

STATE CHARTER SCHOOLS COMMISSION INTERVIEW PANEL MEETING

June 12, 2018, 8:20 a.m.

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

Meeting Minutes

1. The meeting convened at approximately 8:24 am. The interview panel, consisting of Commissioner Clara Keith; Commission staff Gregg Stevens, Morgan Felts, Terence Washington, and Katie Manthey; Carolyn Bridges; Lindsey Luczynski; and Representative Mike Glanton were present. Members of the public were also present.
2. The interview panel met with representatives of The Community Academy for Architecture and Design (TCAAD). The interview panel questioned the proposed school's governing board to determine its capacity to implement its proposed educational program and its strategy to recruit and retain high quality board members and teachers. Additionally, the panel questioned TCAAD about its ability to operate as a LEA, its intention to work with GCSA, the State Charter Schools Commission, and the local districts, its community support, and the capability of the school's governing board and administrative staff. The interview concluded at approximately 9:34 am.
3. At approximately 10:28 am the interview panel then met with the governing board of Challenge Preparatory Academy. The governing board of the proposed state charter provided a brief overview of the school's vision and plans for implementation. The interview panel then questioned the proposed school's governing board to determine its capacity to operate as an LEA, its grade structure, and its plans to recruit and retain teachers with professional expertise in cyber security. The interview panel also questioned the school's governing board regarding its plan for obtaining a facility as well as its plans for transportation and meals. The interview concluded at approximately 11:33 am. Interview panelists Commissioner Clara Keith, Katie Manthey, Representative Mike Glanton and Lindsey Luczynski, left the meeting.
4. At approximately 1:20 pm, Commissioner Jose Perez and Torie Norris joined the interview panel. The interview panel then met with the governing board of Stone Preparatory Academy. The governing board of the proposed state charter school provided a brief overview of its school plan, including a day in the life of a student. The interview panel then questioned the proposed school's governing board to determine its capacity to operate as an LEA, including ability to educate special education students and English-language learners. The panel also asked about the support of the school's community, including recruitment strategies. The interview panel asked the representatives to discuss the school's educational model and partnerships that will assist the school in meeting its mission. The interview concluded at approximately 2:30 pm.
5. At approximately 3:30 pm, the interview panel met with 7 Pillars of Mastery Career Academy. The panel questioned the school about the 7 pillars and the educational nature of the school, including proposed partnerships like dual enrollment. The panel asked about the recruitment strategy for both students and teachers, as well as interest of the community. The panel asked about LEA obligations, including special education and English-language learners. The panel questioned the school's board about obligations to keep non-profit funds and QBE funds separate as well as lease and facility options. The panel asked about the school's admission strategy of wait list instead of lottery. The interview concluded at approximately 4:25 pm.