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State Charter Schools Commission of Georgia

Minutes

State Charter School Commission of Georgia Board Meeting

VIRTUAL

Date and Time
Tuesday June 30, 2026 at 10:00 AM

Location
Virtual Access Information
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1356B Twin Towers East,
2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE
Atlanta, GA 30334

Directors Present
B. Brockway (remote), B. Scafidi (remote), M. Dudgeon (remote), S. Sweeney (remote), T. Lowden (remote)

Directors Absent
C. Good, L. Millan

I. Opening Items

A.

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 Tuesday Jun 30, 2026 at 10:08 AM.

B. Record Attendance

C. Approve Agenda

M. Dudgeon made a motion to approve the agenda for the June 30, 2026, SCSC board meeting.
S. Sweeney seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

D. Approve Minutes

S. Sweeney made a motion to approve the minutes from State Charter School Commission of Georgia Board Meeting on 04-29-26.
M. Dudgeon seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

II. State Charter School Spotlight

A. School Presentation: BIA Charter School

Representatives from BIA Charter School presented on the school's achievements.

III. Division Reports

A. Executive Director

The SCSC Executive Director introduced Summer Interns Carter Pannel and William Shan. Additionally, he provided updates on charter school petitions, International Academy of Smyrna's new partnership with the National Heritage Academies, SCSC budget development, Georgia Fugees Academy Charter School's probation status, and school choice progress in other states.

B. New Schools Division

The SCSC Director of New Schools provided an update on the FY26 Start-Up Petitions Cycle and pre-opening schools.

C. Finance Division

The SCSC Financial Operations Manager provided an update on the FY26 Approved Auditor Program.

D.

Operations Division

The SCSC Chief Operating Officer provided an update on the SCSC's strategic plan.

E. School Support and Outreach Division

The SCSC Director of School Support and Outreach provided an overview of progress on the CSP SE Grant and approved waivers and amendments.

IV. Action Items

A. CSP SE Grant Requests for Application

S. Sweeney made a motion to approve the SCSC staff recommendation that the SCSC Board of Commissioners approve three Requests for Application (RFAs) for subgrants for the CSP SE Grant as presented.
B. Scafidi seconded the motion.
The subgrants are intended for the following purposes:

1. Supporting new, replicating, and expanding charter schools;
2. Supporting high-dosage tutoring at 10 charter schools; and
3. Supporting the implementation of new or expanded CTAE programming at 5 charter high schools.

Board Action Item - CSP RFAs 06302026.pdf
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

B. CSP SE Subgrant Supplemental Fund Awards

M. Dudgeon made a motion to approve the SCSC staff recommendation that the SCSC Board of Commissioners approve supplemental fund awards for existing CSP SE Subgrantees as presented.
S. Sweeney seconded the motion.
Board Action Item - CSP Supplemental Awards 06302026.pdf

Representatives from Tapestry Public Charter School, Simple Vue Academy, and Academy for Innovation in Medicine spoke in favor of the recommendation. Additionally, The Anchor School submitted written comment in support of the recommendation.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

C. FY27 Budget Approval

B. Scafidi made a motion to approve the SCSC staff recommendation that the SCSC Board of Commissioners approve: the adoption of SCSC FY2027 Administrative Withhold; the adoption of SCSC FY2027 Operational Budget; and the return of FY2027 Administrative Withhold Funds.
M. Dudgeon seconded the motion.

Action Item - FY27 Budget Adoption.pdf

Commissioners commended staff for their work on the budget.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

D. CPF Revisions (Finance)

T. Lowden made a motion to approve the SCSC staff recommendation that the SCSC Board of Commissioners approve the adoption of the proposed changes to the Financial CPF score to a single score for both indicators.
S. Sweeney seconded the motion.
CPF - Finance Board Action Item.pdf

Commissioners emphasized the importance of charter schools having a clean audit.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

E. Charter Contract Amendment - International Academy of Symrna/Jonquil Preparatory Academy

S. Sweeney made a motion to approve the SCSC staff recommendation that the SCSC Board of Commissioners approve an amendment to the Jonquil Preparatory Academy (formerly International Academy of Smyrna) charter contract to revise its school name, mission, essential and innovative features, mission-specific goals, and provisions related to personnel to be consistent with legal requirements.
M. Dudgeon seconded the motion.

IAS Recommendation.pdf

Logan Leslie, Board Chair of Jonquil Preparatory Academy, spoke in support of the recommendation.

Commissioners commended the new partnership between the school and the National Heritage Academies.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

F. Renewal Timeline Approval

M. Dudgeon made a motion to approve the SCSC staff recommendation that the SCSC Board of Commissioners approve the charter renewal timeline as presented for contracts ending on June 30, 2027.
T. Lowden seconded the motion.

Renewal Timeline Board Item 2026.pdf
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

V. Public Comment

A. Rodrigquez Johnson - Achievement Preparatory Academy

Rodrigquez Johnson spoke in support of the Achievement Preparatory Academy petition.

B. School of Curious Minds Representatives

Tamara Pettis, Meiling Jabbaar, and Akilah Willians spoke in support of the School of Curious Minds petition.

C. Prestige Preparatory School

Angela Hargrove Holder and Nick Bajalia spoke in support of the Prestige Preparatory School petition.

VI. Executive Session

A. Vote

M. Dudgeon made a motion to enter executive session for personnel discussion.
T. Lowden seconded the motion.
Commissioners entered executive session at 11:52 am.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

C. Good Absent
L. Millan Absent

B. Scafidi made a motion to exit executive session.
M. Dudgeon seconded the motion.
Commissioners exited executive session at 12:36 pm.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

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 12:37 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
B. Brockway