

**Minutes of the North Carolina Charter School Review Board**

**State Board Room 755, Department of Public Instruction**

**January 8, 2024**

**9 AM**

Attendance – CSRБ Members	
Alex Granados- (nonvoting) Dr. Rita Haire Dr. John Eldridge Alex Quigley Hilda Parlér Dr. Shelly Shope	Eric Sanchez Bruce Friend Dave Machado Todd Godbey Dr. Bartley Danielsen Stephen Gay
Attendance – Other	
<i>Office of Charter Schools</i> Ashley Baquero, Director Joseph Letterio, Consultant Melanie Rackley, Consultant Jenna Cook, Consultant Dr. Natasha Norins, Consultant Dr. Brandi Gill, Consultant Nicky Niewinski, Consultant Megan Carter, Consultant Davida Robinson, NC ACCESS Dr. Barbara O’Neal, NC ACCESS	<i>Attorney General</i> Zach Padget  <i>SBE Attorney</i> Allison Schafer  <i>Teacher/Principal of Year</i> William Storrs- TOY Maria Mills- POY TJ Worrell- POY Ryan Henderson- TOY

Recording of January CSRБ Meeting:

**Call To Order**

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Mr. Bruce Friend

**Mission and Ethics Statement:**

- Mission and Ethics Statement, Mr. Bruce Friend, Board Chair

**Approval of the Agenda and Minutes**

**Motion:** motioned to approve agenda for January Meeting

Second:

Vote: Unanimous

Passed

Failed

**Motion: motioned to approve December 2023 minutes.**

Second:

Vote: Unanimous

Passed

Failed

**January Charter School Review Board Meeting**

**Amendment:** Ms. Nicky Niewinski, OCS Consultant

- GO BIG – Relocation and Enrollment Reduction Update
- Nalanda – 2<sup>nd</sup> Delay
- West Triangle High School – 2<sup>nd</sup> Delay
- Achievement Charter Academy – Grade Level Expansion
- Quality Education – Weighted Lottery

**School Business – 2024 Renewals Presentation and Audit Review:** Ms. Shirley McFadden, NCDPI  
Monitoring and Compliance Manager

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**2024 Renewal Cohort Update:** Ms. Jenna Cook, OCS Consultant

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**Introduction to 2023 Charter Application Interviews:** Ms. Melanie Rackley, OCS Consultant

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**Sledge Institute-** Standard, 2025

- Ms. Melanie Rackley introduced the Board of Directors to the School; as well as their mission, number of students, and other details pertaining to their application. She also introduced the choices the CSRБ had regarding this application and introduced some of the questions they were asked/answered from CSRБ previously.

**Opening Statements from the School Board**

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**Questions/Deliberation from the CSRБ**

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**Closing Remarks from the School Board**

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**Deliberation from the CSRБ**

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**Motion: motioned to approve Sledge Institute’s charter application**

Second:

Discussion:

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Vote: Unanimous

- Passed  Failed

**HYPE Leadership Academy; EMO: NC Educational Solutions- Standard, 2025**

- Ms. Melanie Rackley introduced the Board of Directors to the School; as well as their mission, number of students, and other details pertaining to their application. She also introduced the choices the CSRБ had regarding this application and an overview of the questions they asked them to complete prior to their second interview.

Opening Remarks from the School Board

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Questions and Deliberation from the CSRБ

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Closing Remarks

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Deliberation from the CSRБ

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**Motion: motioned to approve HYPE Leadership Academy’s charter application**

Second:

Discussion:

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- Passed  Failed

**OCS Director's Updates:** Ms. Ashley Baquero, OCS Director

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**Motion to Adjourn:**

Second:

**2:30 pm**