



## CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, March 11, 2021 | 6:00 p.m. to 7:03 p.m.

Zoom, Virtual Only

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### Attendance:

Dr. Don Felder, Jessica Garcia, Dan Grimm, Chris Korsmo, Dr. Heather Lechner, Steve Litzow, Harium Martin-Morris, Tania May, Dr. Kristina Mayer, Dr. Margit McGuire and Christine Varela.

Leadership Team: Joshua Halsey, Executive Director; Krystal Starwich, Deputy Director; Leslie Hayden, Oversight Specialist; Kara Lowe, Oversight Specialist; Elizabeth McAmis, Assistant Attorney General; and Amanda Martinez, Executive Assistant.

### Call To Order

#### Roll Call

Chair Lechner called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The following Commissioners were present: Dr. Don Felder, Jessica Garcia, Chris Korsmo, Dr. Heather Lechner, Steve Litzow, Harium Martin-Morris, Tania May, Dr. Kristina Mayer and Christine Varela. Commissioner McGuire arrived at 6:04 p.m. Commissioner Grimm arrived at 6:09 p.m. It was determined that a quorum was present to proceed with the meeting.

### Consent Agenda

The meeting minutes for the February 18, 2021 Commission meeting and standing committee updates were reviewed. Commissioner Martin-Morris moved to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Garcia seconded. The motion passed, with no opposes; no abstentions.

### Public Comment

No public comment was provided.

### Chair Report

Chair Lechner provided an overview of the Executive Director banding and salary. At the October 2020 Commission meeting, the Commission had moved to seek approval from State Human Resources to move the Executive Director into the next pay band. With the update to the Charter School Act's language of the Commission's authority of the Executive Director position, the Executive Committee no longer feels that the request to State Human Resources is necessary.

Chair Lechner moved to rescind the October 2020 motion that the board seek approval to move the Executive Director position to the next higher pay band. Commissioner Mayer seconded. The motion passed, with no opposes; no abstentions.

Chair Lechner moved for the Commission to send a letter to submit a letter to State Human Resources outlining the Commission's authority to remove the exempt salary banding for the Executive Director position and to move the current salary from \$149,296 to \$154,525. Commissioner Mayer seconded. The motion passed, with no opposes; one abstention.

## **Charter Contract Consideration**

Executive Director Halsey provided an overview of the newly authorized charter public school and their negotiated contract.

### **Rooted School Vancouver**

Chair Lechner moved to approve the Rooted School Vancouver charter contract as presented. Commissioner Kosrmo seconded. The motion passed, with no opposes; no abstentions.

## **Complaint Policy Consideration**

Executive Director Halsey provided an overview on the complaint process and the draft policy. Commissioners engaged in discussion around the policy.

Chair Lechner moved to adopt the Commission's Complaint Policy as presented. Commissioner Litzow seconded. The motion passed with no opposes; no abstentions.

## **School Re-Opening Plans**

Commission Oversight Specialists Leslie Hayden and Kara Lowe provided an overview of the currently operating schools' re-opening status based on information gathered at the Quality School Reviews. Commissioners engaged in discussion regarding the re-opening plans.

## **Executive Director Report**

### **General Updates**

Executive Director Halsey provided COVID-19 updates. Commission staff continue to work with the currently operating and planning year schools to provide guidance and be a resource during this time.

Executive Director Halsey provided a reminder to Commissioners regarding the F-1 Financial Affairs Statement due by April 15.

Executive Director Halsey provided follow up from the Commission's equity engagement with contractor Nicole Franklin of Enhanced Interactions, LLC.

Executive Director Halsey announced his departure as the Executive Director for the Commission. Executive Director Halsey will continue to work through the summer as the Commission conducts a search for the next Executive Director.

## **Executive Session**

No Executive Session was needed.

## **Next Steps**

Chair Lechner identified the following next steps:

1. School Re-opening Plans and Update
2. Executive Director Search
3. Commissioner Equity Trainings
4. Rulemaking Updates
5. Renewal Contract Considerations
6. Organizational Performance Reports
7. Budget Re-consideration
8. Charter School Explicit Renewal Criteria

## **Meeting Adjournment**

Chair Lechner adjourned the meeting at 7:03 p.m.