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State Charter Schools Commission of Georgia

Minutes

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September 29 Governance & Policy Retreat

Date and Time
Tuesday September 29, 2026 at 9:00 AM

Location
Technical College System of Georgia
1800 Century Place NE, Suite 400
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Directors Present
B. Brockway, B. Scafidi, C. Good, M. Dudgeon, T. Lowden

Directors Absent
L. Millan

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

C. Good called a meeting to order on Tuesday Sep 29, 2026 at 9:08 AM.

II. Aligning Renewal Terms for Networks

A. Discussion

SCSC staff proposed extension of charter contracts meeting certain criteria to align schools within a network.

III. Expansion and Replication Criteria

A. Discussion

SCSC staff proposed revisions to expansion and replication criteria.

IV. School Relocation Policy Discussion

A. Discussion

Commissioners discussed policy considerations related to school relocations to another school district.

V. Zest Debrief

A. Discussion

Commissioners considered lessons learned and policy implications from a closed school.

VI. LLC Network Structure (SB 369) Update

A. Discussion

SCSC staff updated Commissioners on changes to school governance structures following SB 369.

VII. Looking Ahead- Considering CSP Priorities and Charter School Trends

A. Discussion

SCSC staff reviewed the current SCSC strategic plan, discussed the evolving public education landscape and national charter schools trends, and considered how the Charter Schools Program grant fits in.

VIII. Legislative Priorities

A. UNUSED SCHOOL FACILITIES DISCUSSION

Commissioners discussed the current state of unused school facilities in Georgia and explored options for increasing their availability for state charter schools.

B. CHARTER SYSTEMS AND OCSC NAME CHANGES

SCSC staff proposed changes to names to clarify functions and use of terms.

C. MAINTENANCE OF CLOSED SCHOOL RECORDS

SCSC staff discussed the SCSC's responsibility and associated administrative burden for maintenance of closed school records and possible legislative solutions.

IX. Assessing the Impact of Unwaivable Laws on Charter Schools

A. Discussion

SCSC staff presented an overview of education laws that charter schools cannot waive and feedback from schools on the impact of those laws.

X. Epicenter Scorecard Preview

A. Discussion

SCSC staff presented on the functionality of scorecard in the Epicenter platform.

XI. Best Practices Research Phase 1 Report

A. Discussion

SCSC staff presented on information learned from research on charter school best practices.

XII. 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 3:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
C. Good