

STATE OF WASHINGTON
CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION
Thursday, August 22, 2013 – 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Everett Community College
2000 Tower Street
Jackson Conference Center, Senate Training Room 106

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Dr. Doreen Cato, Trish Millines Dziko, Kevin Jacka, Chris Martin, Dr. Margit McGuire, Dave Quall, Steve Sundquist, and Cindi Williams.

Excused: Larry Wright

Staff: RaShelle Davis, Policy Advisor

OPENING AND WELCOME

Chair Steve Sundquist called the meeting to order at 11:07 a.m. Attendance was taken, all Commissioners except for Doreen Cato, Kevin Jacka, Trish Dziko and Larry Wright 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.

Minutes from the July 30th Commission meeting were reviewed and approved – Commissioner Martin moved and Commissioner Quall seconded the approval.

PUBLIC HEARING

Earl Lee – discussed concerns regarding disparities in education and access for students with special needs and students of color. He advocates for charter schools to reach these students and to close the opportunity gap.

Brittany Weaver – is with Charter Schools of Sunnyside and wants innovative options to raise the standard of education for students in central Washington. Charter schools offer an incredible opportunity for special needs students and English language learners.

Melissa Westbrook – appreciates having a notice of intent that will indicate whether a school is a conversion school. She also mentioned the pending law suit that was filed in King County Court and hopes that the litigation will move forward in a quick fashion so the issue can be settled.

Debi Lorence – thanked the Commissioners who attended the League of Oregon Charter Schools Conference.

REVIEW OF COMMISSION DOCUMENTS

The Commission reviewed the Notice of Intent and approved it. Commissioner Martin made the motion and it was seconded by Commissioners Quall and Williams.

At 11:35, Commissioner Cato arrived. At 11:50, Commissioner Jacka arrived.

The Commission reviewed the State Board of Education's proposed rules. It was decided that Chair Sundquist would attend SBE's September meeting in Yakima and provide the Commission's recommendations to change language, include organization performance, and change the due date to January 31. Commissioner Cato made the motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Martin. All Commissioners were in favor.

The Commission reviewed the strategic vision and it was approved with all in favor. Commissioner Cato made the motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Martin.

The Commission reviewed the RFP Evaluation Team Document. It was modified to include charter authorizing experience.

At 1:15pm Commissioner Dziko arrived.

The Commission reviewed its proposed rules and public comments. The Commission voted to adopt proposed rules with revisions. Commissioner Cato made the motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Dziko. All Commissioners were in favor.

The Commission reviewed the rubric and it was decided that the Commission would continue to work on the rubric and bring forward a version for approval at the September 12th meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Commission went into executive session to discuss candidates for the Executive Director position.

ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Sundquist moved to spend more time to interview and gather information on additional candidates. Commissioner Martin seconded. All Commissioners were in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:12 p.m.