

# STATE CHARTER SCHOOLS COMMISSION

## MEETING MINUTES SUMMARY

March 25, 2020, 10:00 a.m.

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<https://scsc.georgia.gov/events/2020-03-25/state-charter-schools-commission-board-meeting>

**Attendees:** Commissioners Tom Lewis, Paul Williams, Jose Perez, Hunter Hill, Carmen Dill, Buzz Brockway, 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, Danielle Williams – Communications and Outreach Coordinator, and Lindsey Newton – Graduate Student Intern.

### I. Call to Order

- **Welcome-** Chairman Tom Lewis called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.
- **Meeting-** Chairman Lewis announced the District- Collaborative meeting following this meeting is canceled.

### II. Approval of SCSC Meeting Minutes

- **February 26, 2020 – Scheduled Meeting** – February 26, 2020 minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

### III. Commissioner School Visits

- The SCSC Executive Director announced due to Governor Kemp's executive order requiring all public K-12 schools to close from March 18<sup>th</sup> through March 31<sup>st</sup>, all commissioner visits are suspended.

### IV. Legislative Update

- The SCSC Executive Director provided an update on the Amended FY20 budget.

### V. Organizational Development Update

- **Past Trainings** – The SCSC Charter Development Manager provided an update on the New Schools Orientation that was held March 17<sup>th</sup>.
- **Upcoming Trainings** -The SCSC Charter Development Manager explained that there are no scheduled training events in April or May.

### VI. School Opening and Closing Updates

- **School Openings** - The SCSC Charter Development Manager provided an update on schools meeting pre-opening checklist milestones.
- **Petition Updates-** The SCSC Charter Development Manager reported that early feedback mock interviews will conclude Thursday, March 16, 2020.

### VII. School Accountability Update

- **2019-2020 Accountability Update** – The SCSC Director of Research and Evaluation provided a 2019-2020 Accountability Update. Due to COVID-19-related school closures, the Georgia Department of Education has suspended the Georgia Milestones assessment testing window.
- **CPF Briefing- March Meeting** - The SCSC Director of Research and Evaluation presented the Comprehensive Performance Framework results for state charter schools for the 2018-2019 school year.

VIII. **Agency Financial Update**

- **FY20 Administrative Withhold Return** – The SCSC Financial Accountability Manager explained the SCSC FY20 administrative withhold return recommendations.

IX. **Action Items**

- By unanimous vote, the SCSC adopted the SCSC staff recommendation to return all unused FY20 agency funds to state charter schools.
- By unanimous vote, the SCSC adopted the SCSC staff recommendation to reduce the percent of state charter school funds withheld for agency operations from 3 percent to 2 percent and 1 percent for state charter schools in their first year of operation.

X. **Additional Items from Commissioners** - There were no additional items from commissioners.

XI. **Public Comment** - There was no public comment.

XII. **Adjourn** - The meeting adjourned at 11:03 a.m.