

**Minutes of the
North Carolina Charter School Advisory Board
REMOTE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING**

May 26, 2022

10:30AM

Attendance – CSAB Members	
Jamey Falkenbury (non-voting) – absent Rita Haire John Eldridge Cheryl Turner Hilda Parlér – absent Shelly Bullard – absent	Eric Sanchez Terry Stoops Bruce Friend Todd Godbey
Attendance – Other	
<i>Office of Charter Schools</i> Dave Machado, Director Ashley Baquero, Consultant Claire Porter, Consultant Melanie Rackley, Consultant Joseph Letterio, Consultant Jenna Cook, Consultant Darian Jones, Consultant Jay Whalen, NC ACCESS Barbara O’Neal, NC ACCESS Davida Robinson, NC ACCESS	<i>Attorney General</i> Stephanie Lloyd – absent Forrest Fallanca <i>SBE Attorney</i> Allison Schafer – absent

CALL TO ORDER

- The North Carolina Charter School Advisory Board (CSAB) meeting was called to order at 10:30 am by Chair Turner who read the Ethics Statement and CSAB Mission Statement. Mr. Eric Sanchez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion: Motion to approve the agenda.

Motion: Bruce Friend

Second: John Eldridge

Vote: Unanimous

Passed

Failed

Motion: I move that we go into closed session pursuant to NC General Statute section 143-318.11(a)(3) to consult with our attorneys in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorneys and the public body. 10:33AM

Motion: John Eldridge

Second: Terry Stoops

Vote: Unanimous

Passed

Failed

Motion: I move that we move out of closed session and back to open meeting. 10:51AM

Motion: Bruce Friend

Second: Eric Sanchez

Vote: Unanimous

Passed

Failed

AMENDMENT REQUESTS

The Learning Center

- Ms. Ashley Baquero, OCS Consultant, explained that The Learning Center is one of the oldest charter schools serving grades K-9 in Murphy NC. She stated the school recently alerted the Department of Public Instruction that due to financial issues, they are no longer to operate the charter school. She continued that investigations will also take place and that there appears to be financial problems leading to the inability of the school to continue. She stated the request needs to go to State Board of Education (SBE) for a final approval of charter termination.

Motion: Motion to approve The Learning Center’s relinquishment effective June 30, 2022.

Motion: Bruce Friend

Second: John Eldridge

Vote: Unanimous

Passed

Failed

Revitalize Charter School

- Ms. Baquero stated the school is in the current RTO cohort scheduled to open this upcoming fall and going to State Board of Education for final approval this upcoming July. She stated the school has realized it will not make enrollment targets and has had facility issues that would preclude a fall opening. Ms. Ansel Caceres made an argument to CSAB asking that the board approve a delay for the school. Revitalize board member Rafiq Kalam Id-Din II made an argument for bypassing rules on delays to allow this school another year of planning.
- Mr. Friend stated that he appreciates the arguments, but the rules apply to all candidates and they are spelled out very clearly in the beginning of the application process. He stated the process for accelerated applications is laid out and has been shared with this group since September 2021 and as recently as last month. He stated the rules were known.
- Mr. Eric Sanchez stated if we were to grant this, it really blurs the lines of when people decide to do accelerated versus regular timeline. He stated we don’t want to make that part of our process. Ms. Turner agreed and she stated the acceleration requirements are extremely clear and we know it is a heavy lift. She stated if you chose it, it is with the understanding that it is a heavy lift.

Motion: Motion to deny the delay request from Revitalize Charter School.

Motion: Bruce Friend

Second: Eric Sanchez

Vote: Unanimous

Passed

Failed

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Terry Stoops made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:06AM. Mr. Friend seconded and the meeting adjourned unanimously.