

## MINUTES

### South Carolina Public Charter School District Board Meeting

SCPCSD District Office Training Room  
3710 Landmark Dr., Ste 205  
Columbia, SC 29204

Thursday, August 11, 2016  
10 a.m.

#### I. Call to Order and Introductions

Mr. McLaurin called the meeting at 10:00 am. Mr. Smalley introduced new district staff members, Taylor Fulcher, Hunter Schimpff, and Kerry Donahue.

#### II. Invocation

The invocation was led by Mrs. Bull.

#### III. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Payne.

#### IV. Mission Statement

The mission statement was read by Mr. Chappell.

#### V. Roll Call

Ms. Bounds called the roll. A quorum was present. Mr. McLaurin announced that Mr. Boyd has resigned from the board.

Board members present: Mr. Don McLaurin, Mrs. Linzie Staley, Ms. Kathleen Bounds, Mrs. Betty Bagley, Mr. John Payne, Mr. Laban Chappell, and Mrs. Anne Bull

Staff members present: Mr. Elliot Smalley, Dr. Robert Compton, Ms. Dana Reed, Mr. Rich Richards, Ms. Taylor Fulcher, Mr. Hunter Schimpff, Ms. Catherine Watt, Mr. Bobby Rykard, Ms. Tasha Robinson, Mrs. Ciera Bing, Mr. Vamshi Rudrapati, Ms. Kerry Donahue, Mrs. Paula Gray, Mr. Erik Norton (attorney), and Thomas Hydrick (law clerk).

## VI. Consent Agenda

- A) Approval of the Agenda for the August 11, 2016 Meeting
- B) Approval of Minutes for the June 9, 2016 Meeting
- C) Financial Reports

Mrs. Bagley moved to approve the consent agenda. Mrs. Staley seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

## VII. Public Comments

The official meeting of the board is by law a public meeting and the Board values citizen input; however, in order to protect the integrity of the adopted agenda, public dialogue will be restricted to the 'Public Comments' section of the agenda or as directed by the Board chairman.

- Each speaker has two minutes.
- Speakers may not ask questions of Board Members.
- Board Members may not engage speakers in discussion.
- Disruptive behavior is not permitted.
- Personal attacks aimed at students or staff are not permitted.
- Scurrilous, obscene, or recklessly defamatory language aimed at any Board Member is not permitted.

Paula Priddy, parent, spoke on behalf of virtual charter schools.

Carl Jones spoke in support of Garden City Preparatory Academy for Boys.

Elizabeth Connelly expressed her support for virtual charter schools and her concerns regarding the performance frameworks.

Amy Scott, Chair of SC Public School Options, spoke of her concerns regarding the performance frameworks.

Frank Thomas spoke on behalf of virtual charter schools.

## VIII. Executive Session

- No Executive Session was required.

## IX. Action Items

- A) Garden City Preparatory Academy for Boys – Revocation Hearing

Erik Norton explained the procedures for the Hearing.

Mr. Norton gave the opening statement for the district and asked the Board to confirm the decision to revoke the charter of Garden City Preparatory Academy for Boys (GCP).

Samuel Mokeba, legal counsel for GCP, gave his opening statements.

Mr. Norton called witnesses, Ms. Dana Reed and Mr. Rich Richards, who were questioned by both attorneys.

Mr. Mokeba called witnesses, Adrienne Johnson, GCP Board Chair; Melissa Kiddy, accountant; and Dr. Jaquette Chatman, Consultant/Academic Director for GCP, who were questioned by both attorneys.

Mr. Norton and Mr. Mokeba gave their closing statements.

Mr. Chappell moved to uphold the revocation of Garden City Preparatory Academy for Boys. The motion was seconded by Ms. Bounds. Following discussion, the motion carried 7-0, unanimously.

#### X. Information Items

##### A) School Performance Framework (SPF)

Ms. Reed discussed the purpose of the SPF and reviewed the history and development of this tool with input from Mr. Smalley and Mr. Rykard.

#### XI. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Norton reported that the Board will review charter amendment requests at the September Board meeting. He stated that some of the amendments will not be material and asked if those could be added to the consent agenda. Mr. McLaurin stated that as long as the Board receives the amendments in advance for review, they may be included in the consent agenda.

Mr. Smalley stated that he is looking forward to strategic planning with the Board in September. He added that the district is in recruitment mode to engage high quality operators and CMOs from out-of-state and also working on strengthening the application for charters, as well.

#### XII. Election of Officers for 2016-2017

##### A) Chairman

##### B) Vice Chairman

##### C) Secretary

Mrs. Bagley moved to maintain all officers as they are currently in place. The motion was seconded by Mr. Chappell and carried 6-0.

Mr. McLaurin congratulated the Board members on their attention during a difficult day and announced that Mrs. Bagley is running for the Pickens School Board and if she wins that position, she will have to resign from the SCPCSD Board.

XIII. Adjournment
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Ms. Bounds moved to adjourn the meeting, and Mr. Chappell seconded. The motion carried unanimously, and Mr. McLaurin adjourned the meeting at 4:00 pm.