

**STATE CHARTER SCHOOLS COMMISSION
GOVERNANCE AND POLICY RETREAT**

January 18, 2017, 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM

January 19, 2017, 8:15 AM – 12:30 PM

The James Madison Inn and Conference Center Madison, Georgia
Meeting Minutes

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tom Lewis on January 11, 2018 at approximately 12:00 p.m. Chairman Lewis verified that a quorum was present.
2. Also present were Commission staff members Bonnie Holliday—Executive Director, Gregg Stevens—Deputy Director and General Counsel, Terence Washington—Financial Accountability Manager, Morgan Felts—Associate General Counsel and Petitions Manager, Katie Manthey—Academic Accountability Manager, Lauren Holcomb—Chief Communications Officer, Sarah Beck – Operational Accountability Manager, Rennie Laryea – Organizational Development Manager, and Kristen Easterbrook – Business Manager.
3. Chairman Lewis reminded attendees that the purpose behind this called meeting was to discuss how will the SCSC fulfill its mission with regard to renewing schools that are at the end of their charter term and how the SCSC will promote accessible high quality options for all students in Georgia.
4. Director Holliday presented an overview of state charter school performance, and specifically highlighting the nine state charter schools up for renewal in 2018. During the presentation, Director Holliday highlighted the renewal standards which would be applied to schools during the renewal process and the ways that SCSC staff have been communicating with schools leading up to their renewal. Director Holliday also discussed the possibility of abbreviated renewals for schools who meet certain academic accountability standards.
5. Deputy Director Stevens and Mr. Washington presented on operational and financial accountability standards and discussed how those scores could impact schools who are up for renewal this year.
6. The Commission then discussed how to ensure the renewal process runs smoothly. Commissioners emphasized the need to uphold the mission of the Commission and to maintain clear communication with schools during the renewal process. They also discussed the qualifications for schools to be eligible for an abbreviated renewal.
7. Chairman Lewis adjourned the first day of the meeting at approximately 5:30 p.m.
8. Chairman Lewis reconvened the meeting at approximately 9:00 a.m. on January 12, 2018. Chairman Lewis verified that a quorum was present.
9. Director Holliday recapped the presentations from the prior day.

10. The Commission then discussed the next steps to ensure that the SCSC promotes high quality options for all students in Georgia. The Commission spoke about the need to maintain standards of performance and build upon the practices that have proven successful. They also addressed what standards would apply for schools who are eligible for an abbreviated renewal. The Commissioners noted the need to communicate the efforts of the Commission to increase school quality and improve educational options throughout Georgia.
11. Chairman Lewis thanked Commissioners and staff for their work and participation during the meeting. Chairman Lewis adjourned the meeting at approximately 12:05 p.m.

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