

STATE CHARTER SCHOOLS COMMISSION MEETING

June 24, 2015, 10 a.m.

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

Meeting Minutes

1. The meeting was called to order via conference call by Chairman Jennifer Rippner at 10:00 AM. Chairman Rippner verified that a quorum existed. Commissioner Tom Lewis was absent, and Commissioner Paul Williams joined the meeting at 10:10 AM.
2. Also present were Commission staff members Bonnie Holliday—Executive Director, Gregg Stevens—General Counsel, Terence Washington – Finance and Operational Accountability Manager, Morgan Felts – Associate General Counsel and Petitions Manager, Lauren Holcomb – Director of Organizational and Resource Development, and Katie Manthey – Business and Operations Manager.
3. One member of the public also attended the meeting on behalf of the Attorney General’s Office.
4. After calling the meeting to order, Chairman Rippner called for approval of the meeting minutes from the May 27th SCSC meeting. Commissioner Hogg made a motion to approve the minutes, and Commissioner Lowden provided a second. There was no discussion, and the minutes were unanimously approved by those present.
5. Chairman Rippner then asked Morgan Felts to provide an update on the 2015 petition review process. Ms. Felts noted that the SCSC received 15 petitions by the May 15th submission deadline. Since then, the SCSC has completed the initial compliance review to determine which petitions are eligible for a full substantive review. Of the original 15 petitions, 3 petitions failed to pass compliance review and will not be granted interviews. Those 3 petitions were submitted by: ACE Montessori Charter School, DREAM Academy, and Star Charter School. Ms. Felts concluded by reminding commissioners that petitioner interviews will be held the week of July 20th-24th.
6. Chairman Rippner then asked for a review of the SCSC’s annual operating budget for Fiscal Year 2016. Director Holliday provided an overview of projected revenues and expenditures as well as historical agency-wide spending data.
7. Next, Commissioner Perez moved to approve the FY16 budget as proposed, and Commissioner Hogg provided a second. During discussion, several commissioners commented that the budget document provided useful information regarding the alignment of the SCSC’s key activities and spending priorities. Following discussion, commissioners voted unanimously to approve the FY16 SCSC budget as outlined.

8. Chairman Rippner then called for additional items from commissioners. Commissioner Lowden announced that Bibb County recently announced its intent to include all charters—both locally and state approved—in their upcoming E-SPLOST referendum.
9. Next, Chairman Rippner called for public comment; however, no one wished to speak.
10. There being no further business before the SCSC, Chairman Rippner called for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Williams provided a motion that was seconded by Commissioner Perez, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 AM.