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State Charter Schools Commission of Georgia

Minutes

September Board Meeting

Date and Time

Wednesday September 27, 2023 at 10:00 AM

Location

1356 Twin Towers East,
2 Martin Luther King Dr., SE
Atlanta, GA 30334

Virtual Access: <https://meet.goto.com/SCSCGA/2023septemberboardmeeting>

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September 2023 Board Meeting
September 27, 2023, 10:00 a.m.

Directors Present

B. Brockway, C. Good (remote), J. Cole, L. Millan, T. Lowden (remote)

Directors Absent

B. Scafidi, M. Dudgeon

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 Sep 27, 2023 at 10:01 AM.

II. Approval of SCSC Meeting Minutes

A. August 30, 2023, Meeting Minutes

L. Millan made a motion to approve the minutes from August Board Meeting on 08-30-23.

J. Cole seconded the motion.

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

III. Organizational Development

A. Training Calendar

The SCSC is close to finalizing its training calendar for this fiscal year.

Visit the Training Page of the SCSC website for real-time updates and additional information.

<https://scsc.georgia.gov/school-resources/training-opportunities>

B. Certificate of Occupancy Update

The SCSC Director of Charter Development provided an update on a certificate of occupancy issue an SCSC school has been experiencing. The SCSC is exploring policy and rule adoptions to avoid this issue in the future.

SCSC commissioners discussed the impact of this issue on the school and students served.

IV. Petitions

A. Petitions

The SCSC is preparing and planning for next year's start-up and replication petition cycles.

V. Accountability

A. Schools Placed on Probation

The SCSC Executive Director provided an update on the three SCSC schools recently placed on probation. Under the new rule adopted earlier this year, this is the first time the SCSC has placed schools on probation.

B.

Academic

Due to the reduction in the number of ELA EOCs administered and data interruptions caused by COVID, GaDOE will not report SGPs for High School ELA for the 2023 or 2024 school years. The Progress score calculation will be calculated by assigning math SGPs a 90% weight and English Learner progress towards English-language proficiency a weight of 10%. SCSC will use Progress as reported by GaDOE and Value-Added as measures of growth on the academic section of the Comprehensive Performance Framework.

Due to the ESSA amendment, CCRPI scores will be delayed. It is unsure when the SCSC will receive these scores.

SCSC commissioners and staff discussed the impact this will have on SCSC accountability score calculations.

C. Financial

The FY 2023 Financial (DE 46) final upload is due to GADOE on September 29, 2023. This report is required, so please ensure your school completes its submission by the deadline to avoid losing points on the Comprehensive Performance Framework for the 2023-2024 school year.

Federal FY2023 ends September 30, with FY 2024 starting October 1.

The SCSC is communicating with GADOE regarding the potential impact of a federal government shutdown and will share more information as it becomes available. QBE allotments will not be affected since these come from state funds.

SCSC commissioners and staff discussed which funds the federal government shutdown will impact. Depending on how long the shutdown lasts, schools can still draw its grant funds.

D. Operations

The monitoring portal closed for document submission on Monday, September 18, 2023.

Health and safety visits will continue through October 12. Monitoring results will be available in January 2024.

E. Unified Enrollment System

The SCSC, in partnership with Kelly Cadman of Hive180, has successfully concluded the information-gathering and listening sessions. These sessions involved active participation from families, school boards, dedicated staff members, and essential stakeholders across Georgia. The SCSC will review session reports provided by Hive180, which will inform the next steps in the process.

VI. Action Items

A. Adoption of Start-Up Timeline & Petition Priorities

L. Millan made a motion to approve the SCSC staff recommendation to initiate the FY24 start-up petition cycle by approving the timeline, petition, and petition priorities as presented.

J. Cole seconded the motion.

- [FY24 Start-Up Petition Cycle Timeline](#)
- [Staff Recommendation](#)

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

B. Adoption of Replication Timeline & Petition Priorities

L. Millan made a motion to approve the SCSC staff recommendation to initiate the FY24 charter replication petition cycle by approving the charter replication petition timeline as presented.

J. Cole seconded the motion.

- [FY24 Replication Petition Cycle Timeline](#)
- [Staff Recommendation](#)

Chairman Brockway clarified that the SCSC Petition Orientation is also available to replication petition applicants.

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

C. Replication & Expansion Policy Repeal

L. Millan made a motion to approve the SCSC staff recommendation to repeal the September 2021 SCSC Replication and Expansion Policy.

J. Cole seconded the motion.

- [Replication & Expansion Policy \(Repeal\)](#)
- [Staff Recommendation](#)

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

D. Replication Policy Adoption

L. Millan made a motion to approve the SCSC staff recommendation to adopt the SCSC Charter Replication Policy as presented.

J. Cole seconded the motion.

- [Replication Policy \(Adoption\)](#)
- [Staff Recommendation](#)

Commissioner Milan clarified how this new policy impacts local charter schools seeking to transfer to the SCSC.

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

E. Expansion Policy Adoption

L. Millan made a motion to approve the SCSC staff recommendation to adopt the SCSC Expansion Policy as presented.

J. Cole seconded the motion.

- [Expansion Policy \(Adoption\)](#)
- [Staff Recommendation](#)

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

F. Grade Band Policy Amendment

L. Millan made a motion to approve the SCSC staff recommendation to approve the amendments to the Grade Band policy as presented.

J. Cole seconded the motion.

- [Grade Band Policy \(Amendment\)](#)
- [Staff Recommendation](#)

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

VII. Additional Items

A. Officer Elections

Officer elections will occur during the November board meeting.

B. Meeting Calendar Update

- October 25th – canceled
- November 15th
- December - no meeting
- 2024 Meeting Calendar will be voted on at the November meeting

VIII. Public Comment

A. Public Comment Update

To provide public comment, a request must be emailed to the SCSC Office Coordinator, Crystal Saldana, Crystal.Saldana@scsc.georgia.gov, by no later than 9:00 a.m. the morning of any regularly scheduled board meeting. Public commenters must attend the SCSC meeting in person. The SCSC will no longer accept comments virtually. If a commenter cannot attend in person, they may send written comments to the Executive

Director. Executive Director- Donovan Head will ensure that all written comments are reported to the Board of Commissioners.

IX. 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 10:50 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
B. Brockway