

**Minutes of the
North Carolina Charter School Advisory Board
Education Building
301 N. Wilmington Street
Raleigh, NC 27601-2825
June 23, 2014**

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

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Lisa Swinson conducted a role call to establish a quorum of the CSAB. Chair Helen Nance called the June 23, 2014 call meeting of the Charter Advisory Board to order. Ms. Nance read the Ethics Statement. She asked the chair of the subcommittee, Mr. Alan Hawkes, to provide the recommendations from the subcommittee meeting that was held at 1:00 pm June 23, 2014.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Alan Hawkes reported that the subcommittee agreed on a one-page synopsis that they accepted at the 1:00 pm meeting. He asked Mr. Joe Maimone to provide a report to the CSAB. Mr. Maimone read the plan.

- Mr. Maimone suggested that “audit findings” be changed to “audit exceptions” and “compliance findings” be changed to “compliance exceptions”.
- Ms. Tammi Sutton stated that the document was well flushed out but there needed to be more details added prior to the charter application being submitted.
- Dr. Medley noted his concern that the document lacked detail. Mr. Hawkes replied that the previous document was so detailed that the subcommittee could not make a decision. He added that little details needed to be layered in. He further added that the document needed to be approved even though it was not hundred percent flushed out.

- Mr. Walker stated that the document was the policy and it just needed to be flushed out so that there was interpretation. Mr. Maimone agreed that there was a policy that applicants could use. He added that Dr. Deanna Townsend-Smith would match up the finer points to the policy so that applicants could refer to the definitions.
- Dr. Medley reiterated his concern that if the document were to go before the SBE there would be some questions asked. The SBE wants things sent to them completely done. If it is going to the SBE it needed to be complete.
- Mr. Norcross asked what needed to be added because the document seemed to be well defined. Dr. Townsend-Smith replied that some of the points needed to be further defined and added before the full board voted. Ms. Turner stated that there were details that needed to be added and wanted to know when and how that was going to occur.
- Mr. Hill asked what “successful” performance meant. He stated that several terms needed to be defined. Ms. Sutton and Ms. Taylor concurred. Ms. Taylor further added SBE would ask for further clarification.
- Dr. Medley noted that the aspect that needed to be looked at was if a group applied for a replication and they do not receive an interview. Mr. Norcross asked if OCS could fill in the blanks and another meeting could be called.
- Mr. McLaughlin asked if the criteria were adopted if it automatically would allow a Board to open a charter school. Mr. Norcross replied that if the criterion were met they would go straight to the CSAB for the interview. It would ultimately be CSAB job to vet the board. CSAB would have to support the decision of OCS.
- Ms. Turner asked for clarification on what was “average”. Mr. Norcross replied that that should be left up to the OCS. Mr. Hill replied that it was not just SBE that needed specificity. There needed to be as much specificity added as possible. Law and policy generally provides definitions so that people who are applying understand their expectations.
- **Mr. Norcross made a motion to recommend the replication framework to the SBE to use as a guideline to develop the exact language for replication in NC. OCS/legal will compile the statutory requirements for the complete document for SBE and incorporate Mr. Maimone’s terminology. Mr. Walker seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**
- **Mr. Maimone suggested that the following definitions to be added: An existing school or network of schools must demonstrate at least three years of above average proficiency or growth in student scores to qualify for replication under the standard of excellence criteria. An existing school or network of schools must demonstrate a minimum of three years of unqualified audit reports. An existing school or network of schools must have no outstanding non-compliance issues.**
- Ms. Nance asked if OCS could go in and add the details. Ms. Turner asked if some schools or all of the schools had to follow Joe’s definition. Mr. Norcross responded that all schools in the replication would have to follow the definition.

STANDING SUBCOMMITTEES

Ms. Nance informed the CSAB that she created two standing subcommittees. The policy subcommittee would make legislative recommendations, consider charter renewal policies and procedures, review charter contracts with the state and discuss the acquisition of an already existing charter school by another entity. The leadership and guidance subcommittee would oversee the application process, review the status of Ready to Open schools, review schools in non-compliance and oversee the replication process. The Policy Subcommittee members would be Mr. Walker (chair), Ms. Turner, Mr. Mitchell, Ms. Taylor, and Mr. McLaughlin. The Leadership and Guidance Subcommittee members would be Mr. Maimone (chair), Mr. Sanchez, Mr. Norcross, Ms. Sutton, and Mr. Hawkes.

- Mr. Norcross stated that he was concerned that CSAB would be coming up with legislature policies because it was not in the charge. He noted that during the last CSAB meeting he stated that he would chair a committee to discuss the bidding process and Mr. Walker would chair a subcommittee to discuss the replication process. Ms. Nance replied that Mr. Norcross made the appointments but she did not. Dr. Phillip Price is in charge of the bidding process. Mr. Norcross stated that Senate Bill 337 states that CSAB will come up with process to the bidding process and if we don't they are going to.
- Mr. Maimone stated that Ms. Nance is the chair and she has every right to create subcommittees. These standing committees will meet prior to every meeting. It makes perfect sense for the chair to appoint standing committees. The plan is for each subcommittee to meet each meeting from 8:30-10:00 each month and that way each subcommittee could cover whatever they need to present to full CSAB.
- Mr. Walker agreed to chair the committee. Mr. Maimone stated that he would chair if Mr. Quigley did not want to. Ms. Nance replied that she and Mr. Quigley would be roving.
- Mr. Maimone made the motion to adjourn. Ms. Turner seconded. The motion passed 5-2 with Mr. Hawkes and Mr. Norcross abstaining. The meeting adjourned at 3:40 pm.