

## **STATE CHARTER SCHOOLS COMMISSION MEETING**

**February 20, 2013, 10 a.m.**

**Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning Conference Room  
East Twin Tower, Room 854, Atlanta, Georgia 30334**

### Meeting Minutes

1. The meeting was called to order by Commission Chair Charles B. Knapp. Chairman Knapp verified that all members of the commission were present and a quorum existed.
2. Also present was Georgia Assistant Attorney General Jennifer Colangelo.
3. Approximately 30 members of the public also attended the meeting including charter school staff and representatives, Georgia Charter Schools Association staff, charter school business representatives, and members of the media.
4. A motion was made by Commissioner Lewis and seconded by Commissioner Perez that that the Commission go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter.
5. After approximately 20 minutes in executive session a motion was made by Commissioner Rippner and seconded by Commission Lowden that the Commission end the executive session.
6. Commissioner Lewis next described the search that has been conducted for the executive director of the Commission. Commissioner Lewis, Perez, and Rippner constituted the search committee. There were 30 applicants for the position and four individuals were interviewed by the search committee.
7. Commissioner Lewis then moved and Commissioner Perez seconded that Ms. Bonnie Holliday be offered the position of executive director. The motion passed unanimously.
8. Shortly thereafter Ms. Holliday joined the meeting and made brief remarks to the Commission.
9. Each of the Commissioners then spoke regarding their proposed objectives for the Commission and the basis upon which they would be deciding petitions.
10. Members of the public present then made brief comments to the Commission.
11. Chairman Knapp distributed to the Commission for information an action item (attached) that would be considered by the State Board of Education at its upcoming meeting. The item specified the process by which Department of Education would release charter schools to be considered for new charters by the State Charter Schools Commission.
12. There being no further business to come before the Commission, a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Hogg. The motion was unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:45 a.m.