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State Charter Schools Commission of Georgia

Minutes

August Board Meeting

Date and Time
Wednesday August 28, 2024 at 10:00 AM

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

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August 2024 Board Meeting
August 28, 2024, 10:00 a.m.

Directors Present
B. Brockway, B. Scafidi, C. Good, M. Dudgeon, T. Lowden (remote)

Directors Absent

J. Cole, L. Millan

Guests Present
E. Acha-Morfaw, T. Leach

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

M. Dudgeon called a meeting of the board of directors of State Charter Schools Commission of Georgia to order on Wednesday Aug 28, 2024 at 10:03 AM.
T. Lowden joined the meeting remotely at 10:15 a.m.

C. Approve July 31, 2024, Board Meeting Minutes

M. Dudgeon made a motion to approve the minutes from July Board Meeting on 07-31-24.
Approved without objection.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

D. Approve August 9-10, 2024, Policy Retreat Meeting Minutes

M. Dudgeon made a motion to approve the minutes from Governance & Policy Retreat on 08-09-24.
Approved without objection.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

II. Announcements

A. Agency Updates

- Interns- We're excited to welcome our Fall Interns to the SCSC and introduce them to our commissioners and honored guests:
  - **Taylor Young**: Taylor serves as our legal intern. She is currently in her second year at John Marshall School of Law and brings valuable experience and perspective as a former classroom teacher.
  - **Grace Woods**: Grace is majoring in Political Science at Spelman College.
  - **Kathryn Wise:** Kathryn is currently a Senior at Agnes Scott College, majoring in Psychology and Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, and has gained several skills through both her education and extracurricular experiences that would be valuable to our team.

- State Board Retreat: This afternoon, the SCSC staff will present to the SBOE Charter Committee for the affirmation votes on Movement Atlanta School, Simple Vue Academy, and The Wright Community School.

Additionally, we've been invited to present at the SBOE Board Retreat (September 30 - October 2 in Brasstown Valley). The SCSC is looking forward to facilitating a "Charter Schools 101" session, discussing changes to the commission structure, providing updates on HB 318 and HB 409, and Chairman Dudgeon will present the annual SCSC update to the SBOE, as required each year.

III. Action Items

A. Charter Amendment

B. Brockway made a motion to Amend Liberty Tech Charter School's mission-specific goals and essential or innovative features to include project-based learning (PBL).
B. Scafidi seconded the motion.
Comment by Nathan Flint- virtual
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

B. Charter Replication Petition

C. Good made a motion to approve the replication petition for Fayette Classical Academy.
B. Scafidi seconded the motion.
Comments were made by Matthew Kirby in person, as well as Kingsley Thompson, a parent and community member.

Comments- Ben Scafidi and Buzz Brockway commented on the - community desire and waitlist for classical schools.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

C. Good	Aye
J. Cole	Absent
L. Millan	Absent
B. Scafidi	Aye
B. Brockway	Aye

Roll Call

T. Lowden	Aye

C. Charter Replication Petition

B. Brockway made a motion to Approve the replication petition for Cherokee Classical Academy.
C. Good seconded the motion.
Matt Stone and Bobby Jones provided comments.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

B. Brockway	Aye
B. Scafidi	Aye
T. Lowden	Aye
L. Millan	Absent
J. Cole	Absent

D. Start-up Charter Petition

B. Brockway made a motion to Approve the petition for Dominion Purpose Academy.
B. Scafidi seconded the motion.
Dr. LaTasha Adams, School Founder provided comments.

Buzz Brockway expressed gratitude for the school Founder's persistence. Chair Dudgeon thanked partners.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

IV. Accountability

A. Academic

The Academic Evaluation Analyst presented the 2023-24 Milestones Summary Results.

The Director of Research & Evaluation presented proposed Academic CPF updates and renewal guidelines and announced the CPF Webinar scheduled for August 29, 2024.

B.

Finance

The Senior Director of Finance provided a Financial Accountability update to include:

FY24 Financial DE46 final upload with Superintendent sign-off due September 30, 2024.

FY25 Budget DE46 final upload with Superintendent sign-off due October 31, 2024. DE46 reports are submitted to GADOE using its portal system. These reports are required, and schools are encouraged to ensure submission by the deadline to avoid losing points on the Comprehensive Performance Framework for the 2024-2025 school year.

Any remaining ESSER dollars are still available to schools and can be used through September 30, 2024.

Federal FY 2024 ends September 30, and FY 2025 starts October 1.

C. Operations

The Senior Associate General Counsel gave a monitoring announcement:

The FY25 monitoring cycle opened on August 20, 2024. The SCSC Administrative Portal will remain open for Operations and Fiscal monitoring submissions until 11:59 p.m., October 1, 2024. Schools receiving health and safety facility visits received notice last week; those visits will occur in September and October. Monitoring resources are available from the SCSC Operations Accountability webpage and in the SCSC Administrative Portal. Contact for Questions: Operations Monitoring—Tiffany Leach, Fiscal Monitoring—Carmen Freemire, and Health & Safety Visits—Robert Watts.

V. 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 11:02 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
T. Leach