terms or eight years, whichever is longer. A member who misses more than three consecutive meetings without excuse or a member who resigns must be replaced in the same manner as his predecessor. Members may be paid per diem, mileage, and subsistence as established by the board not to exceed standards provided by law for boards, committees, and commissions. A complete report of the activities of the First Steps to School Readiness Board of Trustees must be made annually to the General Assembly.

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