

STATE CHARTER SCHOOLS COMMISSION INTERVIEW PANEL MEETING

July 20, 2017, 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 Rippner; Commissioner Lewis; Commission staff Bonnie Holliday, Gregg Stevens, Morgan Felts, Terence Washington and Laura Ann Holland; Jackie Scott-English; Representative Mike Glanton; and Sam Rauschenberg were present. Representatives of the Georgia Charter Schools Association and members of the public were also present.
2. The interview panel met with representatives of Ambitious Academy. Ambitious Academy provide a detailed description of its proposed educational model. The interview panel questioned the proposed school's governing board to determine its capacity to implement its proposed educational program, its community support, and details of implementing the school's plan with fidelity. The interview concluded at approximately 9:30 am.
3. At approximately 10:20 am the interview panel then met with the governing board of STAR Charter School. The governing board of the proposed state charter 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 implementation of a single-gender educational model, and the evidence of community need and support. The interview concluded at approximately 11:30 am. Interview panelists Commissioner Lewis, Representative Glanton, and Sam Rauschenberg left the meeting.
4. At approximately 1:25 pm, Commissioner Perez, Chantel Mullen, and Linda Dunn joined the interview panel. The interview panel then met with the governing board of Challenge Preparatory Academy. The governing board of the proposed state charter school 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 ability of the school's selected administrators to implement the model, the school's plans to operate a high school, 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 Athena Academy for the Arts Charter School 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 school administration accountable, the ability of the school's governing board and school administration to operate a charter school that operates as an LEA. The interview concluded at approximately 4:30 pm.
6. The interview panel adjourned the meeting at approximately 4:45 pm.