

STATE CHARTER SCHOOLS COMMISSION INTERVIEW PANEL MEETING

August 1, 2014, 8 a.m.

**State Charter Schools Commission Conference Room
East Twin Tower, Room 1470B, Atlanta, Georgia 30334**

Meeting Minutes

1. The meeting convened at approximately 8:10 am. The interview panel, consisting of Commissioner Jimmy Hogg; Executive Director Bonnie Holliday; Commission staff Gregg Stevens and Terence Washington; Rhonda Fischer; Mark Peevy; and Carolyn Bridges was present. The governing board of the proposed state charter school Georgia Cyber College and Career Academy were also present. Representatives of the Georgia Charter Schools Association were also present.
2. The interview panel met with governing board of the proposed state charter school Georgia Cyber College and Career Academy. The representatives of the proposed state charter school Georgia Cyber College and Career Academy provided a brief overview of their school plan. The interview panel then questioned the proposed school's governing board to determine its capacity to implement the proposed plan with fidelity, the proposed school's relationship to Georgia Cyber Academy, and the need for a separate and distinct school. The interview concluded at approximately 9:23 am.
3. The interview panel met then met with governing board of the proposed state charter school Foothills Education Charter High School and its proposed partners at approximately 9:38 am. The representatives of the proposed state charter school Foothills Education Charter High School provided a brief overview of their school plan. The interview panel then questioned the proposed school's governing board to determine its capacity to replicate the model of Mountain Education Center with fidelity and the proposed school's partnerships with local school districts. The interview concluded at approximately 10:45 am. Commissioner Jimmy Hogg, Rhonda Fischer, and Mark Peevy left the meeting.
4. Commissioner Jennifer Rippner, Mike Kooi, and Martha Ann Todd joined the interview panel at approximately 12:30 pm. At approximately 12:33 pm, the governing board of the proposed state charter school Fulton Science Academy provided a brief overview of their school plan. The interview panel then questioned the proposed school's governing board to determine the similarities of and differences between the proposed school and current educational options in the area and the governing board's ability to implement its educational model in a charter school that operates as an LEA. The interview concluded at approximately 1:43 pm.
5. At approximately 2:40 pm, the interview panel met with representatives of the proposed state charter school Brookhaven Innovation Academy. The governing board of the proposed state charter school Brookhaven Innovation Academy provided an overview of their school plan. The interview panel then questioned the proposed school's governing board regarding the school's proposed attendance zone, use of blended learning, and knowledge of operating a charter school that serves as an LEA. The interview concluded at approximately 4:00 pm.

6. The interview panel adjourned the meeting at approximately 4:10 pm.

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