

STATE CHARTER SCHOOLS COMMISSION INTERVIEW PANEL MEETING

July 29, 2014, 8 a.m.

**State Charter Schools Commission Conference Room
East Twin Tower, Room 1470B, Atlanta, Georgia 30334**

Meeting Minutes

1. The meeting convened at approximately 8:01 am. The interview panel, consisting of Commissioner Tony Lowden; Executive Director Bonnie Holliday; Commission staff Gregg Stevens, Lauren Holcomb, and Terence Washington; Dena Kimball; Eric Harrison; and Colleen Eskow was present. The governing board of the proposed state charter school Du Bois Integrity Academy and its proposed partners were also present. Representatives of the Georgia Charter Schools Association were also present.
2. The governing board of the proposed state charter school Du Bois Integrity Academy provided a brief overview of their school plan. The interview panel then questioned the proposed school's governing board to determine its capacity to operate as an LEA and hold its proposed partners accountable. The interview concluded at approximately 9:14 am.
3. At approximately 10:04 am, the interview panel met with governing board of the proposed state charter school International Charter School of Atlanta. The representatives of the proposed state charter school International Charter School of Atlanta provided a brief overview of their school plan and the changes to the plan since the last petition cycle. The interview panel then questioned the proposed school's governing board to determine its capacity to operate as an LEA and to implement the proposed plan with fidelity. The interview concluded at approximately 11:10 am. Interview panelists Commissioner Lowden, Lauren Holcomb, Dena Kimball, and Eric Harrison left the meeting.
4. Commissioner Lewis and Representative Mike Dudgeon joined the interview panel at approximately 12:55 pm. At approximately 1:05 pm, the governing board of the proposed state charter school Byron Peach State Charter School provided a brief overview of their school plan. The interview panel then questioned the proposed school's governing board to determine the similarities of and differences between the proposed school and current educational options in the area and the governing board's ability to implement its educational model. The interview concluded at approximately 2:10 pm.
5. At approximately 2:54 pm, the interview panel met with representatives of the Columbia County Board of Education who expressed their reasons for opposing the proposed state charter school Scintilla Charter Academy. At approximately 3:25 pm, the governing board of the proposed state charter school Columbia County School for the Arts provided an overview of their school plan. The interview panel then questioned the proposed school's governing board to determine its capacity to begin school operations, its community support, and its ability to hold the school leader accountable. The interview concluded at approximately 4:30 pm.
6. The interview panel adjourned the meeting at approximately 4:38 pm.