

STATE CHARTER SCHOOLS COMMISSION INTERVIEW PANEL MEETING

July 21, 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 8:30 am. The interview panel, consisting of Commissioner Williams; Executive Director Bonnie Holliday; Commission staff Gregg Stevens, Morgan Felts, Terence Washington and Dewanna Byrd Hanley; Bill Miller; Niya Kennedy; and Dave Lakly 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 Brighten Academy. The school provided an overview of its operations and then the interview panel then questioned the proposed school's governing board to determine its capacity to operate as an LEA, the school's relationship with its school district, and its history of success. The interview concluded at approximately 9:35 am.
3. At approximately 10:20 am the interview panel then met with the governing board of Bryan Elite Charter. 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, its financial forecasts, and various other aspects of the school's educational model. The interview concluded at approximately 11:40 am. Interview panelists Dewanna Byrd and Dave Lakly left the meeting.
4. At approximately 1:25 pm, Martha Ann Todd joined the interview panel. The interview panel then met with the governing board of Hapeville Preparatory School. The governing board of the proposed state charter schools provided a brief overview of its school plans. The interview panel then questioned the proposed schools' ability to operate as an LEA, the governing board's selection and implementation of a school plan, and the school's unidentified educational service provider. The interview concluded at approximately 2:30 pm.
5. The interview panel adjourned the meeting at approximately 2:30 pm.