State Charter Schools Commission of Georgia

State Charter School Commission of Georgia Board Meeting

Date and Time

Wednesday February 25, 2026 at 10:00 AM EST

Location

SCSC Board Room

1356B Twin Towers East,

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Agenda

	Purpose	Presenter

I. **Opening Items**

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

C. Approve Minutes — Approve Minutes

Approve minutes for Rescheduled Board Meeting on December 10, 2025

D. Officer Elections — Vote — Mike Dudgeon

II. Division Reports

A. Executive Director — Discuss — Donovan Head

- Legislative Update

B. New Schools Division — Discuss — Kristen Easterbrook

- FY26 Start-up Petition Reminders

III. State Charter Schools Commission - Action Items

A. School Closure Grant Application — Vote — Kristen Easterbrook

SCSC staff recommend that the SCSC Board of Commissioners approve the SCSC Closure Support Grant as presented (SCSC Rule 691-3-.01).

B. SCSC Budget Amendment - Add FY26 CSP Budget — Vote — Michele Neely

SCSC staff recommend that the SCSC Board of Commissioners amend the FY 2026 SCSC budget by the amount of $4,501,509 in Charter School Program grant funds (federal) for the purpose of funding subgrantees, providing technical assistance and administrative costs.

IV. SCSC Schools - Action Items

A. Charter Renewal Recommendation: Atlanta SMART Academy — Vote — Katie Manthey

SCSC staff recommend that the SCSC Board of Commissioners approve the renewal application for Atlanta SMART Academy by authorizing the SCSC Chair to execute a five-year charter contract for the operation of a state charter school serving grades K-8.

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B. Charter Renewal Recommendation: Liberty Tech Charter School — Vote — Katie Manthey

SCSC staff recommend that the SCSC Board of Commissioners approve the renewal application for Liberty Tech Charter School by authorizing the SCSC Chair to execute a five-year charter contract for the operation of a state charter school.

C. Charter Renewal Recommendation: Northwest Classical Academy — Vote — Katie Manthey

SCSC staff recommend that the SCSC Board of Commissioners approve the renewal application for Northwest Classical Academy by authorizing the SCSC Chair to execute a five-year charter contract for the operation of a state charter school.

D. Charter Renewal Recommendation: SLAM Academy — Vote — Katie Manthey

SCSC staff recommend that the SCSC Board of Commissioners approve the renewal application for SLAM Academy of Atlanta by authorizing the SCSC Chair to execute an abbreviated three-year charter contract for the operation of a state charter school.

E. Charter Contract Amendment: Atlanta Heights Charter School — Vote — Erin Wright

SCSC staff recommend that the SCSC Board of Commissioners approve an amendment to the charter contract of Atlanta Heights Charter School to expand the school's attendance zone.

F. Charter Contract Amendment - Rocky Creek Charter Academy — Vote — Erin Wright

SCSC staff recommend that the SCSC Board of Commissioners approve an amendment to the Rocky Creek Charter Academy charter contract to extend the contract term by one year.

G. Charter Surrender - Zest Preparatory Academy — Vote — Erin Wright

SCSC staff recommend that the SCSC Board of Commissioners accept Zest Preparatory Academy Charter School's request to terminate its charter contract effective June 30, 2026, in accordance with State Charter Schools Commission Rule 691-2-.04(4).

H. FY25 Petition Denial Recommendation - Soar Discovery Charter Academy — Vote — Kristen Easterbrook

SCSC staff recommend that the SCSC Board of Commissioners deny the petition for Soar Discovery Charter Academy.

V. Public Comment

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VI. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting   Vote