

**STATE OF WASHINGTON
CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION**

Thursday, October 17, 2013 – 10:00 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.
Maggie Perez Student Success Center (Ahtanum Room)

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

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

Absent: Larry Wright

Staff: Joshua Halsey, Executive Director

RaShelle Davis, Policy Advisor

OPENING AND WELCOME

Chair Steve Sundquist called the meeting to order at 10:11a.m. Attendance was taken. The following Commissioners were present: Dr. Doreen Cato, Trish Millines Dziko, Chris Martin, Dr. Margit McGuire, Dave Quall, and Steve Sundquist. 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 October 16-17 Commission meeting were reviewed and approved – Commissioner Dziko moved and Commissioner Cato seconded the approval.

PUBLIC HEARING

Heriberto Godina – an associate professor from the University of El Paso spoke on behalf of and support of the Cesar Chavez Charter School, which will provide dual language instruction.

Nevaeh Patterson – her grandma is Bertha-Alicia who is planning to open a charter school.

Jaymien Salinas – his grandma is Bertha-Alicia who is planning to open a charter school in Yakima, Washington.

Gary Martin – is a dentist and native of Sunnyside. He thanks the Commission for the work that it does to support the charter school system in Washington.

Derek Weaver – is from Grandview and supports the Sunnyside Charter School application. Most of his family attends charter schools in Colorado. He has lived in Guatemala and ran a humanitarian foundation in Mexico. He is a family medicine doctor.

Lisa MacFarland – is representing Democrats for Education Reform. She mentioned that in the online training funding model the template is just for state funding and that transportation funding is different for high schools, middle schools, and elementary schools. In addition, in the proposed contract, the Commission should consider having a workgroup to review the contract's provisions, which may have a

chilling effect in a few places. For instance, the contract imposes enrollment caps, which is a violation of law because the authorizer can't restrict the number of children who can be enrolled. Also, on the NOI it states that the contract cannot be negotiated.

Alex Santillanes – is from California, but is a twenty-year resident of Yakima Valley. He works as a gang intervention specialist and supports the Cesar Chavez Charter School.

At 10:28 a.m. Commissioner Williams arrived.

Ray Azure – is from the International Technology Foundation in Toppenish, which is 80% Hispanic and 15% Native American. He is a science teacher.

Bertha-Alicia Garza – introduced her leadership from the Cesar Chavez Charter School.

Alan Villevik – grew up in Yakima and graduated from Yakima High School in 1952. He reinforced the importance of a bilingual school in Yakima and supports the Cesar Chavez Charter School.

CHAIR REPORT

Chair Sundquist discussed the successful RFP release. The Commission has 7 notice of intents posted on the Commission's webpage and two more were recently received. He mentioned that he was interviewed on TVW's Inside Olympia. The Commission also had a successful application orientation on Wednesday, October 16 in Seattle.

At 10:38 Commissioner Jacka arrived.

NACSA UPDATES

NACSA provided the Commission with an overview of the application evaluation and interview process. The Commission voted to have four applications per evaluation team and empowered NACSA to bring forward evaluation teams to review the applications. The Commission's legal counsel was charged to memorialize a MOU of this process and Executive Director Halsey was empowered to execute the MOU. This was moved by Commissioner Cato and seconded by Commissioner Martin. All Commissioners were in favor.

The Commission also voted to purchase recording equipment for the interviews.

NACSA has solicited proposals from three communication firms to provide 6 months of service (planning messaging, media training, and media materials). The costs ranged from \$25,000 to \$90,000.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Commission went into executive session to discuss communications from 1:15pm to 1:38 pm.

RULEMAKING

The Commission decided that rulemaking is needed on public disclosure and revocation/denial of a contract. It was also moved and seconded that Executive Director Halsey would be designated as the Commission's Rules Coordinator.

APPLICATION Q&A

Applications will be reviewed during a single process – not on a rolling basis.

HUMAN RESOURCE DISCUSSION

Chair Sundquist proposed organizing a subcommittee to transition Executive Director Halsey into his new role. The Commission empowered Executive Director Halsey to move forward with hiring an executive assistant – moved by Chair Sundquist and seconded by McGuire.

SUBCOMMITTEES

The Commission formed the following subcommittees:

Evaluation Team – Commissioners McGuire, Jacka, and Williams

Interview/Public Forum Team – Commissioners Jacka, McGuire, Quall, Cato, and Dziko

Communication Team – Commissioners Martin, Cato, Jacka, Dziko, and Williams

Legal/Policy Team – Commissioners McGuire, Sundquist, and Wright

Contract Team – Commissioners Cato, Sundquist, and Wright

ED Support Team – Commissioners Cato, Martin, Sundquist, Dziko, and Wright

MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2014

Jan 30 (Seattle)

Feb 13 (Spokane)

March 27

April 24

May 22

June 10

July 29

August 21

September 23

October 9

November 13

December 11

The Commission adjourned at 4:45 p.m.