

STATE CHARTER SCHOOLS COMMISSION INTERVIEW PANEL MEETING

July 19, 2017, 8:20 a.m.

**State Charter Schools Commission Conference Room
East Twin Tower, Room 1470B, Atlanta, Georgia 30334**

Meeting Minutes

1. The meeting convened at approximately 8:20 am. The interview panel, consisting of Commissioner Williams; Commission staff Bonnie Holliday, Gregg Stevens, Morgan Felts, Terence Washington; Colleen Eskow; Hannah Heck; and Tabitha Press were present. Representatives of the Georgia Charter Schools Association and members of the public were also present.
2. The interview panel met with representatives of Valloita Academy. The interview panel questioned the proposed school's governing board to determine its capacity to implement its proposed educational program, its community support, and the capacity of the school's governing board and administrative staff. The interview concluded at approximately 9:30 am.
3. At approximately 10:20 am the interview panel then met with the governing board of SLAM Academy of Atlanta. The governing board of the proposed state charter provided a brief overview of its school plan. The interview panel then questioned the proposed school's governing board to determine its capacity to operate as an LEA, the school's governing board regarding its ability to hold its educational service provider accountable, and the school's plan for obtaining a facility. The interview concluded at approximately 11:25 am. Interview panelists Commissioner Williams, Hannah Heck, and Tabitha Press left the meeting.
4. At approximately 1:25 pm, Commissioner Keith, Cayanna Good, and Stacey Suber-Drake joined the interview panel. The interview panel then met with the governing board of Harriet Tubman School for Science and Technology. The governing board of the proposed state charter school provided a brief overview of its school plan. The interview panel then questioned the proposed school's governing board to determine its capacity to operate as an LEA, the support of the school's community, the complexity of the school's educational model, and partnerships that will assist the school in meeting its mission. The interview concluded at approximately 2:30 pm.
5. The interview panel adjourned the meeting at approximately 2:45 pm.