

STATE CHARTER SCHOOLS COMMISSION INTERVIEW PANEL MEETING

July 18, 2016, 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 8:20 am. The interview panel, consisting of Commissioner Werner; Commission staff Gregg Stevens, Morgan Felts, Terence Washington and Lauren Holcomb; Collen Eskow; Nnenna Ogbu; and Representative Mike Dudgeon was present. Representatives of the Georgia Charter Schools Association and members of the public were also present.
2. The interview panel met with representatives of DeKalb High School for Accelerated Learning. The interview panel questioned the proposed school's governing board to determine its capacity to implement its proposed educational program, its community support, and its ability to hold the educational service provider accountable. The interview concluded at approximately 9:25 am. Interview panelist Lauren Holcomb left the meeting.
3. At approximately 10:20 am, Rennie Laryea joined the interview panel. The interview panel then met with the governing board of Tarchitects Community Academy for Architecture and Design. The governing board of the proposed state charter school Tarchitects Community Academy for Architecture and Design provided a brief overview of its school plan. The interview panel then questioned the proposed school's governing board to determine its capacity to operate as an LEA, the selection of its attendance zone, and partnerships that will assist the school in meeting its mission. The interview concluded at approximately 11:25 am. Interview panelists Commissioner Werner, Nnenna Ogbu, and Representative Mike Dudgeon left the meeting.
4. At approximately 1:25 pm, Commissioner Lowden and Dr. Susan Andrews joined the interview panel. The interview panel then met with the governing board of DREAM Academy. The governing board of the proposed state charter school DREAM Academy provided a brief overview of its school plan. The interview panel then questioned the proposed school's governing board to determine its capacity to operate as an LEA, the use of arts integration, and partnerships that will assist the school in meeting its mission. The interview concluded at approximately 2:40 pm.
5. The interview panel then met with representatives of Friendship Charter School of Georgia at approximately 3:30 pm. The proposed school discussed its educational model, and the interview panel questioned the school's governing board regarding its ability to hold its educational service provider accountable, future expansion plans, and potential conflicts of interest between the school and the educational service provider. The interview concluded at approximately 3:30 pm.
6. The interview panel adjourned the meeting at approximately 3:30 pm.