



## Simple Vue Academy

### Minutes

#### The Simple Vue Academy Working Session

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**Date and Time**

Wednesday March 19, 2025 at 6:00 PM

**Location**

6167 Prestley Mill Rd  
Douglasville, GA 30134

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**Trustees Present**

A. Helton, B. Peeler, C. Henderson, C. Thorbes, E. Estrada-Olufade, M. Wills Brown

**Trustees Absent**

*None*

**Trustees who arrived after the meeting opened**

C. Thorbes, E. Estrada-Olufade

**Guests Present**

Gregg Stevens, N. Edouard, Shan Clarke

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**I. Opening Items****A. Record Attendance****B. Call the Meeting to Order**

B. Peeler called a meeting to order on Wednesday Mar 19, 2025 at 6:06 PM.

C. Thorbes arrived at 6:20 PM.

E. Estrada-Olufade arrived at 6:38 PM.

### **C. Adoption of Agenda**

M. Wills Brown made a motion to Adopt the agenda.

A. Helton seconded the motion.

The team **VOTED** to approve the motion.

## **II. Reminders & General Updates**

### **A. ED Report**

#### **Current Significant Issues**

- ED and Operations Manager Salary Increase
  - With CSP funding available, there is a desire to increase the salaries and move the ED and Community Outreach Coordinator/Operations Manager to FTE status.
- Contracts for Consultants
  - ED needs significant assistance with getting systems up and running for successful monitoring. The ED presented two proposals for the board's consideration.
- National School Lunch Program
  - SVA will need to take immediate action to apply for the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), an application process that takes six months to complete.
  - Paying for school lunches will be necessary for at least the first year. The ED presented two school nutrition proposals for the board's consideration.
- Board Governance Database
  - Per CSP, a board governance database is mandatory. The ED presented two proposals for the board's consideration.
- Board Training and Commitment
  - Attendance at training is vital for CPF compliance. Board members should make every effort to attend trainings.

#### **Matters for Approval or Acceptance**

- Teacher Salary Scales
  - Candice, CFO, and Nandi created teacher salary scales based on surrounding counties.
- Security for Campus
  - SVA will sponsor security for the entire campus, including 10 access key doors and eight exterior cameras.
- Facilities Due Diligence

- FRC is the current determined partner to provide project management support for necessary facility upgrades. The board will complete additional due diligence to determine if there are other options to consider.

### **Finance & Budget Update**

- Banking
  - SVA is changing banks to South State from Bank of America. South State is the preferred banker of peer charter schools.

### **Matters of Noting**

- Spring Break Camp
  - Spring Break Camp will be reduced to two days of programming.
- Budget and Cash Flow
  - SCSC has indicated that they anticipate a CSP funding disruption due to changes within the DoE. SVA's current bank balance will be the operational budget until August.
  - A board member suggests developing a school opening campaign and ribbon-cutting ceremony in June/July to drive student recruitment and fundraising.

### **B. Board Governance Database**

Members discussed their experience using Board OnTrack during the trial period.

### **C. Budget Hearing Dates**

- The budget hearing will be moved to allow more time to develop the budget while still adhering to the June 1 deadline.
- Proposal: The SVA Budget Public Hearing will occur on Wednesday, May 7, with adoption during the board meeting on May 21st.

## **III. Key Discussion Topics**

### **A. GaDOE Charter School Opening Letter**

### **B. Financial Handbook Review**

### **C. Personnel Handbook Review**

- **Members** read through the personnel handbook in preparation for adoption during the March 19 board meeting to meet the April 1 SCSC deadline.

## **IV. Committee Breakout Sessions**

### **A.**

### **Executive Committee**

- The Executive Committee did not meet for a breakout session.

### **B. Academic Committee**

- The Academic Committee did not meet for a breakout session.

## **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 7:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
C. Thorbes