

STATE CHARTER SCHOOLS COMMISSION INTERVIEW PANEL MEETING

July 31, 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 Paul Williams; Executive Director Bonnie Holliday; Commission staff Gregg Stevens and Terence Washington; Dr. Mike Dishman; and Simeon Stoltzberg was present. The governing board of the proposed state charter school Hinds Feet Montessori School and representatives of Atlanta Public Schools were also present. Representatives of the Georgia Charter Schools Association were also present.
2. The representative of Atlanta Public Schools answered questions from the Interview Panel regarding the school district's denial of the petition for Hinds Feet Montessori School.
3. At approximately 8:18 am, the interview panel met with governing board of the proposed state charter school Hinds Feet Montessori School. The representatives of the proposed state charter school Hinds Feet Montessori 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 operate as an LEA and to implement the proposed plan with fidelity. The interview concluded at approximately 9:19 am. Interview panelists Commissioner Williams and Dr. Dishman left the meeting.
4. Commissioner Hogg, SCSC Staff Daniela Belton, and Matt Underwood joined the interview panel at approximately 12:45 pm. At approximately 1:05 pm, the governing board of the proposed state charter school Liberty Tech Charter School 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 2:15 pm.
5. At approximately 2:47 pm, the interview panel met with representatives of the proposed state charter school Southwest Georgia STEM Charter School. The governing board of the proposed state charter school Southwest Georgia STEM Charter School provided an overview of their school plan. The interview panel then questioned the proposed school's governing board to determine its capacity to begin school operations, its community support, its ability to hold the school leader accountable, and the development of its curriculum. The interview concluded at approximately 3:55 pm.
6. The interview panel adjourned the meeting at approximately 4:05 pm.