

**Date:** Monday, August 5, 2013

**Time:** 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

**Location:** Edgar A. Brown Building  
Room 252

**Attending:** PSTA  
14 board members  
Dr. Jeff Venables, President  
Libby Ortmann, Past President  
Paulette Moses, President-Elect  
Meike McDonald  
Lakytria Grant  
Jed Dearybury  
Matthew Johnson  
Rachel Toole  
Carol Dawkins  
Sallie Ortmann  
Jennifer Smith  
Penny Morris  
Beth Hinson  
Kathy Maness, Executive Director

**Room Set-up:** Open Circle  
Governor in Center  
Legislators beside her

**Agenda:** See attached.

**Background:** Palmetto State Teachers Association

Formed as an alternative to the union, the Palmetto State Teachers Association is a group of professional educators offering benefits to classroom teachers on a state level.

The Palmetto State Teachers Association's philosophy states the control of schools should remain in the hands of local elected school boards. PSTA is opposed to collective bargaining, and believes educators have the right to join a professional association without being forced to join a national labor union.