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State Charter Schools Commission of Georgia

Minutes

October Board Meeting

Date and Time
Wednesday October 19, 2022 at 10:00 AM

Location
Virtual
Meeting Link: https://meet.goto.com/SCSCGA/october-19-board-meeting
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Directors Present
B. Brockway (remote), F. Johnson (remote), M. Dudgeon (remote), T. Lowden (remote)

Directors Absent
J. Perez, L. Millan

I. Opening Items

A.

Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

B. Brockway called a meeting of the board of directors of State Charter Schools Commission of Georgia to order on Wednesday Oct 19, 2022 at 10:04 AM.

C. Announcements

- Commissioner Dudgeon will succeed Commissioner Lowden as the SCSC commissioner representative to the State Charter Schools Foundation (SCSF) board.
- The SCSF was awarded a 38 million dollar Charter School Programs (CSP) grant from the U.S. Department of Education
- The SCSC has two new employees:
    - Naquita Smith will serve as the Charter Development Coordinator
    - Tiffany Leach will serve as the Associate General Counsel
- Erin Wright, Deputy General Counsel, welcomed her third child over the past weekend.

II. Approval of SCSC Meeting Minutes

A. September 2022 Meeting Minutes

T. Lowden made a motion to approve the September Board Meeting on 09-28-22.
M. Dudgeon seconded the motion.
September 28, 2022 Board Meeting

Please note the below minutes were approved within the same action item
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

B. October 2022 Policy Retreat Minutes

T. Lowden made a motion to approve the minutes.
M. Dudgeon seconded the motion.
October 5-6, 2022 Policy Retreat

Please note the above minutes were approved within the same action item

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

III. Organizational Development

A. Upcoming Trainings

The SCSC has the following upcoming trainings:

- November 2nd – Petition Policy Updates
- November 9th – Petition Platform Overview
- November 15th – Petition Budget Template Deep-dive

IV. Accountability

A. Academic Accountability

- The SCSC Research Analyst shared the 2022 state charter school graduation rate results.
- Commissioners discussed how this data shows the lack of high schools in the SCSC portfolio.

B. Monitoring Update

- 2021-22 Monitoring
  - The SCSC Legal Division is currently reviewing school-submitted documents for compliance. Monitoring results are expected to be disseminated before the end of the calendar year. Schools are required to submit a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) for any findings they receive. As a reminder, CAPs are due six weeks after monitoring results are issued. Please contact SCSC General Counsel Cerrone Lockett or Legal Programs Coordinator Kiara Thompson with any questions
- Universal Enrollment System
  - The SCSC is excited to announce that we are in the early stages of implementing a universal enrollment system for state charter schools. More details will become available in coming months. The current timeline anticipates a pilot year beginning in Fall 2023 with full implementation of Fall 2024.
  - Commissioners and staff discussed the benefits of implementing this new system.

C. Financial Accountability

The Annual Audit deadline is November 1st. Contact Candice Ball, SCSC Business Manager with any questions.

V. Action Items

A. 2023 Petition Priorities

- SCSC staff recommend the establishment of petition priorities for the FY23 start-up and replication petition cycles as one of many strategies intended to meet the strategic objective of increasing charter school choice in communities with few or no educational options. See the recommendation here.
- Commissioners Brockway and Dudgeon clarified the new priorities do not prohibit the SCSC from approving schools in Atlanta.

T. Lowden made a motion to approve the recommendation.
M. Dudgeon seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

B. 2023 Start-Up Petition Application & Timeline

SCSC staff recommends that the SCSC initiate the FY23 start-up petition cycle by approving the petition and timeline as presented. See the recommendation here.
M. Dudgeon made a motion to approve the recommendation.
T. Lowden seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

C. 2023 Replication Petition Timeline

SCSC staff recommends that the SCSC initiate the 2023 replication petition cycle by approving the timeline as presented. See the recommendation here.
T. Lowden made a motion to approve the recommendation.
F. Johnson seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

D. 2021-22 Alternate Academic Accountability Measures

SCSC staff recommends the adoption of the proposed updates to the measures included in the academic section of the SCSC Comprehensive Performance Framework for generating state charter school academic accountability scores for the 2021-2022 school year. See the recommendation here.
M. Dudgeon made a motion to approve the recommendation.
T. Lowden seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

E. International Charter Academy of Georgia Charter Amendment

SCSC staff recommends that the SCSC board of commissioners approve an amendment to the International Charter Academy of Georgia (ICAG) charter contract upon the request of the school. See the recommendation here.
T. Lowden made a motion to approve the recommendation.
M. Dudgeon seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

VI. Public Comment

A. Akilah Halloway provided public comment in support of the opening of Miles Ahead Charter School.

VII. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 10:38 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
B. Brockway