

MINUTES

South Carolina Public Charter School District Board Meeting

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

Thursday, January 14, 2016
10 a.m.

I. Call to Order and Introductions

Mr. McLaurin called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

II. Invocation

The invocation was led by Dr. Epps.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mrs. Bagley.

IV. Mission Statement

The Mission Statement was read by Mrs. Staley.

V. Roll Call

Ms. Bounds called the role, and determined a quorum was present.

Board members present: Mrs. Betty Bagley, Ms. Kathleen Bounds, Dr. Ron Epps, Mr. Ron McLaurin, Mr. John Payne, and Mrs. Linzie Staley.

Board members absent: Mr. Laban Chappell, Mr. Reese Boyd, Mrs. Anne Bull

Staff members present: Mr. Elliot Smalley, Dr. Robert Compton, Ms. Dana Reed, Ms. Catherine Watt, Mr. Bobby Rykard, Mrs. Laura Bayne, and Mr. Erik Norton (attorney)

VI. Consent Agenda

- A) Approval of the Agenda for the January 14, 2016 Meeting
- B) Approval of Minutes for the December 10, 2015 Meeting

- C) Enrollment Reports
- D) Financial Reports

Ms. Bounds 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.

No one signed up for public comment.

VIII. Executive Session (if needed)

Ms. Bounds moved to enter executive session for the purpose of receiving legal advice. Mrs. Staley seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. Executive session began at 10:06 a.m. and ended at 10:19 a.m.

IX. Action Items

- A) Application Cycle Timeline Reed

Ms. Reed presented the proposed new school application timeline for adoption by the Board.

Ms. Bounds moved approval of the first reading of the application timeline policy. Mrs. Staley seconded, and discussion was held. Mrs. Bounds moved to amend the policy, replacing it with wording contained in a second version developed from the board discussion. Mr. Payne seconded the motion. The amendment carried unanimously.

The amended motion carried 5-1, with Dr. Epps dissenting.

X. Information Items

- A) Discussion of Application/Hearing Process McLaurin

Board development in the use of the Carver Model of policy governance will occur at the February board meeting, which will likely begin at 9 a.m.

XI. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Smalley has met with the three schools at the bottom of the district's academic performance spectrum and has set agreed-upon expectations with each school's leadership. Mr. Smalley has a handful of schools yet to visit, but has been able to visit most of them. He shared that the staff has gotten the ball rolling on improving key processes, leveraging the district's authorization functions, in particular.

Once schools are in the district, Mr. Smalley shared the vision to be great at equity and access, making sure we serve every student that comes with the services they need.

Finally, Mr. Smalley wants to consider what other actions we can take as an authorizer to help kids. Perhaps, successful schools could expand or add more grades to serve more children. The number one factor for great charter school operators when they consider opening in a new state is what the opportunity for growth looks like.

Mr. Smalley shared that he made the annual budget presentation to the House K-12 Finance subcommittee. He said that the members of that committee seemed supportive around the purpose of the district's work. He also supported the SC Public Charter School Alliance's per-pupil budget request for charter facility assistance.

Marshall-Carver has notified the district that they will not be opening in Fall 2016. Felton Lab's transfer application will be heard in February. Oceanside Collegiate Academy will likely submit a formal request for transfer due to South Carolina State's intent to bow out of the authorization business.

XII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:31 p.m.

Future Meetings:

February 11, 2016	10:00 AM	SCPCSD Board Meeting
March 10, 2016	10:00 AM	SCPCSD Board Meeting