

STATE CHARTER SCHOOLS COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

October 28, 2020, 10:00 a.m.

SCSC Board Room West Twin Tower, 5th Floor, Atlanta, Georgia 30334

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Attendees: Commissioners: Buzz Brockway - Vice Chairman; Jose Perez; Hunter Hill; and Dr. Lina Millan. Paul Williams. SCSC Staff members: Lauren Holcomb – Executive Director; Morgan Felts – Chief Operations Officer; Cerrone Lockett – General Counsel; Kristen Easterbrook – Charter Development Manager; Sarah Beck – Associate General Counsel and Operational Accountability Manager; Darcy Callaway – Business Manager; Danielle Williams – Communications and Outreach Coordinator; Approximately 25 members of the public attended remotely.

- I. **Call to Order (Vice Chairman Buzz Brockway)**
 - The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m.
 - The Vice Chairman announced the departure of SCSC Chairman Paul Williams. Commissioners gave their well wishes. The vacancy will be filled by a nomination from Georgia’s Lt. Governor and appointment by the State Board of Education.

- II. **Approval of SCSC Meeting Minutes (Vice Chairman Buzz Brockway)**
 - The Vice Chairman called for the approval of the September 30, 2020 meeting minutes. Commissioner Hill motioned. Commissioner Millan seconded. The September 30, 2020 meeting minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

- III. **School Openings Update (SCSC Executive Director)**
 - The SCSC Executive Director provided an update on state charter schools operational plans due to COVID-19. Currently, 22 schools are operating in-person and 15 are operating only virtually, excluding the two statewide virtual schools.

- IV. **Organizational Development (Charter Development Manager)**
 - SCSC trainings and the schedule for upcoming trainings were announced. The SCSC will host 2020-21 Governance Training Opportunities virtually on November 10, 2020, February 2, 2021, and April 13, 2021.

- V. **Accountability Update (SCSC Executive Director)**
 - The SCSC Executive Director provided an update on Georgia’s Assessment and Accountability Waiver for the 2020-21 school year. There is no assessment data for the 2019-2020 school year, as the approved waiver led to no testing. Assessments will be given during for the 2020-21 school year. Accountability waivers may be provided to Georgia, but the SCSC is awaiting information. Commissioners further discussed end of course tests and assessments with regards to the pandemic.

- VI. **Action Items**
 - **Renewal Application and Timeline (SCSC Executive Director)**
 - **Recommendation:** The SCSC recommended the approval of the 2021 renewal application and timeline.
 - **SCSC Action:** The Vice Chairman called for the approval of the SCSC staff recommendation to approve the 2021 renewal application and timeline. Commissioner Perez motioned.

Commissioner Hill seconded. The SCSC unanimously approved the 2021 renewal application and timeline.

VII. **Additional Items from Commissioners**

VIII. **Public Comment**

IX. **Adjourn**

- The meeting adjourned at 10:29 a.m.