

**South Carolina Public Charter School District
Board of Trustees**

Meeting Minutes for September 13, 2012, at 10:00 am

Meeting Attendees

South Carolina Public Charter School District Board Members

Mr. Don McLaurin	Ms. Kathleen Bounds
Mrs. Terrye Seckinger	Dr. Ron Epps
Mrs. Laura Getty	Mrs. Linzie Staley

South Carolina Public Charter School District Staff

Dr. Wayne Brazell	Mrs. Traci Bryant-Riches	Ms. Dana Reed
Mrs. Paula Gray	Mr. Clay Eaton	Ms. Tasha Robinson
Ms. Zenobia Ealy	Mr. Mike Jackson	Mrs. Courtney Mills
Mr. Robbie Compton	Mr. William James	Attorney Butch Bowers
Ms. Betsy Carpentier		

Others in Attendance

Mary Carmichael

I. Call to Order and Introductions

The meeting was called to order by Mr. McLaurin.

II. Invocation

Mrs. Getty presented the invocation.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mrs. Seckinger.

IV. Roll Call

Ms. Bounds took the roll and the attendance is indicated above. A quorum was present.

V. Consent Agenda

Mrs. Seckinger moved for approval of the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Getty and approved by the Board.

VI. Public Comments

Mary Carmichael, Executive Director, Public Charter School Alliance of South Carolina, thanked the SC Public Charter School District for taking the lead with the Common Core standards. Ms. Carmichael invited everyone to the Leadership Summit being held on October 2 and 3, 2012.

VII. Authorization Hearing – SC Cyber Academy

Mr. McLaurin announced that representatives for SC Cyber Academy would have thirty minutes to make their presentation, followed by a thirty minute question and answer period. The Board would then discuss the Hearing and make a decision.

Sandra Sandifer, Chair of the Planning Committee, introduced the committee members present. Gina Nienaber, Charles Middleton, and John Hall presented their plan for the SC Cyber Academy.

The question and answer period was then held, followed by discussion of the Board and input from the staff of the SC Public Charter School District.

Mrs. Seckinger moved to approve the authorization of SC Cyber Academy with the condition that their governance and organization chart be clarified and the agreement between SC Cyber Academy and K12 be revised to address concerns regarding hiring and firing and management control and that a Memorandum of Agreement be negotiated and approved by both parties within 30 days. The motion was seconded by Ms. Bounds. After discussion, Ms. Bounds moved to amend the motion to approve the authorization of SC Cyber Academy on the condition that the contract between SC Cyber Academy and K12 be revised to address concerns regarding hiring, firing, management, and control; and the Memorandum of Agreement must be negotiated and approved by all parties within 30 days. The motion to amend was seconded by Mrs. Getty and carried unanimously. The motion as amended carried unanimously.

VIII. Executive Session

Mrs. Getty moved for the Board to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of receiving legal advice. The motion was seconded by Ms. Bounds and approved by the Board. Executive session was concluded with no action taken by the Board.

IX. Finance

A) Budget Report

Mr. Jackson presented the budget report for information.

X. Superintendent's Report

A) Enrollment Report

William James reported on the current enrollment of the schools in the SC Public Charter School District and answered questions.

B) Academic Status of District Schools

Courtney Mills presented a report on the Academic Status of District Schools and explained the differences between the old system (AYP) and the new system (ESEA) and answered questions.

Dr. Brazell distributed copies of a draft document regarding virtual schools and testing and stated that he will be meeting with the virtual schools and also other superintendents.

C) Ethics Commission

Dr. Brazell reported that by April of every year, each Board member must complete the Statement of Economics Interest form to the South Carolina Ethics Commission. This must be done or fines will be enforced. The District Office will make every effort to start reminding Board members of this requirement beginning in February of each year.

XI. Board Matters and Development

A) Approval of Fox Creek's Five-Day Count

Dr. Brazell reported that Fox Creek High School requested that they be allowed to use their five-day count for 2012-2013 funding due to incremental growth. Lake City College Preparatory Academy and York Preparatory Academy also need to be allowed to use their five-day count due to incremental enrollment growth. Dr. Epps moved to approve the 5-day count for Fox Creek High School and the incremental enrollment growth in Lake City College Preparatory Academy and York Preparatory Academy. The motion was seconded by Ms. Bounds and unanimously approved by the Board.

XII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned with no objection upon motion by Dr. Epps, seconded by Mrs. Staley.