

STATE CHARTER SCHOOLS COMMISSION INTERVIEW PANEL MEETING

July 28, 2014, 8 a.m.

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

Meeting Minutes

1. The meeting convened at approximately 8:05 am. The interview panel, consisting of Commissioner Jose Perez, Executive Director Bonnie Holliday, Commission staff Gregg Stevens and Terence Washington, Sam Rauschenberg, Meca Mohammed, and Shari Berland was present. The governing board of the proposed state charter school Valloita Preparatory Academy was also present. Representatives of the Georgia Charter Schools Association were also present.
2. The governing board of the proposed state charter school Valloita Preparatory Academy provided a brief overview of their school plan. The interview panel then questioned the proposed school's governing board to determine its capacity to operate as an LEA and the day-to-day operations of the school. The interview concluded at approximately 9:07 am.
3. At approximately 9:55 am, the interview panel met with representatives of the Valdosta City Board of Education and Lowndes County Board of Education who expressed their reasons for opposing the proposed state charter school Scintilla Charter Academy. At approximately 10:07 am, the governing board of the proposed state charter school Scintilla Charter Academy provided a brief overview of their school plan. The interview panel then questioned the proposed school's governing board to determine its capacity to operate as an LEA, to identify the population of students the school proposed to serve and the similarities of and differences between the proposed school and current educational options in the area. The interview concluded at approximately 11:10 am. Interview panelists Commissioner Perez, Sam Rauschenberg, and Meca Mohammed left the meeting.
4. Chairman Knapp and Tabitha Press joined the interview panel at approximately 12:50 pm. At approximately 1:00 pm, the governing board of the proposed state charter school Georgia School for Innovation and the Classics provided a brief overview of their school plan. The interview panel then questioned the proposed school's governing board to determine the connection of its proposed curriculum of career pathways and classical knowledge and the ability of the school to utilize a statewide attendance zone. The interview concluded at approximately 2:10 pm.
5. At approximately 3:01 pm, the governing board of Fulton Sunshine Academy. The interview panel then questioned the school's governing board regarding its academic and operational performance and the board's capacity to operate as an LEA. The interview concluded at approximately 4:10 pm.
6. The interview panel adjourned the meeting at approximately 4:15 pm.