

Reach Cyber Charter School
BOARD MEETING

Pursuant to the Pennsylvania Open Meeting Laws, notice is hereby given to the members of the Reach Cyber Charter School Board (formerly Advance Cyber Charter School) and the general public that the Board will hold a meeting open to the public on:

Date and Time:
Wednesday, February 24, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

Held via teleconference

Below is an agenda of all items scheduled to be considered. Unless otherwise stated, items may be taken out of the order presented on the agenda at the discretion of the Chair.

Reasonable efforts will be made to assist and accommodate persons with a disability. Please contact David Taylor at 717-649-6980.

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call – D. Taylor
- II. Routine Business – D. Taylor
 - a. Approval of Agenda
 - b. Approval of Minutes from the September 17, 2016 Board Meeting (attached)
 - c. Approval of Minutes from the January 26, 2016 Board Meeting (attached)
- III. Oral Reports
 - a. Update on Revised Charter Application (to follow) – D. Taylor
- IV. Action Items
 - a. Approval of Revised Charter Application and Authorization for Board President to Submit All Correspondence on Behalf of the Board – D. Taylor
- V. Adjournment and Next Meeting at the Call of the Chair

Advance Cyber Charter School
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Thursday, September 17, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.

Held via teleconference

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Mr. Taylor called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m. when all participants were present and able to hear each other.

Board Members Present: David Taylor, Gail Hawkins-Bush, Paul Donecker and Joseph Harford (via phone);

Board Members Absent: Alex Schuh and Brian Leinhauser;

Guests via Phone: Patricia Hennessy, Board Counsel; Lyn McCullen, Curtis Valentine, Rachel Graver, Heather Woodward and Kristin DeGroff, Connections staff.

II. Routine Business

a. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Taylor asked the Board to review the Agenda distributed prior to the meeting. There being no changes, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Agenda for the September 17, 2015 meeting of the Advance Cyber Charter School Board of Directors, as presented, is hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

III. Oral Reports

a. Overview of Charter Application Process and Timeline

Mr. Taylor reviewed the Charter Application process with the Board. He noted several recent document submissions, as well as the anticipated timeline for the finalized application submission.

b. Update on Founding Documents – Articles of Incorporation, 501c3 Filing, EIN

Mr. Taylor reviewed his recent work with Board Counsel and Connections on the founding documents, and noted the status of each document.

IV. Consent Items

Mr. Taylor asked the Board Members whether there were any items from the Consent Items that they wanted moved to Action Items for discussion, or tabled. There being no items removed, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, the Consent Items:

- a. Approval of Minutes from the August 28, 2015 Meeting; and
- b. Ratification of Agreement with Board Counsel; are hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

V. Action Items

a. Approval of Board Treasurer

Mr. Taylor reviewed this item with the Board, briefly discussing the Board Treasurer position as set out in the Board-adopted Bylaws, and advising the Board that the position would be for a term until the Annual Meeting 2016. Nominations were opened for the position of Board Treasurer. Mr. Leinhauser was nominated as Board Treasurer. There being no further nominations and no further discussion, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, that the appointment of Brian Leinhauser as the Board Treasurer through the 2016 Annual Meeting, is hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

b. Approval of Bylaws

Mr. Taylor reviewed the Bylaws with the Board, and discussed Ms. Hennessey's recent review of the document. Ms. Hennessey discussed specific items of interest, and noted her support of the Bylaws as presented. There being no further discussion, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Bylaws, as presented, are hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

c. Approval of Charter Application and All Supporting Documents and Authorization for the Board President to Finalize and Submit the Charter Application on Behalf of the Board

Mr. Taylor presented this item to the Board, and reminded Board members of the discussion held earlier in the meeting regarding the Charter Application. Mr. Valentine and Ms. Hennessey reviewed their ongoing work with Mr. Taylor to finalize and submit the application on behalf of the Board. There being no further discussion, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Charter Application and all supporting documents and authorization for the Board President to finalize and submit the Charter Application on behalf of the Board, as presented, is hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously

d. Approval of Statement of Agreement with Connections Academy of Pennsylvania, LLC

Ms. Hennessy presented this item to the Board. She reviewed her recent work with Connections on the Statement of Agreement, and noted that all items within the document had been mutually agreed upon. There being no further discussion, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Statement of Agreement with Connections Academy of Pennsylvania, LLC, as presented, is hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously

VI. Information Items

a. Board Member Charter Application Information

The Board discussed the remaining contact information and supplementary documents needed to complete the application.

b. Legislative Update

The Board discussed recent legislative activities in the state, which may impact the school.

Board members had discussion on the timing and location for the next Board meeting and agreed to poll the Board at a later time to secure the next Board meeting date.

VII. Adjournment and Confirmation of Next Meeting

Mr. Taylor inquired if there was any other business or discussion. There being no further business or discussion, he noted that the next meeting would be scheduled at a later time. The Board being at the end of its agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 2:29 p.m.

Reach Cyber Charter School
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Tuesday, January 26, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.

Held via teleconference

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Mr. Taylor called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. when all participants were present and able to hear each other.

Board Members Present: David Taylor, Gail Hawkins-Bush, Paul Donecker, Brian Leinhauser and Alex Schuh (via phone);

Board Members Absent: Joseph Harford;

Guests via Phone: Patricia Hennessy, Board Counsel; Mike Whisman, member of the public; Dennis Tulli, Lyn McCullen, Curtis Valentine, Jay W. Ragley, Pat Laystrom, Josh Solomon, Earl Grier, Melissa Nelson, Rachel Graver and Heather Woodward, Connections staff.

II. Routine Business

a. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Taylor asked the Board to review the Agenda distributed prior to the meeting. The Board asked to add the following items: Executive Session pursuant to §708(a)(4) to consult with attorney or other professional advisor in connection with litigation or on issues on which identifiable complaints are expected to be filed, Action Item (c) Approval of Retirement System and Action Item (d) Approval to Identify a School Finance Fiscal Consultant. There being no further changes, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Agenda for the January 26, 2016 meeting of the Reach Cyber Charter School Board of Directors, as amended, is hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

b. Approval of Minutes from the December 21, 2015 Board Meeting

Board members briefly discussed the draft minutes from the last meeting, as included in the Board materials. There being no further discussion, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Minutes from the December 21, 2015 Board Meeting, as presented, are hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session

Executive Session pursuant to §708(a)(4) to consult with attorney or other professional advisor in connection with litigation or on issues on which identifiable complaints are expected to be filed.

The Board entered into an Executive Session at 1:06 p.m. The Board cited the following for entering into the Executive Session: to consult with attorney in connection with litigation or on issues on which identifiable complaints are expected to be filed (65 PA CSA § 708(a)(4)). Board members entered into the Executive Session via a roll call vote. All present remained for the Executive Session.

Mr. Leinhauser joined the meeting at 1:17 p.m.

Open Session resumed at 1:34 p.m. via a roll call vote. No action was taken during Executive Session.

III. Oral Reports

a. Update on Charter Application and Next Steps

This item was reviewed with Board Counsel during the Executive Session.

IV. Action Items

a. Approval of Next Step for Charter Application

Mr. Taylor presented this item to the Board. The Board confirmed its desire to resubmit a revised charter application and to provide an executive summary to PDE outlining the updated Charter Application. There being no further discussion, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Board will resubmit a charter application, as presented, is hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

b. Authorization for the Board President to Act on the Boards Behalf Regarding Revision of the Charter Application or Appeal of the Charter Application Decision

Mr. Taylor reviewed the desire for the Board President to act on the Board's behalf regarding revision of the Charter Application. There being no further discussion, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Board President to act on the Board's behalf regarding revision of the Charter Application or appeal of the Charter Application decision, as presented, is hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Retirement System

Ms. Hennessy reviewed this item with the Board. She presented the Board with retirement system options available to the school and discussed the pros and cons associated with each option. The Board discussed PSERS and 403b plans.

(Dr. Tulli joined the meeting at 1:41 p.m.)

There being no further discussion, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, that the school will offer a 403b plan as the school's retirement system, as presented, is hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

Approval to Identify a School Finance Fiscal Consultant

Ms. Hennessy reviewed this item with the Board and the Board confirmed its desire to move forward to engage Charter Choices as the school's fiscal consultant. The Board discussed their desire to reach an agreement with Charter Choices and to have Board Counsel review the agreement prior to the Board President entering into the engagement. There being no further discussion, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, that the appointment of Charter Choices as the school Fiscal Consultant and authorization for the Board President to work with Board Counsel to negotiate and execute an agreement with Charter Choices, as presented, is hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

V. Adjournment and Next Meeting at the Call of the Chair

Mr. Taylor inquired if there was any other business or discussion. There being no further business or discussion, he noted that the next meeting would be scheduled at a later time. The Board being at the end of its agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.