

## MINUTES

### South Carolina Public Charter School District Board Meeting

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

Thursday, September 8, 2016  
10 a.m.

#### I. Call to Order and Introductions

Mr. McLaurin called the meeting to order at 10:05 am. Mr. Smalley introduced Mr. Siddhartha Chowdri, Chief of Finance and Operations.

#### II. Invocation

The invocation was led by Mrs. Bagley.

#### III. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Chappell.

#### IV. Mission Statement

The mission statement was read by Mrs. Staley.

#### V. Roll Call

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

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

Staff members present: Mr. Elliot Smalley, Dr. Robert Compton, Ms. Dana Reed, Mr. Rich Richards, Ms. Taylor Fulcher, Mr. Hunter Schimpff, Mr. Bobby Rykard, Mr. Vamshi Rudrapati, Ms. Kerry Donahue, Mrs. Paula Gray, and Mr. Erik Norton (attorney).

## VI. Consent Agenda

- A) Approval of the Agenda for the September 8, 2016 Meeting
- B) Approval of Minutes for the August 11, 2016 Meeting
- C) Financial Reports

Mr. McLaurin reported that Item X. A) Strategic Plan has been moved from A) to C). Ms. Bounds moved to include the Enrollment Report in the Consent Agenda. The motion carried.

## 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.

Dr Cherry Daniel, Head of School, SC Virtual School, shared a report regarding the successes of the Senior Class.

Cindy Coker, Board Member, Odyssey Online Learning, announced that Board members from Odyssey Online Learning were in attendance to answer any questions and also explained the process their Board took in determining changes for the school.

Elizabeth Connelly thanked Mr. Smalley and the staff for their willingness to meet with her and expressed her concerns regarding the performance frameworks.

Mary Carmichael, Executive Director, Public Charter School Alliance of South Carolina, expressed her appreciation to the staff for their willingness to meet and spoke about the lack of facilities for charter schools and other problems charter schools are facing such as funding and transportation.

## VIII. Executive Session

- Ms. Bounds moved for the Board to go into Executive Session for the purpose of a legal update. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Bagley and carried.

## IX. Action Items

### A) Honor Academy – Relinquishment of Charter

Ms. Dana Reed presented this item.

Mr. Chappell moved to accept the relinquishment of the charter of Honor Academy. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Bagley and carried.

### B) Marshall-Carver – Relinquishment of Charter

Ms. Dana Reed presented this item.

Mr. Payne moved to accept the relinquishment of the charter of Marshall-Carver. The motion was seconded by Mr. Chappell. Ms. Bounds stated that she considers both relinquishments a genuine loss as both schools were unable to open due to a lack of facilities. The motion carried.

### C) Provost Academy – Charter Amendment Requests

Ms. Dana Reed presented this item and explained the requested amendments.

Mr. Chappell moved to accept the proposed amendments. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Bagley. Following discussion, the motion carried with a vote of 5 – 1 with the opposing vote by Ms. Bounds.

## X. Information Items

### A) Model Application

Ms. Reed presented this item for information and explained the reasons behind the Model Application. Mr. McLaurin added that Board members had pushed for application process and a committee of Board members had input on the development of a new application. He asked Board members to send any suggestions to Mr. Smalley.

### B) Performance Compact

Ms. Reed, Mr. Rykard, and Mr. Schimpff presented this item for information and answered questions.

### C) Strategic Plan

Mr. Smalley and Ms. Donahue presented this item for information and asked for recommendations from the Board. This item will be brought back to the Board in October as a follow-up with input from the Board and other stakeholders.

XI. Superintendent's Report

This item was combined with the Strategic Plan above.

XII. Adjournment

Mr. McLaurin reported that he would be unable to attend the October meeting and Mrs. Staley will chair the meeting. Ms. Bounds moved to adjourn the meeting, and Mr. Chappell seconded. The motion carried unanimously, and Mr. McLaurin adjourned the meeting at 2:53 pm.