



CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, August 20, 2020 | 10:00 a.m. to 12:55 p.m.

Zoom, Virtual Only

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Attendance:

Dr. Donald Felder, Jessica Garcia, Dan Grimm, Chris Korsmo, Heather Lechner, Harium Martin-Morris, Dr. Kristina Mayer, Dr. Margit McGuire, Gayle Pauley, 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 Mayer called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. The following Commissioners were present: Donald Felder, Jessica Garcia, Dan Grimm, Chris Korsmo, Heather Lechner, Harium Martin-Morris, Kristina Mayer, Margit McGuire, Gayle Pauley, and Christine Varela. It was determined that a quorum was present to proceed with the meeting. Commissioner Grimm left the meeting at 11:00 a.m. and re-entered the meeting at 12:00 p.m. Commissioner Paley left the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Public Comment

No public comment was provided.

Consent Agenda

The meeting minutes for the June 26, 2020 Commission meeting and standing committee updates were reviewed. Commissioner Varela moved to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Korsmo seconded. The motion passed, with no opposes; no abstentions.

Chair Report

Commission Officer Elections

Per Commission Bylaws, Officer Elections were held.

Commissioner Varela moved to nominate Commissioner Lechner as Chair and Commissioner Korsmo as Vice Chair. Commissioner Pauley seconded. The motion passed, with no opposes; no abstentions.

Commissioner Martin-Morris moved to nominate Commissioner Mayer as Commissioner-at-Large. Commissioner McGuire seconded. The motion passed, with no opposes; no abstentions.

Standing Committee Reminder

Chair Mayer provided a reminder that standing committee reassignments will take place at the September Commission meeting.

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 is in direct contact with Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) and Superintendent Rekydal to receive updates in real time. The oversight team will work closely with the schools on their reopening plans. Commission staff will be furloughed one day per week for the month of July as a result of the Governor and Office of Financial Management (OFM) directive for agencies.

Executive Director Halsey provided an update on the three planning year schools. The Oversight Team has been conducting monthly meetings and onboarding learning sessions for these schools.

Executive Director Halsey provided an update on the Summit Public Schools Washington Special Education Enforcement Action. Based upon an outside investigation and Summit's response to the Notice of Perceived Problems, corrective action was issued on February 28, 2020 for being out of compliance with the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA) and Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE). Summit submitted an updated corrective action plan to the Commission on May 13th. Commission staff met with Summit personnel on May 19th, May 26th, and June 19th to discuss the updated plan and to clarify outstanding questions. These questions have been clarified and the plan is close to being approved. Once approved, monitoring of the corrective action plan will begin.

Annual and Biennium Budget Discussion and Consideration

Executive Director Halsey provided an overview of the agency's budget. This update included fiscal year 2020's budget to date for informational purposes, fiscal year 2021's proposed budget and 2021-2023 biennial budget for consideration.

Chair Mayer moved to adopt the 2021 fiscal year expenses and 2021-23 agency biennium budget as presented. Commissioner Garcia seconded. The motion passed, with no opposes; no abstentions

Charter School Performance Update

School-Specific Goals Update and Overview

Leslie Hayden, Oversight Specialist, provided an overview of operating schools' 2019-20 school-specific goals. Due to COVID-19 and to further integrate educational equity work at the school level, school-specific goal guidance and development has been updated for the 2020-21 school year. Ms. Hayden presented this guidance.

Transitional Kindergarten Update

Deputy Director Starwich provided an update on Transitional Kindergarten. Commission staff, along with the Authorization Committee, continue to develop policy and a regulatory framework for consideration by January 2021.

Educational Equity Policy Update

Executive Director Halsey provided an overview and timeline to date of the Commission's adopted Educational Equity Policy, which requires annual review and re-adoption. Executive Director will engage with community and students on this policy. Commissioners reflected on the Educational Equity Policy and engaged in discussion. Commissioners will continue to review and discuss at the committee and monthly meetings.

Executive Session

No Executive Session was needed.

Next Steps

Chair Mayer identified the following next steps:

1. 2021 Legislative Priorities
2. New School Application Process
3. 2021 Agency Biennium Budget
4. Strategic Plan Update – Equity Policy Implementation
5. Commission Policy Overviews
6. Executive Committee Elections
7. Charter School Renewals

Meeting Adjournment

Chair Mayer adjourned the meeting at 12:55 p.m.