

STATE CHARTER SCHOOLS COMMISSION MEETING

October 31, 2018, 10:00 a.m.

SCSC Meeting Room

State Board Room, 20th Floor Atlanta, GA 30334

Meeting Minutes

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tom Lewis at approximately 10:01 am.
2. Commissioners Tom Lewis, Clara Keith, Tony Lowden, Carmen Dill, Paul Williams, and staff members, Bonnie Holliday — Executive Director, Gregg Stevens—Deputy Director and General Counsel, Lauren Holcomb— Chief Communications Officer, Morgan Felts—Associate General Counsel and Petitions Manager, Kristen Easterbrook—Business Manager, Terence Washington— Financial Accountability Manager, Katie Manthey—Academic Accountability Manager, Sarah Beck—Operational Accountability Manager, and Rennie Laryea—Organizational Development Manager were present.
3. Approximately 35 members of the public were also present, including charter school staff and representatives, families of students attending state charter schools, charter school business representatives, and Georgia Charter Schools Association representatives.
4. Chairman Lewis called for an approval of the meeting minutes from the September 26th, 2018 meeting. Commissioner Lowden made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Keith provided a second. The minutes were unanimously approved.
5. Chairman Lewis called on Ms. Katie Manthey, Academic Accountability Manager, to give an overview of the 2017/2018 CCRPI scores. Currently, 13 out of 29 schools are meeting academic standards, however BTO and VAM have not been released so that number might change. Ms. Manthey then gave an update about the changes to the CPF that the SCSC will be recommending during the November meeting. Most of the recommended changes reflect the state's new ESSA plan. There are also changes to the operations section to reflect a school's ability to earn partial points after completing a required corrective action.
6. At approximately 10:12 am Commissioner Perez joined the meeting.
7. Chairman Lewis then called on Ms. Sarah Beck, Operational Accountability Manager, to give an update on the annual school monitoring visits. Ms. Beck described the operational compliance of schools and explained how the finding from this year will help inform topics for this year's governance training.
8. Chairman Lewis then called on Terrance Washington, Financial Accountability Manager, to report on finances. He mentioned that some schools were having trouble submitting their audits but they were working to meet the deadline of November 1st.
9. Chairman Lewis then called on Ms. Rennie Laryea—Organizational Accountability Manager—to report on the various upcoming trainings opportunities. Ms. Laryea the Petitioner Bootcamp, which occurred the day before, and announced the dates for this year's governance training.
10. Chairman Lewis then called on Ms. Morgan Felts for the action item. Ms. Felts began by giving an explanation of the online platform that the Commission uses for applications. She then reviewed the changes that were made to this year's Start Up Application which included new sign off requirements for the budget upload. Commissioner Lowden made a motion to approve the application. Commissioner Perez seconded. The motion passed. Ms. Felts then highlighted the changes to this year's Renewal application which included a new document upload for

proposed third party contracts. Commissioner Perez motioned to approve the application. Commissioner Lowden seconded. The motion passed.

11. Ms. Felts then moved onto the recommendation to amend Statesboro STEAM's attendance zone to be a tiered attendance zone. Ms. Felts gave an overview of how a tiered attendance zone works and highlighted Statesboro STEAM's desire to create a stable enrollment environment during the first few months of school through this change. Commissioner Lowden motioned to approve. Commissioner Dill seconded. The motion passed.
12. Chairman Lewis made an announcement that the November meeting would be held on November 14th and that there would not be a December meeting.
13. Chairman Lewis then opened up the meeting for any additional public comment. Victoria Davis talked about Georgia Cyber Academy and the performance of schools in Bibb County. Ms. Davis praises the education provided at GCA. Beth McCamy, a GCA parent, praised the quality of education provided by GCA and urged the commission to consider their perspective during renewal.
14. Chairman Lewis adjourned meeting at 11:59am.