

## MINUTES

### South Carolina Public Charter School District Board Meeting

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

Thursday, March 9, 2017  
9 a.m.

#### I. Call to Order and Introductions

Mrs. Staley called the meeting to order at 9:01 am.

#### II. Invocation

Mr. Payne led the invocation.

#### III. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Chappell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### IV. Mission Statement

Ms. Bounds read the Mission Statement.

#### V. Roll Call

Ms. Bounds called the roll. A quorum was present.

Board members present: Mr. Don McLaurin by phone, Mrs. Linzie Staley, Ms. Kathleen Bounds, Mr. Chappell, Mr. John Payne, and Mrs. Bull.

Staff members present: Mr. Elliot Smalley, Mrs. Dana Abbott, Ms. Taylor Fulcher, Mr. Hunter Schimpff, Ms. Catherine Watt, Mr. Bobby Rykard Mr. Siddhartha Chowdri, Mrs. Audrey Lane, Ms. Kerry Donahue, and Mr. Erik Norton (attorney).

#### VI. Consent Agenda

- A) Approval of the Agenda for the March 9, 2017 meeting.
- B) Approval of Minutes for February 9, 2017 Meeting
- C) Financial Reports
- D) Enrollment Report

Mrs. Bull moved to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Chappell 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.

Christian Pascone spoke on behalf of Imagine Columbia Leadership Academy.

June Smith spoke on behalf of Imagine Columbia Leadership Academy.

Denise Haywood spoke on behalf of Imagine Columbia Leadership Academy.

Mickie Folsom spoke on behalf of Imagine Columbia Leadership Academy.

Meredith Scurry spoke on behalf of Imagine Columbia Leadership Academy.

Janey Nelson spoke on behalf of Imagine Columbia Leadership Academy.

April Foster spoke on behalf of Imagine Columbia Leadership Academy.

Shannon Johnson spoke on behalf of Imagine Columbia Leadership Academy.

Valerie Rush spoke on behalf of Imagine Columbia Leadership Academy.

Doug Hartley spoke on behalf of Imagine Columbia Leadership Academy.

Leonard Bradley spoke on behalf of Imagine Columbia Leadership Academy.

Wilhelmenia Mathias spoke on behalf of Imagine Columbia Leadership Academy.

Diane Gray spoke on behalf of Imagine Columbia Leadership Academy.

## VIII. Executive Session

No executive session was necessary for this meeting.

## IX. Information Items

A) Policy Update .....Elliot Smalley

Mr. Smalley and Erik Norton spoke on the Charter Act.

B) Board Governance Proposal .....Hunter Schimpff

Mr. Schimpff presented on the board governance proposal.

C) Superintendent’s Report .....Elliot Smalley

Mr. Smalley introduced Laura Simmons (Coordinator of Special Education), Jeremy Richardson (Director of Finance), Kesha Williams-Tolliver (Testing Coordinator).

Mr. Smalley spoke on the Education Oversight Committee Meeting and transparency of the School Performance Framework.

X. Action Items

A) Additional Spring Board Meetings .....Elliot Smalley

Mr. Smalley presented on adding additional board meeting days for the application hearing schedule.

The board meetings are tentatively scheduled for April 6, 2017, April 7, 2017, and April 20, 2017.

B) Coastal STEAM Academy for the Boys Application ..... Dana Abbott

Mrs. Abbott presented on the staff recommendation for Coastal STEAM Academy for the Boys.

Mr. Chappell moved to deny the charter application for Coastal STEAM Academy for the Boys. Mrs. Bull seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

C) Imagine Columbia Leadership Academy Revocation Hearing

Mrs. Staley 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 Imagine Columbia Leadership Academy.

Samuel Mokeba, legal counsel for Imagine Columbia Leadership Academy, gave his opening statements.

Mr. Norton and Mr. Mokeba moved to witness testimony and the cross-examination period.

Followed by closing arguments, Mr. Chappell moved to uphold the charter revocation of Imagine Columbia Leadership Academy. Mrs. Bull seconded and the motion carried 4-1 with Mr. Payne voting in opposition to revocation.

The full transcript of the revocation appeal proceedings are made part of these Minutes by reference.

XI. Adjournment
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Without objection, Mrs. Staley adjourned the meeting at 4:24pm.

Future Meetings:

April 6, 2017	10:00 AM	SCPCSD Board Meeting
April 7, 2017	10:00 AM	SCPCSD Board Meeting