

STATE CHARTER SCHOOLS COMMISSION

MEETING SUMMARY

April 11, 2022, 10:00 a.m.

Virtual Meeting

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Attendees: Commissioners: Buzz Brockway – Chairman; Fitz Johnson; Jose Perez; and Mike Dudgeon. SCSC Staff: Lauren Holcomb – Executive Director; Morgan Felts – Chief Operations Officer; Cerrone Lockett – General Counsel; Katie Manthey – Director of Research & Evaluation; Kristen Easterbrook – Director of Charter Development; Kristen Settlemire – Associate General Counsel; Erin Wright – Associate General Counsel; Scott Riley – Research Analyst; Candice Ball – Business Manager; Erica Acha-Morfaw – Administrative & Communications Coordinator; Kiara Thompson – Legal Programs Coordinator; Jacari Gill – SCSC Intern; Daniel Glenn – SCSC Intern; and Noah Hawkins – SCSC Intern.

I. Call to Order (Chairman Brockway)

- Chairman Brockway called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.
- The following Commissioners attended the meeting: Commissioners Brockway, Johnson, Perez, and Dudgeon. A quorum was formed.

II. 2020-21 Comprehensive Performance Framework Results (Director of Research & Evaluation)

- The Director of Research & Evaluation presented the 2020-21 Comprehensive Performance Framework (CPF) results to commissioners and discussed Academic scores. This year, the SCSC had to adjust the academic measures due to Milestones data being unavailable.
 - The Executive Director added that the SCSC used a consultant from their Leadership Advisory Program to assist them in developing these adjusted measurements.
 - Commissioner Dudgeon asked how the SCSC was able to obtain MAP Test Scores. The Director of Research & Evaluation states that the SCSC had to look at the scores on the state level due to them not being available on the regional level.
- The Chief Operations Officer discussed the Financial scores.
 - The Director of Research & Evaluation added that the Enrollment Variance measure was waived due to schools' struggle with enrollment during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Executive Director clarified that this measure will not be waived again in the future.
- The General Counsel discussed the Operations scores.
 - Commissioner Dudgeon inquired to whether if schools are consistently not meeting certain measures. The General Counsel stated that there are no schools that are consistently not meeting, but some schools do not meet certain measures intentionally. The SCSC is developing trainings to target areas of concerns and implementation guidance for new legislation.
 - Commissioner Brockway asked if schools failed to meet measure 2(b) due to federal funding for pandemic relief. The General Counsel clarified that this measure only evaluates compliance of the procedures in place. Measure 2(a) evaluates compliance of federal fund spending.
 - Commissioner Perez asked how the recently published U.S. Department of Education guidance regarding federal funds would affect our schools. The Executive Director stated that the U.S. Department of Education has published new guidelines regarding the Charter Schools Facility Grant. The SCSC and the Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE) are working on providing feedback to the U.S. Department of Education regarding this new guidance.
 - The Executive Director gave an update regarding operational monitoring. The SCSC is working with other authorizers to develop updated monitoring practices.
- Performance evaluations will occur at the April 27, 2022 board meeting.

- Commissioner Dudgeon expressed concern for students experiencing learning loss due to the COVID-19 pandemic and commended the SCSC for developing new tools to calculate academic accountability.

III. **Additional Items from Commissioners**

- None

IV. **Public Comment**

- None

V. **Adjourn**

- The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.