

STATE CHARTER SCHOOLS COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

May 21, 2020, 3:00 p.m.

Teleconference

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Attendees: Commissioners: Tom Lewis-Chairman; Paul Williams-Vice Chairman, Carmen Dill, Jose Perez, and Buzz Brockway. SCSC Staff were present, including Lauren Holcomb – Executive Director; Cerrone Lockett – General Counsel; and, Katie Manthey – Director of Research and Evaluation. Members of the public were also present.

I. **Call to Order** (Chairman Lewis)

- The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

II. **Action Items**

- **Recommendation** (SCSC Executive Director)

- Recognizing the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on Georgia's economy and the resulting decline in state revenues, it is recommended that the State Charter Schools Commission suspend the 2020 State Charter School Petition cycle, effective immediately, until August 26, 2020. Utilizing state revenue projections as of August 2020, SCSC staff will present a subsequent recommendation regarding next steps for the 2020 petition cycle at the August 26, 2020 SCSC meeting.

- **SCSC Action**

- Vice Chairman Williams remarked that there was no way the SCSC could meet its obligations to approved state charter schools without taking this action.
- Chairman Lewis called for a motion to accept the SCSC Staff recommendation. Commissioner Perez motioned. Commissioner Dill seconded. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

III. **Adjourn** (Chairman Lewis)

- The meeting adjourned at 3:07 p.m.