

**NC Charter School Advisory Committee Meeting
State Board of Education
Meeting Rm. 295
NC Department of Public Instruction**

December 19, 2012

Meeting Minutes

Attendance/NCPCSAC <i>Advisory Council members participated via Conference Call unless otherwise noted</i>	Kwan Graham (present) John Betterton (present, face-to-face) Richard Hooker (absent) Alfred Dillon (present) Rebecca Shore (present) Tim Markley (present) Aaron Means (present)	Jennie Adams (present) Paul Norcross (absent) Baker Mitchell (present) Alan Hawkes (present) Robert Landry (present) Joseph Maimone (present) Cheryl Turner (present) Kate Alice Dunaway (present)
Attendance/SBE/DPI	<i>Office of Charter Schools</i> Thomas Miller, Consultant Lisa Swinson, Consultant	

Welcome and Overview	At 9:10 am, Mr. John Betterton began the meeting by welcoming everyone and stating that the Council would be looking at the preliminary charters and making recommendations for early approval by the State Board.
Discussions	<p>Dr. Thomas Miller informed the Council that each school was provided an email with the policy that the Board shall go through a one year preliminary training. He further explained that overall attendance had dropped throughout the year. Mr. Betterton asked the Council what criteria should be used to determine if the preliminarily approved charters would be allowed to gain approval a month earlier. Ms. Kate Alice Dunaway stated that she was in favor of granting early approval for schools that demonstrated excellence but was not in favor of basing it on Board attendance of the trainings.</p> <p>Ms. Cheryl Turner stated that the Council needed to look at compliance issues because if the schools are not complying now it is questionable what they will be doing when they open and serving students. Mr. Betterton replied that the Council needed to look at schools that have gone over and beyond and noted that seventy-five percent or more attendance at the charter trainings would be a good criteria. Ms. Jennie Adams agreed but Ms. Dunaway stated that Board stability should have a greater impact on the decision.</p> <p>Dr. Miller explained the chart that was emailed to the Council on December 18, 2012 showing board member attendance at the trainings as well as the amount</p>

	<p>of board turnover experienced by each applicant. Mr. Betterton read information from the chart highlighting Oxford Prep, Pinnacle Classical, Institute for the Development of Young Leaders, Uwharrie, and Willow Oak. Dr. Robert Landry noted that Douglas Academy's headmaster had attended all of the meetings. Mr. Baker Mitchell added that the Douglas Board also runs two successful charter school and have demonstrated that they are successful. Ms. Dunaway agreed with Dr. Landry and Mr. Mitchell and further added that there is more to opening a school than just coming to Raleigh each month.</p> <p>Dr. Miller informed the Council that OCS would like to have their feedback on how the charter school trainings should be developing. Mr. Betterton stated that expectations for the upcoming schools needed to be clearly devised and parameters had already been set up. Ms. Turner and Dr. Markley both agreed. Ms. Kwan Graham added that the Council needed to note concerns to the SBE. Ms. Adams reminded the Council that there are some schools who would benefit from early approval because of contracts. Mr. Betterton replied that the timeline for the subsequent years would take care of that concern since the SBE approved the Council's new timeline. Dr. Miller added that the current law stated that SBE shall approve no later than March, and it will be their decision.</p> <p>Dr. Markley made a motion that the current charter approval process stay in place. Mr. Betterton made an amendment that the Council would send a letter to the 25 Boards of the schools that would reflect the stability of the Board and attendance to trainings. Ms. Adams seconded. The motion was passed 8-0. (Dr. Landry and Mr. Alan Hawkes offered no response during the vote).</p>
Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 9:49 am.