

STATE CHARTER SCHOOLS COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES SUMMARY

April 29, 2020, 10:00 a.m.

Teleconference

1-888-808-6929; Access Code: 5206746

Meeting Materials

<https://scsc.georgia.gov/events/2020-04-29/state-charter-schools-commission-board-meeting>

Webinar (to follow along with Meeting Materials)

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/882431437>



Attendees: Commissioners Tom Lewis, Paul Williams, Carmen Dill, Jose Perez, Buzz Brockway, Hunter Hill, and Dr. Lina Millan. SCSC Staff members Lauren Holcomb – Executive Director; Morgan Felts – Chief Operations Officer; Cerrone Lockett – General Counsel; Kristen Easterbrook – Charter Development Manager; Katie Manthey – Director of Research and Evaluation; Rennie Laryea – Associate General Counsel; Sarah Beck – Associate General Counsel and Operational Accountability Manager; Terence Washington – Financial Accountability Manager; Darcy Callaway – Business Manager; and Danielle Williams – Communications and Outreach Coordinator. Approximately 35 members of the public were also present.

I. Call to Order

- **Welcome-** Chairman Tom Lewis called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.
- **Public Health Emergency-** Chairman Lewis explained that due to the current COVID-19 concerns, the SCSC is holding a virtual meeting.
- **Public Comment-** Public comment procedures were announced.
- **Committee Meeting-** Chairman Lewis announced that all the District-Collaborative committee meetings are postponed.
- **Roll Call-** All commissioners were present.

II. Approval of SCSC Meeting Minutes

- The March 25, 2020 meeting minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

III. School Status Update

- The SCSC Executive Director provided an update on school calendars and academic testing.

IV. Legislative Update

- The SCSC Executive Director provided an update on the legislative session and the FY20-21 budget.

V. State Charter Schools Foundation

- The State Charter Schools Foundation President provided an update on the COVID-19 Relief Grant Awards.

VI. Organizational Development Update

- Past Trainings – The SCSC Charter Development Manager provided an update on recent Virtual Learning Webinars.

- Governance Training- The SCSC Charter Development Manager provided an update on local board meeting training requirements and deadlines.

VII. **School Openings Updates**

- The SCSC Charter Development Manager provided an update on scheduled school openings for an anticipated 10 brand new schools, and one existing school transitioning from a local authorizer.

VIII. **Petitions Updates**

- The SCSC Charter Development Manager provided an update on petitions.

IX. **School Accountability Update**

- The SCSC Director of Research and Evaluation discussed the COVID-19 Accountability Impact regarding CPF and Renewal Standards and Performance Reviews.

X. **Financial Accountability Update**

- The SCSC Financial Accountability Manager provided an update on the Approved Auditor Program and announced approved auditors.
- The SCSC Financial Accountability Manager provided an update on seven financially high-risk schools.

XI. **Action Items**

- **Rule Adoption**
 - By unanimous vote, the SCSC adopted the SCSC staff recommendation to amended rule 691-2-.01 Definitions and rules 691-2-.08 State Charter School Expansion and 691-2-.09 Transfer to State Charter Schools Commission Authorization, in accordance with the Georgia Administrative Procedure Act.
- **Southwest Georgia STEM Charter School Amendment Request**
 - By unanimous vote, the SCSC adopted the SCSC staff recommendation for the SCSC to deny Southwest Georgia STEM Charter School's request to amend the charter contract to allow the school to serve additional grade levels.

XII. **Additional Items from Commissioners**

- There were no additional items from commissioners.

XIII. **Public Comment**

- There was no public comment.

XIV. **Adjourn**

- Meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.