APPROVED

State Charter Schools Commission of Georgia

Minutes

August 8 Governance & Policy Retreat

Date and Time
Friday August 8, 2025 at 12:31 PM

Location
The Lodge and Spa at Callaway Gardens
4500 Southern Pine Drive
Pine Mountain, Georgia, United States, 31822

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Directors Present
B. Brockway, C. Good, M. Dudgeon, S. Sweeney

Directors Absent
B. Scafidi, L. Millan, T. Lowden

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 Friday Aug 8, 2025 at 12:31 PM.

II. SCSC Programmatic Updates

A. Strategic Plan Report

SCSC staff discussed its proposed updates to the SCSC strategic plan to better align it with the State of Georgia standards. Commissioners and staff completed an environmental scan and confirmed current critical priorities for FY26.

B. FY26 Staff Initiatives

SCSC described new processes and initiatives for FY26, including a toolkit for state charter schools to identify and address indicators of distress early on, and updated allotment sheet processes to ensure calculations are accurate. Staff also address its next steps and plans for implementing Senate Bill 83.

III. Commissioner-Led Discussion

A. Trend Review

SCSC staff discussed pre-opening enrollment and audit submission trends, operational challenges, and interventions for mature schools.

IV. Recess (5:00pm)

A. Welcome & Reconvene

Chairman Dudgeon reconvened the commissioners for day two.

B. Policy & Rulemaking

Staff presented trend data on state charter schools with more than one opening deferral. Commissioners and staff discussed how to address multi-year opening deferrals moving forward. Staff also discussed national trends in charter legislation relevant to facility and per-pupil funding.

Staff presented research data on transportation requirement trends nationally and discussed the trends with commissioners.

C. Master Calendar & Scheduling

Commissioners and staff considered meeting dates for 2026 and school visits dates.

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 11:25 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
M. Dudgeon