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State Charter Schools Commission of Georgia

Minutes

November Board Meeting

Date and Time
Wednesday November 15, 2023 at 10:00 AM

Location

SCSC Board Room
1356B Twin Towers East,
2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE
Atlanta, GA 30334

Virtual Access Information
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November 2023 Board Meeting
November 15, 2023, 10:00 a.m.

Directors Present
B. Brockway, B. Scafidi, C. Good, J. Cole (remote), L. Millan, M. Dudgeon

Directors Absent
T. Lowden

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 Nov 15, 2023 at 10:03 AM.

II. Approval of SCSC Meeting Minutes

A. September 27, 2023, Meeting Minutes

L. Millan made a motion to approve the minutes from the September Board Meeting on 09-27-23.
M. Dudgeon seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

III. Charter Development

A. Trainings

The SCSC Director of Charter Development provided an update on past and upcoming SCSC trainings, including governance, petitions, and new school orientation trainings.

Commissioner Dudgeon asked and discussed the in-person attendance of governing board members at governance training.

Visit the Training Page of the SCSC website for real-time updates and additional information.
https://scsc.georgia.gov/school-resources/training-opportunities.

IV. Petitions

A. Petitions

- **The SCSC start-up petitions portal for the FY24 cycle opened on October 30, 2023.** Petitioners can find a link to the portal on our website.
- For petitioners seeking to replicate, a **Letter of Intent is due December 15, 2023**. To submit a petition for charter replication, schools must submit a letter of intent and meet the SCSC replication eligibility standards. Although the Letter of Intent requests information about the proposed new school, it is not binding for the purposes of the application.
- Petitioners were able to learn more about our start-up and replication process through a petitioner bootcamp on October 4th and petition webinars on November

2nd. Recordings of both are available on our website. Our next training opportunity will be an orientation webinar made available on our website by January 12, 2024.

- The SCSC website now features new webpages for “Start a New School” and “Replicate a School,” each with new resources and documents, including an ESP Agreement Guidance and Checklist. Updated replication guidance is forthcoming.
- SCSC Deputy General Counsel Erin Wright (erin.wright@scsc.georgia.gov) is the point person for new school petitions. SCSC General Counsel Cerrone Lockett (cerrone.lockett@scsc.georgia.gov) is the point of contact for replication and transfer petitions.

V. Accountability

A. Schools Placed on Probation

The SCSC Executive Director provided an update that Atlanta Unbound Academy has been placed on probation status due to facility and finance concerns.

B. Academic

The SCSC Director of Research and Accountability provided an update on the graduation rates of SCSC schools, ESSA Amendment changes, and the renewal process and timeline.

Chairman Brockway expressed he was proud of all SCSC schools for their graduation rates.

Commissioners discussed the reason behind the ESSA amendment and its impact.

C. Financial

- The SCSC is pleased to report that only one school is late in submitting its audit for FY23. The auditor has indicated that the audit for Atlanta Heights Charter School is 95% complete and is pending a final review. Thank you to those schools for getting the audits in on time.
- The following state charters are selected for cross functional monitoring in FY24 by the GADOE Federal Programs office: Amana Academy West, Atlanta SMART Academy, Brookhaven Innovation Academy, Cirrus Academy, DeKalb Brilliance Academy, Destinations Career Academy, Georgia Connections Academy, Georgia Cyber Academy, Northwest Classical Academy, Resurgence Hall Middle Academy, Southwest Georgia STEM Charter, and Statesboro STEAM Academy. Schools should already have been notified by GADOE and provided with information regarding the process for monitoring. Please contact the GADOE grant program manager if you need additional information.

D. Operational

The compliance team is reviewing monitoring data and generating monitoring results. We expect to have initial monitoring results for schools in January. Please remember that any

appeals or disputes must be submitted through the monitoring portal within seven days of the issuance of monitoring results. Corrective Action Plans (CAPs) are due six weeks after issuing monitoring results and must be submitted in the SCSC Administrative portal. Monitoring letters will specify the applicable deadlines.

VI. Action Items

A. Officer Election

The elected officers of the Commission shall be a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson, each of which shall be elected by a majority vote of the members of the Commission to a term of one (1) year each.

Chairman Brockway announced he will not be seeking reelection as Chair.

Commissioner Scafidi nominated Commissioner Dudgeon for Chairman of the SCSC.
L. Millan made a motion to elect Commissioner Dudgeon as the next Chairman of the SCSC.
C. Good seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

C. Good	Aye
B. Brockway	Aye
B. Scafidi	Aye
T. Lowden	Absent
M. Dudgeon	Aye
L. Millan	Aye
J. Cole	Aye

Chairman Brockway nominated Commissioner Milan for Vice Chair of the SCSC.
M. Dudgeon made a motion to elect Commissioner Milan as the next Vice Chair of the SCSC.
B. Brockway seconded the motion.
Commissioner Cole texted his vote to approve the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

B. Brockway	Aye
M. Dudgeon	Aye
B. Scafidi	Aye
J. Cole	Absent
C. Good	Aye
L. Millan	Aye
T. Lowden	Absent

B. 2024 Meeting Calendar

M. Dudgeon made a motion to approve the 2024 SCSC board meeting calendar.
B. Scafidi seconded the motion.
Chairman Brockway stated the reason for reducing the occurrence of meetings in 2024 is to promote the efficiency of board meetings. Commissioners clarified that June and July meetings are back to back because it is a busy time for petition action items.

Commissioner Cole texted his vote to approve the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

T. Lowden	Absent
C. Good	Aye
B. Brockway	Aye
L. Millan	Aye
M. Dudgeon	Aye
J. Cole	Absent
B. Scafidi	Aye

VII. Public Comment

A. Fulton Leadership Academy Representatives

Representatives from Fulton Leadership Academy spoke in favor of the school by expressing how much the school has positively impacted them.

VIII. SCSF Update

A. State Charter Schools Foundation Update

The SCSF President provided an update on the CSP grant. The application for the CSP subgrant for charter schools wanting to expand or replicate is now open. Go to https://scsfga.org/ or https://findagacharter.org/ for more information.

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 11:00 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
B. Brockway