

**STATE OF WASHINGTON
CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, December 18, 2014 – 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
Teleconference

Attendance:

Commissioners: Trish Millines Dziko, Kevin Jacka, Dave Quall, Steve Sundquist, Dr. Roberta Johnson Wilburn, and Larry Wright

Absent: Dr. Margit McGuire, Raymond Navarro, and Cindi Williams

Staff: Joshua Halsey, Executive Director; Aileen Miller, Assistant Attorney General; Colin Pippin-Timco, Executive Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call

Chair Sundquist called the meeting to order at 8:07 a.m. Attendance was taken. The following Commissioners were present: Kevin Jacka, Dave Quall, Steve Sundquist, Dr. Roberta Johnson Wilburn, and Larry Wright. It was determined a quorum was present to proceed with the meeting.

OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY DISCUSSION

Update on First Place Scholars Charter School

Mr. Halsey reviewed the Commission's response to the First Place Scholars Corrective Action Plan. He noted that the Commission had rejected the plan as deficient, and had subsequently placed the school on probation. Mr. Halsey had since then collaborated with First Place to develop a Corrective Action Plan with specific deliverables.

Commissioner Dziko joined at 8:12 a.m.

As part of the probation, First Place comes under increased oversight by Commission staff, to include monthly site visits and a review of all Individual Education Plans (IEP) to identify and arrange for compensatory services should the need arise. Mr. Halsey noted that Commission staff would work with other agencies to carry out this increased level of oversight. Mr. Halsey noted that First Place had been extremely willing to collaborate with the Commission on these matters, and that he believed they had the capacity to complete the Corrective Action Plan.

Commissioner Wright noted that some of the actions in the Corrective Action Plan had begun prior to the special meeting date. Mr. Halsey confirmed this observation.

Mr. Halsey noted that the Corrective Action Plan was the third step under due-process rules previously approved by the Commission (WAC 108-40).

Commissioner Dziko asked how often Commission staff would be engaging in site visits beyond those described in the Corrective Action plan. Mr. Halsey responded that staff would be conducting monthly site visits.

The Commission adjourned at 8:27 a.m.