

STATE CHARTER SCHOOLS COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES SUMMARY

June 24, 2020, 10:00 a.m.

SCSC Board Room

West Twin Tower, 5th Floor, Atlanta, Georgia

Virtual Access: (webinar link)



Attendees: Commissioners: Tom Lewis-Chairman; Paul Williams-Vice Chairman; 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 30 members of the public were also present.

- I. **Call to Order** (Chairman Lewis)
 - The meeting was called to order at 10:08 a.m.
- II. **Approval of SCSC Meeting Minutes** (Chairman Lewis)
 - The April 29, 2020 meeting minutes were approved by unanimous vote.
 - The May 21, 2020 Called Meeting minutes were approved by unanimous vote.
- III. **Officer Elections**
 - The SCSC approved Commissioner Paul Williams as its Chairman by unanimous vote.
 - The SCSC approved Commissioner Buzz Brockway as its Vice-Chairman by unanimous vote.
- IV. **School Re-Start Update**
 - The SCSC Executive Director provided an update on the Georgia Department of Education and Georgia Department of Public Health's Path to Recovery for K12 Schools back-to-school guidance document and the Governor's K-12 Restart Committee.
- V. **Legislative Update**
 - The SCSC Executive Director provided an update on the legislative session, the FY21 budget, and charter legislation, specifically HB 957 and HB 755.
- VI. **2020 Petition Cycle**
 - The SCSC Executive Director provided an update on the 2020 petition cycle, which was suspended by the SCSC on May 21, 2020.
- VII. **School Openings**
 - The SCSC Charter Development Manager announced that six new state charter schools will open during the 2020-21 school year. Five schools have deferred their 2021-22 school year openings due to facility and COVID-related challenges.
- VIII. **Organizational Development**
 - The SCSC Charter Development Manager shared the schedule of upcoming trainings.

IX. **Action Items**

- **School Accountability**

- By unanimous vote, the SCSC adopted the SCSC staff recommendation to extend charter terms for eligible schools to provide for adequate academic performance data prior to renewal decisions.

- **FY21 Budget Presentation**

- By unanimous vote, the SCSC adopted the FY21 SCSC agency budget as presented by SCSC staff.

X. **Additional Items from Commissioners**

- There were no additional items from commissioners.

XI. **Public Comment**

- Beth McCamy spoke during public comment.

XII. **Executive Session**

- By unanimous vote, the SCSC closed the meeting for executive session to conduct annual staff evaluations.

XIII. **Adjourn**

- The Chairman announced that no action was taken during executive session and adjourned the meeting at approximately 12:48 p.m.