

STATE OF WASHINGTON
CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION
Thursday, June 20, 2013 – 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Seattle University, Loyola 203
901 12th Ave
Seattle, WA 98122

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Dr. Doreen Cato, Trish Millines Dziko, Kevin Jacka, Chris Martin, Dr. Margit McGuire, Dave Quall, Steve Sundquist, Cindi Williams, and Larry Wright (participated by telephone).

Staff: RaShelle Davis, Policy Advisor

OPENING AND WELCOME

Chair Steve Sundquist called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. Attendance was taken, all Commissioners except for Doreen Cato were present, and it was determined that a quorum was present to proceed with the meeting. Each Commissioner and staff member made a self-introduction.

Bob Hughes, Dean of Seattle University's School of Education welcomed the Commission to the campus. Minutes from the May 28th Commission meeting were reviewed and approved – Commissioner Martin moved and Commissioner Dziko seconded the approval.

Commissioner Cato arrived at 10:20 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Commission met in executive session to interview Patti Larriva and Steve Rowley.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Following the Executive Session, two individuals provided public testimony.

Debi Lorence of the League of Oregon Charter Schools reminded the Commission of Oregon's upcoming charter conference in August and extended an invitation for the Commission to attend.

Melissa Westbrook made two comments regarding the Commission's proposed rules: 1) the definition of "at-risk" students includes students involved in gifted programs and 2) the letter of intent should specify whether the school will be new or a conversion.

CHAIR REPORT

Chair Sundquist provided a report of his activities. The Commission voted to invite Superintendent Randy Dorn to visit an upcoming meeting (Commissioner Cato moved and Commissioner Williams seconded) and to visit Lincoln Center at Lincoln High School in Tacoma (Commissioner Cato moved and Commissioner Martin seconded). Chair Sundquist also mentioned that he will be out of the country and that Vice Chair Wright would be acting chair in the Chair's absence (Commissioner Dziko moved and Commissioner Quall seconded). All votes were unanimous.

STAFF REPORT

RaShelle Davis discussed the Commission's budget and encouraged Commissioners to register for the listserv. All of the Commissioners were in favor of purchasing computers for Commissioners who needed them to perform their Commission duties.

RULEMAKING AND PLANNING

Commissioner Quall discussed conversion schools and some of his concerns regarding the threshold required for a conversion.

The Commission agreed to hold a second public hearing in eastern Washington that would be attended by Commissioners Jacka and Martin.

The Commission assigned tasks as follows:

- 1) Notice of Intent – RaShelle
- 2) Strategic Vision – Executive Committee
- 3) Application Rubric – Commissioners Martin, Cato, McGuire, Dziko
- 4) Evaluator Roles – Commissioners Jacka and Williams
- 5) Draft Contract – Commissioners Dziko and Sundquist

REVIEW NACSA'S PROPOSAL

Commissioner Williams moved and Commissioner Cato seconded NACSA's engagement proposal.

TRAVEL/CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY

The Commission approved the policy with staff added to the language.

STRATEGIC VISION DISCUSSION

The following items were listed as key components to the strategic vision developed during a Commission brainstorm: High quality; Significantly improve student outcomes for at risk students; Multiple measures of achievement; Authentic and sustainable charters connected to the communities they serve; Expansion of authority for teachers; Neighborhood schools; Acceleration of innovation; Sharing of best practice of learnings; Building strong community commitments and business relationships; Support Washington state innovators; Diverse portfolio of delivery models; Cultural sensitivity and responsiveness; and Strong charter boards and governance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Commission went into executive session to discuss applicant interviews and candidates at 3:55 p.m.

ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Commission discussed the candidates. Commissioner Dziko moved to continue the search and to not make an offer to either candidate. Commissioner Cato seconded the motion. All were in favor.

The Commission discussed other options for finding an Executive Director including contracting and hiring a search firm.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.