



## State Charter Schools Foundation of Georgia

### State Charter Schools Foundation of Georgia Quarterly Board Meeting

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#### Date and Time

Monday February 13, 2023 at 4:00 PM EST

#### Location

This meeting will take place virtually via Zoom.

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This meeting will occur virtually. Please follow the included link to join.

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#### Agenda

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
<b>I. Opening Items</b>			<b>4:00 PM</b>
<b>A. Record Attendance</b>		Michele Neely	1 m
<b>B. Call the Meeting to Order</b>		Adria Welcher	
<b>C. Approve Minutes</b>	Approve Minutes	Adria Welcher	1 m
Approve minutes for State Charter Schools Foundation of Georgia Quarterly Board Meeting on November 1, 2022			
<b>II. Financial Report</b>			<b>4:02 PM</b>

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<b>A. Presentation of December 2022 Reports</b>	Discuss	Joanne Louis	5 m
<b>B. Financial Outlook</b>	FYI	Joanne Louis	5 m

GEER II - We have received reimbursements and advance payments for GEER II totaling **\$1,464,908**. Our GEER II expenditures have exceeded **\$360,000** to date. We anticipate awarding \$1.7 million in start-up grants today. We are disbursing \$10,000 per month for three new school leader stipends. We also have two active contracts for technical assistance and services, as well as the purchase of promo products for FindaGaCharter.org and a contract for ongoing maintenance of the website. With the award of start-up grants, almost all funds will be committed.

CSP - The SCSF has been awarded \$38,295,000 by the U.S. Dept. of Education for the Charter Schools Program State Entity program to continue and expand the Charter Growth Initiative. We submitted a revised budget in early December and are awaiting approval. We have opened a new bank account and submitted all required paperwork to the federal government to establish this account for purposes of payment. We have been given authority to start requesting funds as we await final budget approval.

Operational support - We have entered into a contract with the SCSC for operational support and received our first payment. We recently received a payment for the last two quarters for \$5,500.

Grants & fundraising - We received two grants to support the book vending machine program - one for \$10,000 from the Next Generation Foundation and one for \$5,000 from the Georgia Power Foundation. We raised over \$1,100 in unrestricted funds and gave 322 dozen donuts to schools through the Donuts for Teachers fundraiser. We are seeking sponsors for the Art of Connection Exhibition of Student Art and the Shining Star Teacher program.

Other notes - We are reviewing financial policies and procedures and preparing for our first single audit at the end of the fiscal year. We are also acquiring an upgraded license for QuickBooks. In the process of establishing the new bank account, we discovered an issue with the signers and administrators for the SCSF's bank accounts, which has been resolved. We are working on collateralization of our federal fund accounts.

**III. Georgia Strategic Charter School Growth Initiative 4:12 PM**

<b>A. Charter Growth Initiative Update</b>	FYI	Michele Neely	10 m
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Michele Neely and Lauren Holcomb will give an update on the Georgia Strategic Charter School Growth Initiative (Charter Growth Initiative).

- FindaGaCharter.org launch and promotional products

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Replication and Expansion Cohort Program - phase I complete, all six schools/networks have strategic plans for growth</li> <li>• New School Leader Fellowship Program - program moving into more one-on-one support in preparation for school openings in the Fall</li> <li>• Communications Campaign &amp; Roadshow - presentation being completed and contacts established</li> </ul> |         |           |      |

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| <b>B. Approve Subgrant Awards for Start-up Grants (GEER II)</b> | Vote | Michele Neely | 5 m |
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Presentation of recommended awards for start-up grants for schools planning to open, replicate, or expand Fall 2022 or 2023.

The grant description and recommendations are attached.

#### **IV. President's Report 4:27 PM**

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| <b>A. Update on Organization Activities</b> | FYI | Michele Neely | 5 m |
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- Plan for staffing and organization structure
- Direct support to schools - emergency grant, training, webinars
- Book vending machine - will award 2 more machines this spring
- Art of Connection - Exhibition of Student Art to accept entries in February
- Wellness space

#### **V. Governance 4:32 PM**

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| <b>A. Strategic Planning</b> | Discuss | Adria Welcher | 5 m |
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The SCSF is entering into strategic planning with the goal of a new, multi-year plan adopted by July 1, 2023. The Executive Committee will give an update on this process.

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| <b>B. Effective Board Governance Training</b> | FYI | Adria Welcher | 20 m |
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Mike Mizzoni from Board On Track will provide an introduction to becoming an effective board member. This session will provide the context for virtual board member training that is available and the strategic planning process.

#### **VI. Closing Items 4:57 PM**

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| <b>A. Adjourn Meeting</b> | Vote | Adria Welcher |  |
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