



SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, September 9, 2015 | 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Telephonic

Call to Order

Roll Call

Chair Sundquist called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Attendance was taken. The following Commissioners were present: Dr. Stacy Hill, Dr. Margit McGuire, Raymond Navarro, Dave Quall, Steve Sundquist, Cindi Williams, and Larry Wright. It was determined a quorum was present to proceed with the meeting.

Executive Session

Chair Sundquist adjourned open session at 9:14 a.m. An executive session was held pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i).

Commissioner Jacka joined the Commission in executive session at 9:45 a.m.

Chair Sundquist reconvened the Commission from executive session at 10:10 a.m.

Action from Executive Session

There was no action from the executive session.

Discussion Regarding the September 4th Supreme Court Decision

Chair Sundquist requested that it be made part of the record that he was deeply disappointed in the [Supreme Court's September 4th](#) decision to invalidate [RCW 28A.710: Charter Schools](#).

Commissioner Wright moved to empower the Commission's Executive Director, Mr. Halsey, to construct and implement a wind-down process for the agency which takes account of its legal responsibilities and practices good judgment with approved schools. Commissioner Jacka seconded. Commissioner Williams requested that it be made part of the record that the Commission-authorized charter schools intend to stay open, and this would put Mr. Halsey in a difficult position. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Williams moved to empower Mr. Halsey to work with the Attorney General's office to explore legal options to allow the existing charter schools to remain open so that the state legislature can explore a legislative fix. Commissioner Jacka seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion Regarding Commission & Commissioner Communications to External Stakeholders

Commissioner McGuire moved to empower Mr. Halsey to develop, and Commissioners to adopt, an official position regarding the Supreme Court's ruling and to use that position with external stakeholders and appointing bodies. Commissioner Williams seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioners McGuire, Hill, Williams, and Wright thanked the Commission Leadership Team for their work to date and acknowledged the difficulty of the circumstances.

The Commission adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

