

MINUTES

South Carolina Public Charter School District Board Meeting

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

Thursday, November 30, 2017.
9 a.m.

I. Call to Order and Introductions

Mr. McLaurin called the meeting to order at 9:03 am.

II. Invocation

Ms. Bounds led the invocation.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Mrs. Staley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Mission Statement

Mrs. Bull read the mission statement.

V. Roll Call

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

Board members present: Mrs. Linzie Staley, Ms. Kathleen Bounds, and Mr. Chappell, and Mrs. Anne Bull, Mr. Don McLaurin and Ms. Beth Purcell. Mr. John Payne was absent.

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

VI. Consent Agenda

- A) Approval of the Agenda for the November 30, 2017 meeting
- B) Approval of Minutes for November 9, 2017 meeting
- C) Enrollment Report
- D) Financial Reports

Mr. Chappell 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.

- Public comment is limited to no more than thirty minutes. Speakers will be called in the order in which they sign up to speak. Should time run out, remaining speakers may be called at the end of the meeting, if time permits, or at the next regularly scheduled board meeting.
- Each speaker has two minutes. The Chair may limit the time for each speaker further to accommodate as many speakers as possible.
- 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.

Jim Allison spoke on behalf of Cyber Academy.

Kerry Levi, Chair of Public School Options, spoke on behalf of parent choice.

Renee Sampson spoke about an incident at Midlands STEM.

VIII. Executive Session

No executive session was needed.

IX. Action Items

A) Cyber Academy of South Carolina Transfer Hearing.....Don McLaurin

Cyber Academy made their presentation to the Board. It was followed by a question and answer period.

Ms. Bounds moved to deny the request to transfer to the Charter Institute at Erskine College. Mrs. Staley seconded the motion. After a 5-1 vote with Mrs. Purcell opposing, the motion carried and the transfer request was denied.

B) South Carolina Virtual Charter School Transfer Hearing.....Don McLaurin

South Carolina Virtual Charter School made their presentation to the Board. It was followed by a question and answer period.

Mr. Chappell moved to deny the request to transfer to the Charter Institute at Erskine College. Ms. Bounds seconded the motion. After a 4-2 vote with Mrs. Purcell and Mrs. Bull opposing, the motion carried and the transfer request was denied.

C) Gray Collegiate Academy Transfer Hearing.....Don McLaurin

Gray Collegiate Academy made their presentation to the Board. It was followed by a question and answer period.

Mrs. Purcell moved to approve the request to transfer to the Charter Institute at Erskine College. Ms. Bounds seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

D) Oceanside Collegiate Academy Transfer Hearing.....Don McLaurin

Oceanside Collegiate Academy made their presentation to the Board. It was followed by a question and answer period.

Mrs. Bull moved to approve the request to transfer to the Charter Institute at Erskine College. Mrs. Staley seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

E) Odyssey Online Learning Transfer Hearing.....Don McLaurin

Odyssey Online Learning made their presentation to the Board. It was followed by a question and answer period.

Ms. Bounds moved to deny the request to transfer to the Charter Institute at Erskine College. Mrs. Staley seconded the motion. After a 5-1 vote with Mrs. Purcell opposing, the motion carried and the transfer request was denied.

F) Midlands STEM Institute Transfer Hearing.....Don McLaurin

Midlands STEM Institute made their presentation to the Board. It was followed by a question and answer period.

Mrs. Staley moved to deny the request to transfer to the Charter Institute at Erskine College. Mr. Chappell seconded the motion. After a 4-2 vote with Mrs. Purcell and Mrs. Bull opposing, the motion carried and the transfer request was denied.

G) Coastal Leadership Academy Transfer Hearing.....Don McLaurin

Coastal Leadership Academy made their presentation to the Board. It was followed by a question and answer period.

Mr. Chappell moved to approve the request to transfer to the Charter Institute at Erskine College. Mrs. Staley seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

H) Royal Live Oaks Academy Charter School Transfer Hearing.....Don McLaurin

Royal Live Oaks Academy made their presentation to the Board. It was followed by a question and answer period.

Mr. Chappell moved to approve the request to transfer to the Charter Institute at Erskine College. Mrs. Bull seconded the motion. After a 5-1 vote with Mrs. Bounds opposing, the motion carried and the transfer request was approved.

I) Mevers School of Excellence Transfer Hearing.....Don McLaurin

Mevers School of Excellence made their presentation to the Board. It was followed by a question and answer period.

Mrs. Bull moved to approve the request to transfer to the Charter Institute at Erskine College. Ms. Bounds seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

X. Information Items

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

Mr. Smalley spoke on student outcomes and how he will collaborate with schools whose transfer requests were denied.

XI. Adjournment

Future Meetings:		
January 11, 2018	10:00 AM	SCPCSD Board Meeting
February 8, 2018	10:00 AM	SCPCSD Board Meeting