



## CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, January 17, 2019 | 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Olympic Educational Service District 114 (Room 204) | 105 National Avenue N, Bremerton, WA 98312

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### Attendance:

Jessica Garcia, Dan Grimm, Trish Millines Dziko, Jessica Garcia, Kaaren Heikes, Dr. Kristina Mayer, Dr. Margit McGuire, Gayle Pauley, Steve Sundquist, and Cindi Williams.

Leadership Team: Joshua Halsey, Executive Director; Paula Kitzke, Deputy Director; Krystal Starwich, New School Application Director; Alyce McNeil, Communications Director; Daniel Nyachuba, School Evaluation Analyst; Aileen Miller, Assistant Attorney General and Amanda Martinez, Executive Assistant.

### Call To Order

#### Roll Call

Chair Williams called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. The following Commissioners were present: Jessica Garcia, Dr. Kristina Mayer, Cindi Williams, Steve Sundquist, Dan Grimm, Dr. Margit McGuire, Kaaren Heikes. It was determined that a quorum was present to proceed with the meeting. Commissioner Dziko joined at 10:45 a.m. Commissioner Pauley joined by video conference at 11:04 a.m. and left the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

### Consideration of Consent Agenda

The meeting minutes for the November 15, 2018 Commission meeting, Executive Director Report and standing committee updates were reviewed. Commissioner Mayer moved to approve the consent agenda while removing the Executive Director Report and Performance Committee updates. Commissioner Sundquist seconded. The motion passed unanimously with no opposes; no abstentions.

### Public Comment

Dr. Thelma Jackson, Board Chair of SOAR Academy provided public testimony in support of Green Dot's expansion request for Destiny Middle School and an update of SOAR Academy's potential closing.

## **Green Dot Destiny Middle School Grade Expansion Request Consideration**

Joe Hailey, Green Dot Public Schools Washington Board Chair; Bree Dusseault, Executive Director of Green Dot Public Schools Washington; and Patrick D’Amelio, Executive Director of Washington State Charter Schools Association (WA Charters) provided background and update regarding the grade expansion request submitted to the Commission. Green Dot has rescinded this request and has submitted a Notice of Intent to Apply in the New Charter School Application process. Discussion included the following topics:

- Current middle school operation
- Financial stability and funding gaps
- Philanthropic support
- Parent and Community engagement
- Student population

## **Educational Equity Engagement**

Melia LaCour, equity consultant, continued the discussion with Commissioners and staff regarding educational equity and moving toward drafting an educational equity policy for the Commission.

Commissioner Pauley moves to give Executive Committee authority to approve definitions for distribution to and input from key stakeholder groups. Commissioner Dziko seconded. The motion passed unanimously with no opposes; no abstentions.

## **Executive Director Report**

Executive Director Halsey provided an update on the change to the February 2019 Commission Meeting date from February 14, 2019 to February 28, 2019 in Lakewood, WA.

Executive Director Halsey provided a reminder that there is still one Goodwill Tour of Willow Public School on April 9, 2019.

Executive Director Halsey provided an update and final copy of the State Board of Education’s Annual Charter School Report submitted to the legislature and Governor.

## **Charter School Performance Committee**

Executive Director Halsey provided an update on the work of the Performance Committee. An update of the Academic Performance Framework will be presented to the Commission for consideration at the March meeting. Proposed change will be to move away from the district comparison and towards an assigned school comparison after with input from stakeholders.

## **Chair Report**

### **Commissioner Appointment Updates**

Chair Williams provided an update on the final open Commissioner position and will continue to work with the appropriate policy-makers to support the appointment process. Office of Superintendent of

Public Instruction (OSPI) has appointed Gayle Pauley, Assistant Superintendent of Special Programs and Federal Accountability as designee. The Governor has appointed Heather Lechner, Executive Director of Education at Technology Access Foundation.

### **Commissioner Self-Assessment Update**

Chair Williams provided an update regarding a Commissioner Self-assessment survey results and will spend time at the February meeting for deeper analysis and discussion.

### **Executive Director Annual Performance Update**

Chair Williams provided an update on the Executive Director Annual Performance process. Executive Committee will be reaching out to Executive Director Halsey's colleagues and will complete the review at the February meeting.

### **Executive Session**

No Executive Session was needed.

### **Next Steps**

Chair Williams identified the following next steps:

1. Follow up on open Commissioner Appointment
2. Racial Equity Professional Development and Policy Development
3. Prepare for the new Charter School Application Cycle
4. Prepare for Legislative Day in February
5. CREDO at Stanford University Washington State Charter Schools Report results in February
6. Continue developing a Commissioner pipeline
7. SOAR Academy Update in February
8. Executive Director Performance Review in February

### **Meeting Adjournment**

Chair Williams adjourned the meeting at 4:07 p.m.