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## Atlanta Neighborhood Charter School

# Minutes

## Educational Excellence Committee Meeting

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### **Date and Time**

Thursday December 5, 2019 at 5:00 PM

### **Location**

ANCS Middle Campus

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In accordance with Georgia's open meetings requirements, notice of this meeting has been posted at both campuses and on the ANCS website.

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### **Committee Members Present**

Cathy Goodgame, Chuck Meadows, Eric Teusink, Hanah Goldberg, Jason Rhodes, Kristen Frenzel, Lara Zelski, Nancy Lamb

### **Committee Members Absent**

Howard Franklin

### **Guests Present**

Sabrina Sexton

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## **I. Opening Items**

### **A. Record Attendance and Guests**

### **B. Call the Meeting to Order**

Hanah Goldberg called a meeting of the Educational Excellence Committee of Atlanta Neighborhood Charter School to order on Thursday Dec 5, 2019 at 5:04 PM.

### C. Approve Minutes

Kristen Frenzel made a motion to approve minutes from the Educational Excellence Committee Meeting on 11-07-19 Educational Excellence Committee Meeting on 11-07-19.

Jason Rhodes seconded the motion.

The committee **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

## II. Educational Excellence

### A. 2020-2021 School Calendar

- Chuck Meadows provided an overview of process to-date:
  - Leadership team used APS calendar as starting point but charter flexibility allowed them to propose a different calendar that included extended October and February breaks
  - Timeline for making this decision is consistent with prior years
  - CM presented proposed calendar at November Board meeting and has since: published in Courier twice, posted in ANCS Facebook group, and distributed hard copies at both campuses during pick-up. He's requested feedback be sent to him directly.
  - CM decided not to administer a survey again this year (will consider data from last year's calendar survey)
  - CM is receiving high-quality, detailed feedback via email. Parents have been very thorough and transparent in their feedback. CM has been able to ask questions, follow up as necessary.
  - Faculty/staff are generally in support of proposed calendar
  - Parental feedback has spanned three general categories:
    - Prefer APS calendar (particularly among those that have children at Jackson)
      - Most of the opposition has been around convenience, hardship (e.g., child care)
    - Prefer proposed calendar
    - Prefer some hybrid
  - The other charter schools in Jackson cluster (Kindezi, Centennial, Drew, Wesley) will also have week-long breaks in October and February
- Communication is paramount; why was decision made, what has the process looked like, what has the feedback been?
- CM will put out communication to school community before the Board vote that will address feedback/describe process
- CM will provide overview/context to full board at 12/17 meeting; recommendation is to approve proposed calendar

### B.

## **Outreach and Recruitment Update**

### **C. Review Demographic and Enrollment Data**

## **III. Closing Items**

### **A. Adjourn Meeting**

Eric Teusink made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Kristen Frenzel seconded the motion.

The committee **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:19 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Hanah Goldberg