



CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, December 16, 2021 | 10:01 a.m. to 1:33 p.m.

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Attendance:

Dr. Donald Felder, Jessica Garcia, Dan Grimm, Chris Korsmo, Steve Litzow, Harium Martin-Morris, Dr. Margit McGuire and Christine Varela.

Leadership Team: Krystal Starwich, Interim Executive Director; Morgan Sampson, Director of School Quality & Accountability; Kara Lowe, Business Operations Manager; Lindsey Westerfield, Oversight Specialist; Elizabeth McAmis, Assistant Attorney General; and Amanda Martinez, Chief of Staff.

Call To Order

Roll Call

Chair Korsmo called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. The following Commissioners were present: Dr. Donald Felder, Jessica Garcia, Dan Grimm, Chris Korsmo, Steve Litzow, Harium Martin-Morris and Dr. Margit McGuire. It was determined that a quorum was present to proceed with the meeting. Commissioner Varela arrived at 10:25 a.m.

Consent Agenda

The meeting minutes for the December 16, 2021 Commission meeting, January 14, 202 Special Meeting and standing committee updates were reviewed. Commissioner Litzow moved to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Litzow seconded. The motion passed, with no opposes; no abstentions.

Public Comment

Ella Galaites, Summit Atlas student, provided public testimony in favor of Summit: Atlas' charter contract renewal application.

Simon Mehari, Summit Atlas student, provided public testimony in favor of Summit: Atlas' charter contract renewal application.

Sofia Mitalas, Summit Atlas student, provided public testimony in favor of Summit: Atlas' charter contract renewal application.

Delaney Gibson, Summit Atlas student, provided public testimony in favor of Summit: Atlas' charter contract renewal application.

Naeema Surin, Summit Atlas teacher, provided public testimony in favor of Summit: Atlas' charter contract renewal application.

Mackenzie Mills, Summit Atlas teacher, provided public testimony in favor of Summit: Atlas' charter contract renewal application.

Jeff Stein, Summit Atlas teacher, provided public testimony in favor of Summit: Atlas' charter contract renewal application.

Lauren Uhl, Summit Atlas teacher, provided public testimony in favor of Summit: Atlas' charter contract renewal application.

John Marshall, Summit Atlas teacher, provided public testimony in favor of Summit: Atlas' charter contract renewal application.

Brynne Burkhalter, Summit Atlas parent, provided public testimony in favor of Summit: Atlas' charter contract renewal application.

Manuela Slye, Summit Atlas parent, provided public testimony in favor of Summit: Atlas' charter contract renewal application.

Rachel Hagenson, Summit Atlas parent, provided public testimony in favor of Summit: Atlas' charter contract renewal application.

Kristen Walsh, Summit Atlas student, provided public testimony in favor of Summit: Atlas' charter contract renewal application.

Charita Dumas, Summit Atlas parent, provided public testimony in favor of Summit: Atlas' charter contract renewal application.

Ya'Vonne Hubbard, Summit Atlas parent, provided public testimony in favor of Summit: Atlas' charter contract renewal application.

Lonni Foster, Summit Atlas parent, provided public testimony in favor of Summit: Atlas' charter contract renewal application.

Executive Session

An Executive Session was begun at 10:43 a.m. pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, RCW 42.30.110(1) to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency.

Open Session

At 11:10 a.m., Vice Chair Martin-Morris resumed open session stating that no final action had been taken during the Executive Session.

Summit Atlas Charter Contract Renewal Update

Chair Korsmo has recused from all matters pertaining to Summit Atlas and did not attend the Executive Session.

Vice Chair Martin-Morris provided an update on the Summit Atlas charter contract renewal update. Commission staff are continuing to gather information for the Commission to make an informed renewal decision.

Chair Report

Chair Korsmo provided an update to the Commission that an offer had been made to Ms. Jessica de Barros for the interim Executive Director role. Start date and salary for Ms. de Barros will be made at the January 20, 2022 special meeting.

Vice Chair Martin-Morris provided an update on the Request for Proposal (RFP) for a search consulting firm for the recruitment of Executive Director candidates. In consultation with Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction and Department of Enterprise Services, the December 2021 motion for delegated authority to the Executive Committee is in conflict with state procurement law.

Commissioner Martin-Morris moved to delegate authority to Commissioner Varela, staff members Amanda Martinez and Krystal Starwich to evaluate and score the RFP responses for a search consultant and select the winning bidder from the procurement process. This Commissioner and staff will also be responsible for negotiating and awarding the contract. Commissioner Grimm seconded. The motion passed, with no opposes; no abstentions.

Commissioner May has resigned from the Commission due to her role at Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction changing. Commissioner and staff recognized Dr. May's service on the Commission and to charter public students.

Chair Korsmo provided a reminder that there are currently two open positions on the Commission from resignations and that there will be two further positions open from Commissioners McGuire and Garcia's terms ending in March of 2022. In addition to the newly vacant OSPI designee, the four open positions will be two Governor Appointees, one House Majority and one House Minority.

Interim Executive Director Report

General Updates

Interim Executive Director Starwich provided a staffing update. A new Oversight Specialist has been hired and will begin in mid-February.

Interim Executive Director Starwich provided an update on two House Bills that are being monitored by the staff and Legislative committee: House Bill 1962 to extend the authorizing window to April 3, 2027 and House Bill 1591 regarding levy equalization funding in the amount of \$1,550 per student. Further updates will be provided.

Interim Executive Director Starwich provided a reminder of the Public Disclosure Commission's F-1 Personal Financial Affairs Statement is due for Commissioners in April.

Executive Session

No executive session was needed.

Next Steps

Chair Korsmo identified the following next steps:

1. Executive Director Search
2. Interim Executive Director Hiring
3. Summit Public Schools: Atlas Renewal Decision
4. Renewal Contract Considerations

Meeting Adjournment

Chair Korsmo adjourned the meeting at 11:43 a.m.