

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

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

Call To Order

Pledge of Allegiance: Mr. Bruce Friend

Mission and Ethics Statement:

- Mission and Ethics Statement read by Mr. Bruce Friend
- Hilda Parlér recuses from Summerfield Charter Academy, Queen’s Grant Community, Ascend Leadership Academy: Lee County, Bonnie Cone Classical Academy, Aristotle Prep Academy
- Dave Machado recuses from West Lake Preparatory Academy
- Shelly Shope- recuse from Pinnacle Classical Academy

Approval of the Agenda and Minutes

Motion: Rita Haire motioned to approve agenda for January Meeting

Second: John Eldridge

Vote: Unanimous

Passed

Failed

Motion: John Eldridge motioned to approve December 2022 minutes

Second: Hilda Parlér

Vote: Unanimous

Passed Failed

January Charter School Advisory Board Meeting

Mr. Friend welcomes Mr. Gay to the Board shares Mr. Gay's experience in education.

Charter Amendments: Ms. Ashley Baquero, Office of Charter School (OCS) Director

Ms. Baquero introduces current Teacher of the Year, Mr. Storrs. He gives update on Teacher of the Year for charter schools. Ryan Henderson, Sugar Creek Charter School 2023.

Ms. Baquero discusses 2 amendments. KIPP NC- 4 KIPP schools came together as one. Weighted lottery, change mission to one NC KIPP mission rather than separate per school. Ms. Baquero reads the new mission and explains the process they used to adopt new mission across the state.

Motion: John Eldridge moves to forward KIPP NC amendment for approval

Second: Hilda Parlér

Discussion:

Mr. Friend- This makes sense to me

Vote: Unanimous

Passed Failed

Ms. Baquero shares relocation amendment for Raleigh Oak Charter School greater than 5 miles. Explains process for their new location. Performance Charter School Development helping. Open 2025. Temporary location for 2024 under 5-miles from current location. All materials are on eboard.

Mr. Friend- Asks how they engaged parents in new location process. Answer- board meetings for stakeholder input. Have shared w/us they are having trouble recruiting because of difficulty with access to school because of location. Mr. Friend- do they provide transportation. Answer- no.

Mr. Machado- Constructing a building? Answer- our office has approved temp location w/in 5 miles after this school year.

Dr. Shope- They will move twice? Answer- correct. They are a renewal school. We will vote on them in February and we can ask more questions then if needed.

Ms. Haire- Do they lease? Answer- yes. Other charters have been there as a location to get started.

Dr. Shope- Concerned about recruiting for another year in this area then move again without transportation. I think it will be difficult to recruit.

Mr. Friend- Pause w/out having to ask questions of school. Would like to get a sense from school of what they did to inform parents. Will they be here in February? Answer- they will be here in February due to

audit. We can have them come. Put at 3-year and they requested 5-year. Mr. Friend- Nothing that would keep the process from moving forward for them if we wait until February.

Ms. Parlér agrees.

Dr. Eldridge- Would like to hear more about process.

Dr. Haire- Letter from school has 5 mile then 9 mile. Why the discrepancy? Answer- typo. Ms. Haire asks address of first move? Answer- We can get it to you.

Mr. Friend- Questions we have about the process. Don't want them to think they have to stay in a location they don't want.

Dr. Shope- Enrollment, move twice.

Dr. Haire- 285 students now and letter suggests they will have 700. Big leap.

Mr. Friend- So we can wait until February and not make any motions today.

Mr. Gay- two moves, first within 5 miles then next one less than 5 miles from new location do they have to bring it to us? Answer- No. Table until February.

Renewal Report and Interviews: Ms. Jenna Cook, OCS Consultant

Presents Renewals Cohort 2023 report. Three-year placement group today. Renewal guidelines shared.

- 2 schools to present that couldn't in December.
- Monroe Charter Academy and Carolina Charter Academy- 3 year placements. Reminds board of 3-year placement guidelines.

Monroe Charter Academy- Ms. Cook shares information about school.

- Monroe board chair presents and introduces team members that are present.
- Chair shares his experience with charters, adjunct professor.
- Other team members present and introduce themselves.
- Founding Principal, Dr. Ford, presents information about school: demographics and academics, recognitions from state, plan moving forward.

Questions/Discussion

- Mr. Falkenbury- Troubling that you are 50% lower than district. Did you line up with county about going back to school from COVID? Answer- We were hybrid when they were back full due to location of facility and keeping kids safe at that time. We still kept same rigorous structure.
- Ms. Parlér - Share reading program schedule? Answer- shares the schedule and how students are paired. Ms. Parler- so it is higher to higher? Answer- higher grade levels to start. Ms. Parlér - Who does SEL? Answer: staff member with background in behavioral and social support. Not a social worker. Ms. Parler Parlér- Likes the silent dismissal.
- Mr. Friend- Current enrollment compared to prior years? Answer- ADM of 132. Ms. Baquero informs Board they have enrollment history in packet.
- Dr. Eldridge- Can you walk us through financial situation? Answer- Finance committee chair shares they are projecting surplus for this year.
- Mr. Friend- How often does Board meet? Website- minutes not up to date. Looks like you have met twice in two years. Answer- we meet monthly, we have the approved minutes. Mr. Friend-

currently slated for 3year. Thoughts? Answer- seems about right. We are still a new school and we're still learning. D

- Mr. Machado- K-5, now K-6. Goal to do K-8? Answer- Goal is to add grade level every year. We would like to see K-12. Purpose built facility. Initial charter was K-12. Mr. Machado- You've struggled w/enrollment from beginning. Explain? Answer- Most charters are in western part of county. Their recruitment is on a very different population. We target the demographic who need us the most. Struggle but learning about marketing. Working with a marketing firm. Classical curriculum was a hard sell for parents but making strides. Mr. Machado- You knew you would be building the plane while flying so disappointed in struggle for enrollment. Transportation? Answer- one driver and one bus right now. When 2nd bus is fixed we will have two. Cluster stops, parents want door to door service. R
- Dr. Haire- enrollment 132. Attendance data? Answer- roughly 80-85% daily. Ms. Haire- May want to do attendance rewards more frequently. Answer- Thank you. Working with parents to educate importance of attendance.
- Mr. Sanchez- Report card. Exceeded growth in reading. Math lacking. More depth for math and goals for this year. Answer- Tutoring. Hire 2 tutors per classroom for 2nd-6th. Mr. Sanchez- Function of tutor? Answer- Pull groups, address skills. Dr. Ford background in math so she works with teachers. Mr. Sanchez- Where are you right now w/interim data? Answer- 3-6, shown academic growth. Roughly 3 years behind, closing the gap. Probably 20% increase. Projecting 20% for this year. Mr. Sanchez- Sounds like interventionist during the day, tutoring after school. Answer- 2 programs going on. Tutors during the day, after school are teachers that are tutoring.
- Mr. Gay- 5-10 years, where do you see your school? Answer- we would be one of the top charters in 5 years. We will surpass every obstacle coming our way.
- Ms. Baquero informs CSAB they can vote on this today.

Carolina Charter Academy- Jenna presents school information.

- Carolina Charter Academy group comes to present. Board chair. Exec Director- presents information about school along with other group members. Shares data then discusses what next. Action Steps and goals.
- Mr. Friend- 26 noncompliance issues for BTSP. Answer- completely fixed. Mr. Friend- Weren't you a team CFA school? Answer- no communication from CFA. Not sure they exist? Ms. Baquero states we can remove CFA in office.
- Ms. Parlér - How does ALT works? Answer- in house. First year for Math I in 8th grades. Explains the load of the Math coach/teacher model. HP- does she get a break during the day? Answer- yes. And well paid.
- Mr. Sanchez- Report card. We give latitude post COVID. Concerned why both content areas no growth. Answer- largest subgroup was white males who didn't show growth. Focusing on this subgroup. Mr. Sanchez- What percent are this subgroup? Answer- 28% approximately. NC Check Ins still show this discrepancy.
- Dr. Eldridge- How many teachers are you adding? Answer- 4-6. Mr. Eldridge- because of location do you struggle to recruit staff? Answer- yes. Retention bonus considered. Bring a friend bonus. Mr. Eldridge- retention issues? Answer- yes and no. Discusses some strategies to retain including culture focus.
- Mr. Friend- Recommend a 3-year renewal. What's your reaction? Answer- hope for 5-7 years to see historical growth.

- Ms. Parlér - Would like to see a more diverse board. Answer- we've had trouble recruiting board members. Diversity a goal.
- Mr. Friend- % using transportation? Answer- 25-30%. Could be closer to 50 if I get another bus driver.
- Mr. Machado- Probably as good a presentation I've ever seen. No doubt when they come back they will have great data. Deserves 5.
- Mr. Storres- Peer mentorship program is commendable.

10:26 Mr. Friend calls for break

10:37- resume meeting

Financial Overview of Charter Schools- Shirley McFadden

Shirley McFadden- School Business Services. Financial overview of charter schools. Shares overview of financial review/health analysis. Reminds of ChTR-006 for financial compliance.

- Audits not remitted: schools on financial noncompliance-cautionary status- Cabarrus Charter Academy, Uwharrie Charter Academy, Raleigh Oak Charter Academy
- Reviews audits remitted. 34/38 audits remitted.
24 no issues.
6 received or draft only, will present in February. 2 received: no issues anticipated for The Institute for the Development of Young Leaders and Longleaf School of the Arts.
4 received and present in February: Paul R Brown Leadership Academy, Next Generation Academy, Invest Collegiate Transform, Z.E.C.A. School of Arts and Technology
3- financial discussion today.
- Financial Review of West Lake Preparatory Academy- 55B.
 - Unassigned Government Fund Balance \$9,922
 - Contributions from the management company, Charter School USA
 - FY20 \$825,920
 - FY21 \$601,092
 - FY22 \$1,034,608
 - Management Fee for Charter School USA
 - FY20 \$0
 - FY21 \$0
 - FY22 \$0
 - \$319,711 due to management company (liability in balance sheet)
- Financial Review of Douglass Academy 65C now Classical Charter Schools of America, Inc.
 - \$230,359 Unassigned Government Fund Balance
 - Low cash on hand – \$22k (4.5 days)
 - \$535,000 Note due to Classical Charter Schools of America, Inc. Not included in \$230,359.
 - No payments made since FY17
 - 0% interest

- Financial Review of Monroe Charter Academy 90D.
Financial Noncompliance Status: Probationary (to be Disciplinary)
Net unassigned government fund balance:
 - FY22: (\$218,631)
 - FY21: (\$282,330 restated)
 - FY20: (\$192,049)Note payable was not recorded previous year
 - Reduction of general fund balance of \$201,715Long-term Debt. \$251,715 in outstanding debt, an increase of \$131,101 from the prior year. This is due to treatment of an outstanding loan due to a developer.

Financial Statement Audit Received,
No Issues Noted:

16B Tiller School
19C Willow Oak Montessori
23A Pinnacle Classical Academy
24B Thomas Academy
29A Davidson Charter Academy: CFA
34H NC Leadership Charter Academy
39A Falls Lake Academy
39B Oxford Preparatory School
41J Summerfield Charter Academy
41N The Experiential School of Greensboro
53B Ascend Leadership Academy: Lee County
60G Queen's Grant Community School
60N Aristotle Preparatory Academy: A Challenge Foundation Academy
61P VERITAS Community School: A Challenge Foundation Academy
61V Bonnie Cone Classical Academy
61W East Voyager Academy of Charlotte
61X Mountain Island Day School
63C Moore Montessori Community School
64A Rocky Mount Preparatory School, Inc
65D Island Montessori Charter School
68C The Expedition School
78B Southeastern Academy
90F Apprentice Academy High School of NC
93Q Carolina Charter Academy
60P Eastside Stream Academy

- Mr. Sanchez- Restate point of being aware when.... Answer- whether it's a management company or a nonprofit organization. Company can in the future decide that school is not worth supporting. Normal company could pull out. Mr. Sanchez- this is common practice. Anything about schools

today that says this is common practice but concerning. Answer: If seed money stops, will we know? Will we have the foresight?

- Dr. Eldridge- Monroe, \$180,000 surplus and you show \$251,000 in debt? Answer: Unassigned government balance was negative. Started year at negative so I'm not sure of current income for them to say they will be at a surplus. Possibility there is a break even point. Mr. Eldridge- Eddie do you have that number? Answer- \$195,000 is projection for June 30. Cash in bank \$200,000. Don't have net surplus. To your point Mr. Sanchez; loans to Monroe was paid back earlier. Solidly behind school. School will decide to hire us again or not. Money we owe but not in writing. Mr. Eldridge- Are you seeing pattern in last couple of years in timing of getting audits back? Answer- COVID was factor, I'm told it hasn't always been this way. 1/3 of reports we're waiting on are from same company. Mr. Eldridge- Requirement for some kind of training of DPI for agreement in order to audit charters. Answer- not in the plan right now. DPI now has to collect all 220 schools. Goes back to Mr. Sanchez's concern- Wilmington school is one of concern I would consider. Westlake- ADM has jumped. Awareness should be there.

Renewal Discussion and Voting

Mr. Friend- Thanks OCS staff for number of renewals this year.

Ms. Cook- May vote on schools as a group unless there are recusals. Voting on 28 schools today. Reviews renewal charter legislation 115C-218.6

Dr. Eldridge- **Motion to, of the 7 schools that remain that people are not recused from in the 10-year placement, to go ahead and move those schools for a 10-year renewal.** Specifically, Tiller School, Willow Oak Montessori, NC Leadership Charter Academy, Falls Lake Academy, Oxford Preparatory, Island Montessori Charter, The Expedition School, Southeastern Academy, Long Leaf School of the Arts.

Second: Mr. Sanchez

Discussion:

- Dr. Turner- State for record that Uwharrie is low performing.
- Mr. Friend- That is pushed to February. Waiting on the audit.

Vote: Unanimous

- Passed Failed

Motion: Dr. Haire moves to recommend Pinnacle Classical Academy receive a 10-year placement starting July 1, 2023

Second: Dr. Eldridge

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous, Dr. Shope recused.

- Passed Failed

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Second: Dr. Eldridge

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous, Dr. Shope recused.

- Passed Failed

Motion: Dr. Haire moves to recommend Summerfield Charter Academy receive a 10-year placement starting July 1, 2023

Second: Dr. Eldridge

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous, Ms. Parlér recused.

- Passed Failed

Motion: Mr. Sanchez moves to recommend Queen's Grant Community receive a 10-year placement starting July 1, 2023

Second: Dr. Eldridge

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous, Ms. Parlér recused.

- Passed Failed

Ms. Parlér asks the chair if Mr. Gay is supposed to vote. Answer- he is a nonvote since he wasn't here for the interviews.

Ms. Cook, OCS, presents the 7-year placement schools.

- Mr. Friend- This is a category that we have latitude to move other schools up to if we chose. In my notes, 2 schools that could be West Lake Prep, Bonnie Cone Classical Academy.
- Ms. Cook- My notes also includes Jackson Day School. All 3 of those schools are up for 3-year.
- Dr. Turner- West Lake, isn't that the school we just looked at their financials, they've got some financial issues? I'm not sure we want to give a 7 to someone who has financial trouble.
- Mr. Falkenbury- Difference between that one and the other one when finance spoke about it and said there were no red flags in their opinion.
- Dr. Haire- Because their ADM had jumped.
- Mr. Falkenbury- Management companies get called out for taking too much and this management company invests in the charter. Could be part of strategic plan. Aren't they outperforming?
- Mr. Friend- Comparable within 5% of local district.
- Dr. Haire- We only have one year of data.
- Mr. Falkenbury- EMO is invested and the ADM is up. I would still have a case for a 7.
- Dr. Eldridge- Bonnie Cone, didn't meet growth, are outperforming local district. Jackson- similar to Bonnie. 7 points higher than LEA.

- Mr. Falkenbury- Question for staff. If a school doesn't ask for it are we to assume they would want it?
- Ms. Baquero- often overlooked, Jackson- nervous being up here, first renewal, sometimes unclear what they should asked. When staff looked data is very similar.
- Dr. Haire- remind us that Bonnie Cone went from 291 to 869 and still maintained C rating.
- Mr. Falkenbury- isn't this the school who took in students when other schools closed during COVID?
- Mr. Machado- took in 250 students and never got paid for it.
- Mr. Falkenbury- Advocate for all 3.
- Mr. Friend- Recall that Jackson Day didn't think it was their position to ask for 7.
- Mr. Machado- Jackson was a conversion from private to charter. Smooth transition. New building during first 5 years.
- Dr. Eldridge- Proficiency -7.5 and after COVID +7.3. They didn't allow that to be a hiccup.
- Dr. Haire- Show they had 1,000 kids on the waiting list. Comfortable with financial situation of West Lake.
- Mr. Falkenbury- Don't make investment if not in it for long haul. ADM increase as well. Met growth.
- Dr. Turner- Who is their management company? Answer- Charter USA.
- Mr. Falkenbury- All compliance for Jackson and Bonnie, West Lake rectified? Answer- Yes
- Mr. Sanchez- Does bring up the question of purpose of 5-year.
- Mr. Friend- Only difference in rubric, just guidelines, difference is met or not met growth.
- Dr. Haire- Either or

Motion: Dr. Eldridge moves to recommend Ascend Leadership Academy: Lee County a 7-year renewal term starting July 1, 2023.

Second: Dr. Haire

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous, Ms. Parlér recused.

- Passed Failed

Motion: Ms. Parlér moves to recommend East Voyager Academy of Charlotte a 7-year renewal term starting July 1, 2023.

Second: Dr. Haire

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

- Passed Failed

Motion: Dr. Turner moves to recommend West Lake Preparatory Academy receives a 7-year renewal term starting July 1, 2023.

Second: Dr. Haire

Discussion:

- Mr. Friend- Rational in record earlier why we feel should move to 7.
- Mr. Sanchez- They made growth and that's why we support the motion.
- Dr. Eldridge- And huge growth in ADM

Vote: Unanimous. Mr. Machado recused.

- Passed Failed

Motion: Dr. Haire moves to recommend Bonnie Cone Classical Academy receives a 7-year renewal term starting July 1, 2023.

Second: Dr. Turner

Discussion:

- Mr. Sanchez: School 2 points to being a D. Not close to meeting growth.
- Dr. Turner- Outperforming the LEA. Took in hundreds during Covid and still outperforming LEA. And they met their growth.
- Mr. Sanchez- They didn't meet their growth.
- Mr. Friend- Ahead in proficiency.
- Dr. Eldridge- Admirable to say took on that many students in 1 year. On the fence.
- Dr. Haire- Increased enrollment, good diversity.
- Mr. Faulkenbury- Did they provide internal data on how they were progressing with newer students?
- Ms. Baquero- Shared internal data for growth during their presentation.
- Mr. Faulkenbury- Big thing if this is a hang up with not meeting growth. That amount of students, all over the map with academics, shouldn't punish them for doing the right thing.
- Mr. Machado- Offer transportation, free/reduced lunch, majority minority school. Deserve to have 7-year.
- Ms. Baquero pulls up their presentation for internal data.
- Mr. Sanchez- If they were right there with data but they are not. I look at data, yes different variables. In framework they are where they should be.
- Dr. Haire- No compliance issues, no financial issues. Academic comparable to local LEA. Can we all agree with that? Either or.
- Ms. Baquero- Only one year of data.
- Mr. Sanchez- I was asked if I agree with bullet points of 7-year renewal. I do if OCS says they have academic outcomes comparable to LEA beyond 1 year.
- Ms. Baquero- What school is showing us is that they are comparable with LEA. Difficult for OCS staff as well because we only had one year of data. Allowed schools to bring internal data.
- Dr. Eldridge- Internal data are test scores not benchmarks. Actual test scores. Answer: yes. We can't use them because they're not applicable. Haven't been verified but it's actual, right? Answer: yes.

Vote: Unanimous.

- Passed Failed

Motion: Ms. Parlér moves to recommend Jackson Day School receives a 7-year renewal term starting July 1, 2023.

Second: Mr. Machado

Discussion:

- Mr. Friend- Even though they didn't meet growth they were very close. Significant increase in proficiency when compared to LEA.
- Mr. Sanchez: They must have been extremely close because math and reading growth was met.

Vote: Unanimous

- Passed Failed

Ms. Cook presents 3-year placements. Discussion for moving 3 to 5-year points- Moore Montessori, Carolina Charter Academy, Classical Charter Schools of Wilmington, Monroe Charter Academy.

- Dr. Turner- Which schools are requesting to move up?
- Mr. Friend- We have internally discussed that Moore Montessori receive a 5 instead of 3. Today mentioned Carolina Charter for 5 instead of 3.

Moore Montessori Discussion:

- Mr. Falkenbury- Moore Montessori: their English was up but math was not desirable because virtual weren't able to do Montessori math but now they are and starting to see gains?
- Mr. Friend- Have in my notes 1 point from being a C. Slightly below LEA in proficiency.
- Dr. Eldridge- Already given a 5-year renewal.
- Mr. Falkenbury- Come back in 3 and show that COVID was factor. Maybe a 10-year at that point.

Motion: Mr. Friend moves to recommend Carolina Charter Academy receives a 7-year renewal term starting July 1, 2023.

Second: Mr. Machado

Discussion:

- Dr. Haire- D school, low performing, seems out of character with presentation today.
- Mr. Machado- BTS audit usually find compliance issues. School explained that it has been taken care of. They are as much a Harnett county school as a Wake county school. When compared to Harnett they are above.
- Dr. Eldridge- Only reason I would consider is because board and leader seems to be sharp. Building a repertoire of data in 5 years. Enough faith in presentation that it will come out positive. Clear about why we are moving to 5 years.

- Dr. Turner- Concern about setting precedent that these schools should be moved up.
- Mr. Friend- We have D schools that are getting 10 years because statute says so.
- Dr. Turner- That's statutory. Large number of low performing schools. Sets precedent that you can be low performing and get moved up simply because they have a strong leader and board. Slippery slope.
- Dr. Shope- I agree.
- Mr. Sanchez- Great presentation and they have a strong leader. Data doesn't show they are a strong school.
- Dr. Haire- 5 years is not that long. We need to be consistent.
- Mr. Machado- 3 year hanging by the skin of their teeth and some that are strong. Wide variety of schools in 3-year group. Don't have problem with moving to 5.
- Dr. Turner- Concern of how subjective it is to say they have a strong leader is. This is their first time, basing that leader is strong based on presentation. So subjective.
- Mr. Friend- Leader is strong. Not the only reason I'm ok with 5-year. Based on work that has been done since she was placed at this school. That resonates with me. Comparing only to Wake County isn't a fair assessment. Know the culture of the school. Based on a data point that shows it's working and leadership of school. Procedural question: with applicants if SBE denies they come back to us.
- Ms. Baquero- With renewals it happens over 2 months and SBE can change it.

Vote:

Yes- Mr. Friend, Dr. Haire, Mr. Machado, Dr. Eldridge

No- Ms. Parlér, Dr. Turner, Mr. Godbey, Mr. Sanchez, Dr. Shope

- Passed Failed 5:4

Motion: Mr. Friend moves to recommend Carolina Charter Academy receives a 3-year renewal term starting July 1, 2023.

Second: Dr. Eldridge

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

- Passed Failed

Motion: Dr. Eldridge moves to recommend Thomas Academy, Davidson Charter Academy: CFA, The Experiential School of Greensboro, Rocky Mount Preparatory, Classical Charter Schools of Wilmington, VERITAS Community School, CFA, Moore Montessori Community School, Monroe Charter Academy, Apprentice Academy of NC receives a 3-year renewal term starting July 1, 2023.

Second: Mr. Sanchez

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

- Passed Failed

Motion: Mr. Friend moves to recommend Aristotle Prep Academy receives a 3-year renewal term starting July 1, 2023.

Second: Dr. Eldridge

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous, Ms. Parlér recused

- Passed Failed

Ms. Baquero- In February hear remaining final financial report.

Mr. Sanchez- Request now that we're a month away, would love to see legal thinking of 10-year statute that gives any leeway for changing the 10-year.

Mr. Friend- What else do we have for February.

Ms. Baquero- Committee work re: some processes. Several amendments- enrollment/expansion. Will probably end up being a one-day meeting. Possible non-renewals.

Mr. Friend- Paul R Brown and Zeca are up from non-renewal.

Dr. Turner- That could take some time.

Mr. Sanchez- The way you did renewals with the packets was very helpful.

Ms. Baquero- Huge thank you to Jenna. Revised this and doing RTO, onboarding new staff.

Mr. Friend- Had opportunity to do a school visit with Ms. Cook near a military base and she probably could've ran it.

Ms. Parlér - Why don't we salute the NC flag? Please consider.

Mr. Machado- Thank OCS. Mr. Storrs- was on NC Ed Matters. He is certainly representing charter schools well. Most visible teacher of the year we've had.

Motion to Adjourn: Dr. Eldridge

Second: Dr. Haire

Unanimous.

12:05