

**Minutes of the
North Carolina Charter School Advisory Board
Education Building
301 N. Wilmington Street
Raleigh, NC 27601-2825
February 10, 2014**

Attendance/NCCSAB	Alan Hawkes Joseph Maimone Baker Mitchell Helen Nance Paul Norcross (absent) Mike McLaughlin	Alex Quigley Eric Sanchez Tammi Sutton Becky Taylor Cheryl Turner Steven Walker
Attendance/SBE/DPI	<i>Office of Charter Schools</i> Joel Medley, Director Thomas Miller, Consultant Lisa Swinson, Consultant Deanna Smith, Consultant Robin Kendall, NACSA Fellow Cande Honeycutt, Consultant	<i>SBE</i> Martez Hill Katie Cornetto <i>Attorney General's Office</i> Laura Crumpler

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

After extending a welcome to all participants, Chair Helen Nance called the February 10, 2014 session of the Charter Advisory Board meeting to order. Mr. Eric Sanchez led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance. Immediately following Ms. Nance read the Ethics Statement.

Mr. Steven Walker made a motion to accept the January minutes with the corrections that were emailed to Mrs. Lisa Swinson. Ms. Becky Taylor seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

STRATEGIC CALENDAR

Dr. Joel Medley discussed a proposed strategic calendar. He highlighted possible occurrences such as discussing the Charter Renewal process in March and the current application timeline in May. He informed the Board that during the March meeting a school would be coming before them to discuss what has been going on with their school related to governance and finances. He added that there is a potential for another school to come before them as well.

Dr. Medley asked the Board if they would like to continue with application reviews in light of the possible inclement weather. After a brief discussion, Mr. Maimone made a motion to begin the meeting

at 8:30 am on February 11, 2014 and work through lunch. Mr. Quigley seconded. The motion failed with Mr. Hawkes, Mr. Mitchell, Ms. Turner, and Ms. Turner dissenting. Mr. Walker abstained.

Ms. Turner made a motion not to meet on February 11, 2014 and each evaluation team would reschedule their application reviews. Ms. Taylor seconded. The motion passed with Mr. Maimone dissenting.

Dr. Medley reminded the Board that all teams do not have meet the same day. The meetings could occur face-to-face or electronically.

APPLICATION TALKING POINTS

Dr. Medley informed Board members that OCS would be recording the comments and questions that are posed during the application review session. Each member of the board would be looking at the application differently and that is okay. The mission is to work towards high quality charters. Once the application review is done there will be no more comments added to the rubric. Applicants will not be able to make comments during the review.

- Mr. Maimone stated that there was not clarification on how the Board was going to handle the review of duplicate applications.
- Mr. Hawkes stated that the duplicated applications from last year had some other issues. Mr. Quigley stated that he had some concerns with a board running several schools. Ms. Turner stated that it is legitimate to have duplicate applications and there does not need to be a policy because the decision should be made based on the school's location.
- Mr. Mitchell stated that the number one reason that schools do not make it is because of enrollment. The board should be looking at what evidence is in the application as to what the initial enrollment would be there and does not meet the qualifications of the statutes. Mr. Maimone concurred with Mr. Mitchell.
- Mr. Hawkes stated that the Advisory Council insisted that the Boards have local representation.
- Dr. Medley recapped the comments of the board and stated that each application will be reviewed individually. He reminded Board members that every member of the evaluation team will get a vote.
- Mr. Hawkes asked if the applicants would get a chance to clarify information during the review. Dr. Medley responded that they would happen during the interview process.

The Advisory Board adjourned into application evaluation team reviews.