

**Minutes of the North Carolina Charter School Advisory Board**  
**State Board Room 755, Department of Public Instruction**  
**April 11, 2023**  
**9 AM**

Attendance – CSAB Members	
Dr. Terry Stoops (nonvoting)- Absent Dr. Rita Haire- Virtual Dr. John Eldridge Cheryl Turner Hilda Parlér- Virtual Dr. Shelly Shope- Absent	Eric Sanchez- Absent Bruce Friend Dave Machado Todd Godbey- Absent Dr. Bartley Danielson Stephen Gay- Virtual
Attendance – Other	
<i>Office of Charter Schools</i> Ashley Baquero, Director Joseph Letterio, Consultant- Virtual Melanie Rackley, Consultant- Absent Jenna Cook, Consultant Darian Jones, Consultant- Absent Natasha Norins, Consultant Nicky Niewinski, Consultant Davida Robinson, NC ACCESS- Virtual Barbara O’Neal, NC ACCESS- Virtual	<i>Attorney General</i> Zach Padget  <i>SBE Attorney</i> Allison Schafer  <i>Teacher/Principal of Year</i> William Storrs- Absent Maria Mills- Absent Jeremy White- Absent

Recording of April CSAB Meeting: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VAoQLL-1vQw>

**Call To Order**

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Dr. Bartley Danielson, Board Member

**Mission and Ethics Statement:**

- Mission and Ethics Statement, Ms. Cheryl Turner, Board Chair
- Mr. Dave Machado- recused from CSUSA Discussion and Votes

**Approval of the Agenda and Minutes**

**Motion: Mr. Bruce Friend motioned to approve agenda for April Meeting**

Second: Dr. John Eldridge

Vote: Unanimous

Passed                       Failed

**Motion: Bruce Friend motioned to approve March 2023 minutes**

Second: Dr. Bartley Danielson

Vote: Unanimous

Passed                       Failed

**Motion: Dr. John Eldridge motioned to approve Revised 2023 Meeting Calendar**

Second: Bruce Friend

Vote: Unanimous

Passed

Failed

**April Charter School Advisory Board Meeting**

**My FutureNC Update:** Ms. Cecilia Holden, President/CEO; Ms. Gina Zhang, Research and Data Analysis Manager

- Reviews general assembly law and goal.
- Progress towards goal.
- Data driven; research driven.
- County and State attainment profiles reviewed.
- 2022 opportunities for growth; charter school profiles are in progress.
- Charter schools not by county, by region.
- Attainment initiatives: FAFSA completion an opportunity for charter schools.
- 50% of charters who serve high schoolers have data sharing agreements in place with CFNC.
- Will share information with OCS re: list of who has data sharing and how to get data sharing for charter schools who are interested.
- Dr. Eldridge- new companies coming to NC, are they part of this? Answer: Yes.
- Mr. Friend- Any regions ahead of where they should be? Answer: Everyone making progress. Varies across the state due to size and population.
- Dr. Danielson- Degrees not people? Answer: 5 degrees doesn't give it 5x. Skilled individuals to fill jobs. Advisory Board for My FutureNC: How many are educators who provide credentials? Answer: Variety of disciplines represented- K12, Community College, university, business and industry.
- Ms. Turner- Anyway to see what credentials are needed in what zone? Answer: yes.

**Charter Amendments:** Ms. Nicky Niewinski, OCS Consultant

1. Clover Garden Relocation
  - Requesting ability to relocate to a temporary location. K-12 school, serving 680 students. Currently building new location for 9-12. Originally scheduled to open in July, was approved by OCS as relocation under 5 miles. In March, school was told construction was delayed. Now looking at their contingency plan. This temporary building is 10 miles away.
  - Ms. Turner: How long will they need? NN: Hoping it will only take about 6 months, move Jan 2024.
  - Mr. Machado: Has anyone looked at building? Have an ECO? NN: No one has looked but we have a document stating it is currently used for ed purposes.
  - Ms. Turner: Will whole school move or will only HS move? Ms. Vereyken: Just HS students (9-12), temporarily. Hopefully 6 mos or less. Current campus will operate as K-8. New campus for 9-12.
  - Mr. Friend: How many HS students? Ms. Vereyken: 270. There was another school in that location temporarily.

**Motion: Dr. John Eldridge motioned to approve Cover Garden’s request to relocate.**

Second: Bruce Friend

Vote: Unanimous

- Passed                       Failed

2. Movement NW Enrollment

- Ms. Niewinski presented information. Tim Hurley online to answer questions. Requesting a reduction in target enrollment for year 1 (from 250 to 125). This aligns with Movement School Model. As of March 13, school had 96 students enrolled. Charts uploaded in materials provided to CSAB/on EBoard.
- Ms. Turner- Recused.
- Mr. Machado: Is school currently in RTO Ms. Niewinski: Yes. Mr. Machado: Is this so they can get closer to the 75%? Mr. Hurley: Yes, we reduced this number in all upcoming applications. Recruiting 1<sup>st</sup> grade is really challenging. We would rather budget conservatively.
- Mr. Friend: The reason they are requesting is because they are in RTO? Ms. Baquero: Yes. Since they are in their first 5 years of their projection. A major change would be considered a revision.
- Mr. Friend: Why has it been difficult to recruit 1<sup>st</sup> grade? Mr. Hurley: Kindergarten there is no previous school. Asking families to move their students after Kindergarten, it is a bigger ask for families to uproot.
- Mr. Machado: Do you have a location? Mr. Hurley: Yes. It is under construction. We can make our budget work at 125. It is better to launch conservatively and grow from there.
- Dr. Haire: It feels like it is a completely different budget, 50% different from what we approved. I don’t see a revised budget. It’s a big shift. It would be a lot of trust in you. Mr. Hurley: We submitted a revised budget. It is now our standard budget, so it is the way we prefer to open our schools. Dr. Haire: I value the small community feel in your schools. I would like to glance at the revised budget.
- Mr. Friend: Is the plan for 1<sup>st</sup> grade to be 25, and then the next year 2<sup>nd</sup> grade will be 25? Mr. Hurley: Yes, start with a small group of 1<sup>st</sup> graders, we want to keep that group small. Once we get it going the momentum keeps the school going. Mr. Friend: This will be one class of 25 1<sup>st</sup> graders? Does the revised budget include a TA? Mr. Hurley: Yes, One teacher and one TA. Budget change is largely in staffing. We will continue to provide transportation, nutrition, EC coordinator.
- Dr. Eldridge: Are you saying you aren’t going to open the lottery for 2<sup>nd</sup> graders next year? Mr. Hurley: Yes that is how our model works. We want to keep a core group for that first class. Dr. Eldridge: Thinking of families with different grade levels and it may be a challenge. Think there may be opportunities to building on grade levels as you grow for families with parents with older students. Mr. Hurley: We agree it is a challenge. But we want to get really good, and we want to make sure we are delivering on our commitment. We understand we may lose some due to some families not wanting to split up.
- Dr. Haire: You reported you received twice as many Kindergarten applicants. Are you creating a waitlist of Kindergarten or turning Kindergarten away? Mr. Hurley: For NW specifically? Dr. Haire: It may have been all schools. Mr. Hurley: Across all campuses total numbers are high 627. Folks are shifting to campuses closer to where they live. Dr. Haire: Are you stopping at 100, and the rest are waitlisted? Mr. Huley: Yes, they are turned away. For NW, have 151 Kindergarten

applications. Projecting it will take 243 applications to fill our Kindergarten. Part of that, 90% of our students qualify for FRL, folks move, sometimes bus stops become a challenge for those families. Dr. Haire: You said 25% of teachers will come from existing Movement schools, is that still true? Mr. Hurley: Yes

**Motion: Dr. Rita Haire motioned to approve Movement NW's Enrollment request**

Second: Dr. Bart Danielson

Ms. Cheryl Turner Recused.

Mr. Machado: Does this have to go to SBE? Ms. Baquero: YES

Mr. Friend: Going to support, but makes me wonder, if this is something that other schools will want to do. If we don't make 75%, can we just change our enrollment?

Dr. Haire: I agree, but I think they are learning a lot and will make it successful.

Vote: Unanimous

- Passed                       Failed

3. Aspire Trade HS Enrollment

- Ms. Niewinski presented information. Increase in enrollment of 32 for incoming 9<sup>th</sup> graders. Adjustments have been made to building, adding 3 classrooms. As of April 4, meeting required 75% students to open.
- Jennifer Nichols is on the line to answer questions.
- Mr. Friend: Why is this required? Ms. Baquero: It is considered a revision. If they want state funding, they will need to get this approved.
- Mr. Machado: Can we confirm they have the wait list?
- Ms. Turner: They are at 75% Ms. Nichols: As of this morning, we have 162 confirmed enrolled. We are getting more confirmations and enrollments every day. We want to lock in our kids in 9<sup>th</sup> grade because we are a 4-year program. We want to add them now, we don't want to miss them. We don't want to leave kids out if we can help it. We have a lot of interest. Getting more and more exposure in the community. Give them the opportunity to get the hands on experience they need. Ms. Turner: Why 242? Ms. Nichols: We want to lock down every trade area. We have the space and want to have a solid program.
- Mr. Friend: Right now you have 168? Ms. Nichols: Right. 193 apps, 168 confirmed. Of that the split is doing well with 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders. No issues with enrolling 10<sup>th</sup> graders.
- Ms. Turner: You do understand the 75% is of the increase? Ms. Nichols: Yes, we feel confident to meet that.
- Dr. Eldridge: What is the date they need the 75%? Ms. Baquero: In June, and then in July to SBE for final. July SBE is the absolute latest, July 7<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Nichols: At the rate we are going, I anticipate we will have another 60 students by that June date.
- Dr. Haire: Your building is at 65% complete. That is concerning. Ms. Nichols: The amount of work that is being done is moving fast. Drywall up. Don't anticipate any issues. Will be in building by June with ECO in July.

- Ms. Baquero: What is opening date? Ms. Nichols: Aug 23. Furniture will be in July 15. We are on track. Started NSLP. Everyone is hard at work. Hiring teachers.
- Dr. Haire: Your enrollment is exciting. Very innovative. Exciting to see this response. You will be using a vendor now? That's a shift? Ms. Nichols: Yes we took out the big kitchen and went to warming kitchen to help with budget and create 3 more classrooms. The only way to add more students was to add more classrooms. Friday, RFP was sent for vendor.
- Mr. Machado: 242 is aggressive and impressive for 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders . Keep up the good work. Ms. Nichols: We have hit our weighted lottery numbers. Feel good about where we are, getting to low-income community. The only thing we want is more girls. Right now, 75% boys, 25% girls. Families are very excited about this program.

**Motion: Hilda Parlér motioned to approve Aspire Trade HS's Enrollment request**

Second: Mr. Bruce Friend

Mr. Friend: They should have their projections in the right direction before this goes to SBE.

Vote: Unanimous

- Passed  Failed

**RTO I Report- Facilities Update:** Dr. Natasha Norins, OCS Consultant

- All schools for Fall 2023 have successfully completed RTO I.
- 7 out of 8 have leaders hired.
- Reviews current status, applications, and facility update for: Bonnie Cone Leadership Academy; Wayne STEM Academy; Legacy Classical Academy; Mountain City Montessori School; Mountain City Public Montessori School; Movement School Northwest; Greenville Preparatory School; Aspire Trade High School; School of the Arts for Boys Academy
- Mr. Friend mentions concerns over Greenville Preparatory School- No school leader, enrollment low, facility progress. Lack of communication from Board, only from Leaders Building Leaders.
- Dr. Eldridge- Teachers hired so far? Answer: none. Dr. Eldridge: Requesting school come to May CSAB to address concerns.
- Ms. Baquero- May will make preliminary recommendations to get to June SBE.
- Dr. Eldridge- Shocked they haven't asked for delay. Answer: Was recommended to delay.
- Mr. Machado- Who is coming to RTO meetings? Answer: Full board has attended RTO sessions. Mr. Machado- Original building plan still in place? Answer: No building there.
- Mr. Friend- If we were making recommendation today it would be clear they are not ready. Is May too late?
- Ms. Baquero- Their board could vote to push back calendar.
- Ms. Turner- No building, no Head of School, I don't see them ready to open in mid-July.
- Mr. Friend- SABA concerns with not wanting to tell parents location of school. Answer: Daycare currently in session and they are vacating. Not public yet so SABA doesn't want to disclose this location.
- Ms. Turner- This has always been an issue with the facility. Now we're on a 3<sup>rd</sup> facility plan.
- Ms. Baquero- Boys only, for arts
- Dr. Danielson- They have a problem recruiting boys.

- Mr. Friend- They need to come in May as well. 24% and don't even know where school is at.
- Dr. Eldridge- They've been recruiting 3 years now.
- Mr. Machado- Good example of good people, good intentions but can't get the school ready.
- Delay schools: Nalanda Academy, Go BIG, North Oak, West Triangle, Honor Prep, Dogwood Classical. OCS can grant first year delays.
- Ms. Baquero- 2 schools were part of tolling law.
- Ms. Turner- Seeing a lot of delays, all for facilities but seeing a lot.
- Mr. Friend- Any of these schools accelerated?
- Ms. Baquero- Legacy is a concern, may have to come in May due to enrollment. Legacy and Mountain City is accelerated.
- Mr. Machado- Legacy. One SBE sent back several times. Answer: responsive, they are confident they will be successful.
- Dr. Eldridge- Advise for new schools, better watch budgets with rising interest rates and company able to access materials to complete facility.
- Mr. Friend- Accelerated, chosen that track. Should they have the opportunity for a delay? Answer: They usually don't get granted a delay if accelerated.
- Ms. Turner- We respond well to boards and leaders who are passionate. We may need to be more data driven. As a board we may need to be driven by data and not a passionate presentation. Concerns are showing up here.
- Mr. Machado- GOBIG situation? Answer: Facility issue.
- Ms. Turner- In that market I haven't heard anything about GOBIG. Have heard people talk about Honor Prep. Answer: GOBIG attends open sessions even after delay.

**CSUSA Schools – Compliance:** Ms. Jenna Cook, OCS Consultant; Dr. Carol Ann Hudgens, NC DPI Exceptional Children's Division

Jenna Cook reviews 3 schools of concern and what the process is for voting today.

1. Langtree Charter Academy (49F)
  - Originally presented in November, qualified for 10-year renewal, voted in February for 10-year
  - EC compliance issue.
  - Dr. Hudgens- hold off on MOE verification for this school due to three other schools of concern. We did desktop audit with this school. Next step is on site review. Did not have a crosswalk between codes for expenditures and budget. Payroll documentation in question for employees who work across schools. Pattern of fiscal documentation persistent through all schools.
  - Ms. Turner- Only MOE with Langtree? Dr. Hudgens: Because of pattern with sister schools, we are holding off on this one.
  - Mr. Friend- What is the timeframe? Dr. Hudgens: Collectively communicating with CSUSA. January of 2022 started this desk audit with West Lake Prep. Artifacts necessary needed to be submitted by Feb. 4, 2022. Were not submitted until Feb. 9. Were provided by end of business Feb. 9. May of 2022 West Lake notified that requirements still not met after multiple requests for documentation. Next did on-site review Jan. 25, 2023. Feb. 2, 2023 requirements still not met. Due March 2 and March 13 notified of non-compliance. Despite best efforts we have not been able to resolve issues with CSUSA. Over weekend CSUSA provided documents on 3 schools up for discussion today. Ongoing fiscal issues with payroll spreadsheets. Need artifacts in addition to spreadsheet. Did find some disconnects that continue even after this documentation. Capitalized equipment was purchased but not in 2021 IDEA grant. Chart of accounts. Can't verify it's from

an authoritative source. Crosswalk is not in alignment. Can't verify MOE or payroll expenditures. If accounting practices are same across schools, we believe it's a better use of time to look at all schools together.

- Ms. Turner- Specifically talking about Langtree right now. You anticipate Langtree will have same issues, but you haven't been to Langtree. Dr. Hudgens: Desk review shows MOE is a problem. Ms. Turner- Can't verify personnel? What are you looking for? Dr. Hudgens: Contracts, budget codes, state funds, federal fund documentation. Ms. Turner- In your opinion has CSUSA responded to your requests? Dr. Hudgens: Given communication workbook that shows efforts to resolve issues. They have provided 2400 documents. Ms. Turner- Codes don't match? Dr. Hudgens-Artifacts needed to support the budget.
- Mr. Friend- So they haven't submitted documents you need? Dr. Hudgens- Submitted pieces and parts but not enough to resolve.
- CSUSA approaches.
- Claire Porter- Introduces team in attendance. Only have 3 renewal schools so we ask that conversation revolves only around those 3. Not a lack of effort to provide correct documentation. Crosswalk- today seeing that it's still not sufficient. Manner in which information was provided CSUSA was told it would be sufficient in Feb or March meeting. Recently asked for crosswalk. General Statute Renewals review. We do see there are ongoing issues. Does not rise to level of substantial non-compliance.
- Accounting concerns addressed by CSUSA: Had legacy system where codes are in background. Transitioned North Carolina schools to Oracle system. Crosswalk provided does show codes. New system- all link codes available now. Crosswalk does provide GL accounts and had to put in pdf format. Going forward with new system should be resolved.
- Dr. Eldridge- Do you contract with someone for finances? CSUSA: No. Internal.
- Ms. Turner- Wouldn't it just be easier to do just NC? CSUSA: Yes. We are now moving to NC system.
- Mr. Friend- Mentioned DPI documents were missing or unsatisfactory. Has that been provided? CSUSA HR: Submitted contracts for related service providers and didn't feel offer letters needed to be provided but are now being asked for. Clarity- being told what we submit is ok then finding out later they needed more. Heard today for first time that an item needs to be provided from HR.
- Ms. Turner- EC staff work in multiple schools. Keeping time and effort at each school? CSUSA: Confusion was that payroll wasn't divided out to show the individual schools. Ms. Turner- Time and effort reports provide back up. Particularly if moving between schools and doing multiple things. Can be difficult. When it's time for audit need to be able to produce. CSUSA HR- Appreciate collaborative effort from DPI, learning what processes are needed for DPI. Semi-annual certifications was issue and changed that system wide for EC employees.

Discussion:

Ms. Turner- For me what is substantially non-compliant?

Dr. Eldridge- Why the back and forth? Gave them something and now it's not enough.

Ms. Turner- My experience we thought we gave the right thing but didn't. Federal programs came and met with us to help. Sounds like they're responding but what they're submitting isn't right.

Dr. Eldridge- If it's a network sit with all these people in the same room and resolve right now.

Ms. Turner- They've had three meetings.

Mr. Friend- How long will it take to rectify?

Ms. Turner- I asked. Vague answer.

Ms. Parlér – Give a deadline to submit what is needed.

Nadia from CSUSA- Willing and ready to meet any deadline. Meeting with Shirley this Friday. Terminology being used is problem. Giving what is asked for according to accounting terms.

Mr. Friend- Trying to understand both perspectives. Not first-time schools with CSUSA in NC have been up for renewal before so why is this a problem now? CSUSA: Excel files not submitted in pdf. Expenditure reports caused confusion. In past have been part of process. Doing what we've always done and now getting push back. Pieces of crosswalk seem to be a problem not the whole crosswalk.

Mr. Friend- Dr Hudgens do you have insight? Dr. Hudgens- Concerned with being asked for things on top of things. See actual site review report. Those reports show exactly what is being asked for. Feel reports were transparent. Mr. Friend- These are things you asked for the same as what you asked for 5 years ago? Why was what was provided back then ok and now it's not. Dr. Hudgens- I don't have access to what was asked for 5 years ago.

Ms. Turner- Can't see that it came from certain accounts and in paycheck. How can they fix that? Checks have already gone out. How do you fix that. Dr. Hudgens- Would need to go back to department and find out what exactly they were asked to do. Ms. Turner- To be clear this is not misappropriation of funds, not terribly egregious. It's that the accounting systems don't match. Realize there are things not lined up and things that need to be fixed. I don't see kids not being served, don't see misappropriation of funds. What I see is that accounting systems aren't aligned. Outside of these today, is there some major reasons we need to know about outside of this. Dr. Hudgens- Our process doesn't stop. Our job is to inform you so you can make a good decision. We will have to go further into our audit system. We may have to initiate deeper visits of items in question. Continuing processes. Consequence may be they have to pay some money back. Doesn't hinge on renewal or nonrenewal today. We want to continue helping. Frustrating to us that we can't communicate and align what documents are needed.

Dr. Danielson- Regardless of whether there is a 10-year renewal this process continues and will come back to us if it rises to another level. Dr. Hudgens- We continue the work and share with other departments.

Ms. Turner- Appreciate the effort. We want to get this right.

Dr. Eldridge- Sensitive to these issues and want to get it right. Face to face work to correct these rather than phone and email communication.

Mr. Friend- If it were me, I would ask to come to my school, sit in the conference room and get it done.

Ms. Turner- Need to do this school by school. Strongly suggest you get this right before it goes to SBE.

Ms. Baquero- Suggest you vote again so it is on record that you heard this information.

Dr. Eldridge- Can this be resolved by May SBE? Dr. Hudgens- Committed to try and work with them to resolve as quickly as can.

Mr. Friend- SBE won't give you opportunity to enter into conversation. Best thing is for Dr. Hudgens to tell SBE that all of this is fixed.



Dr. Eldridge- Confident this will be resolved or almost resolved by then.

**Motion: Dr. John Eldridge moves to affirm original 10-year renewal recommendation for Langtree Charter Academy**

Second: Hilda Parlér

Mr. Friend- Want to make it clear that no one is accusing parties of not serving students.

Dr. Eldridge- Be open and clear about what is needed.

Dr. Haire- Payroll more than allocated amount. Resolved? Ms. Turner- Don't think it has been resolved. If not, they pay money back. Dr. Haire- Payrolls all combined so couldn't see individual schools? That will be resolved as well. Answer: CSUSA HR- Asked for this to be removed from IDEA desk audit and asked that it be parsed out by school.

Vote: Unanimous

- Passed       Failed

2. West Lake Preparatory Academy (55B)

- Ms. Cook, OCS, presents information used for initial renewal vote and new information since vote.
- Ms. Turner- Much of what is being presented today is about West Lake. Not that they have more issues, they are just further in the process.
- Dr. Hudgens- Further in the process with West Lake than other schools.
- Mr. Friend- We recommended for 7-year renewal.
- Ms. Turner- Assuming we're going to see issues everywhere? Need to use same criteria as last vote.

**Motion: Bruce Friend moves to uphold initial 7-year renewal for West Lake Preparatory Academy**

Second: Bart Danielson

Discuss:

- Dr. Danielson- Seems to be good faith effort and other side is time. In this case, both school and DPI, OCS have sufficient resources to resolve quickly. Stipulate it so it can happen? Ms. Baquero- That's question for EC, OCS brought it to your attention because of EC.
- Dr. Hudgens- We will make our good faith effort, moving in a positive direction.
- Dr. Eldridge- Based on previous issues- show more specifics like coding issue, or communication between systems, not bringing doubt about students being served.
- Dr. Danielson- What I would want to see is there is good faith effort and can be resolved. Process can slow down because of resources but need to see moving forward.
- Dr. Eldridge- Will help SBE to know that EC feels it's going in right direction for resolution.

Vote: Unanimous

- Passed       Failed

3. Cabarrus Charter Academy (13B)

- Jenna Cook, OCS, presents information from prior vote and new compliance concerns. Issues with federal programs have been resolved as notified this morning.
- Dr. Danielson- Glad to hear it's been resolved.
- Dr. Eldridge- Can CSUSA address academics. CSUSA- Seeing positive internal trends for academic improvement. We would request 5-year renewal.
- Ms. Turner- Did they make any stipulations in SBE? I'm not comfortable with 5 year renewal.
- Hilda Parlér – I'm not either.

**Motion: Bruce Friend moves to uphold initial 3-year renewal for Cabarrus Charter Academy**

Second: John Eldridge

Vote: Unanimous

- Passed       Failed

**2022 Annual Report & SBE Updates:** Ms. Ashley Baquero, OCS Director

- Shares 2022 Annual Report Presentation
- Reviews SBE stipulations for 4 renewal schools voted on in April SBE meeting. Have notified schools. Next steps for our office is to figure out a plan to monitor this.
- ZECA stipulations reviewed. CSAB voted to non-renew. SBE voted for 3-year renewal with stipulations.
- Ms. Turner- If we don't think the plan is adequate, we are to make suggestions to improve it. Are we approving what they design or are we providing the improvement plan. Ms. Baquero- They submit the plan.
- Dr. Eldridge- If we make recommendations to change their plan do they have to come back and present again? Will they submit to OCS for approval? We only have one month to do this. Sounds like SBE is asking us to suggest improvements.
- Mr. Friend- They can come before us and present to us and if we don't think it's going to work, we reaffirm our desire that they are not renewed.
- Dr. Eldridge- Sounds like they present the plan, and we suggest improvements, they fix for our approval.
- Mr. Friend- We can still not renew it. That's still on the table.
- Ms. Baquero reads statement that says if school doesn't have plan by June 30 their charter terminates.
- Dr. Eldridge- We have to meet with them in May and June then. If they need to make corrections.
- Ms. Baquero- Only meet with them at June meeting. They don't have to submit until May 31 for OCS review. Gives one week for CSAB to review before June meeting.
- Dr. Eldridge- So June is when we say yes or no to the plan.
- Mr. Friend- If that's how you feel when you hear them present. Nothing prevents us from making a motion to non-renew if we don't like the plan.
- Dr. Haire- We meet June 6. They still have until the 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Ms. Baquero- They have until May 31<sup>st</sup> to submit.
- Dr. Eldridge- Language tells us that we're supposed to provide assistance.

- Ms. Turner- I was asked at SBE if we had provided feedback to the school to help them. I told them we did not when they came for renewal but we have provided feedback in previous presentations when they present to us yearly for low performing schools. We have provided feedback. 5 total. Paul R Brown has a plan. We know their plan. When you think about the plans presented by low performing schools there really hasn't been a lot of strong plans.
- Ms. Baquero- Keep in mind that at the next SBE they will vote on the three charter schools not approved for renewal yet. ZECA will be our first one to focus on.
- Mr. Gay- Any way we can get legal clarification on Bruce's question about having the right to say no and recommend non-renewal.
- Mr. Friend- Spirit of recommendation was to present a plan to improve. If the plan is insufficient, we're not going to rewrite it. To me that's a clear indication they aren't going to improve.
- Dr. Eldridge- Another clarification, if any of these schools don't show growth in year 1 it's over for them.
- Ms. Turner- Is next year year 1 or does this year count?
- Ms. Schafer- This year counts as year 1.
- Ms. Turner- Are any of them in financial non-compliance? Ms. Baquero- Monroe is. Ms. Turner- Based on audit and could be hard to fix. This year is almost over so when you get your audit it could be a problem.
- Ms. Baquero- All of these schools would have to come before CSAB and present. We also have Eastside Stream closure was approved. Now they have process to appeal so we need to see where that goes.

**Motion to Adjourn: Bruce Friend**

Second: John Eldridge

**12:45 pm**