

Minutes of the North Carolina Charter School Advisory Board

Remote

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

Friday May 31, 2024

10AM

Attendance – CSAB Members	
Alex Granados (nonvoting) Absent Dr. Rita Haire Absent 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 Nicky Niewinski, Consultant Jenna Cook, Consultant Absent Melanie Rackley, Consultant Dr. Brandi Gill, Consultant Dr. Natasha Norins, Consultant Megan Carter, Consultant Julie Whetzel, Consultant	<i>CSRB Attorney</i> Steven Walker <i>SBE Attorney</i> Allison Schafer Absent

Livestream Recording: [Special Called Meeting of the NC Charter Schools Review Board - May 31, 2024 \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Special Called Meeting of the NC Charter Schools Review Board - May 31, 2024)

Call To Order

Pledge of Allegiance: Mr. Bruce Friend

Mission and Ethics Statement: Mr. Bruce Friend

- Mission and Ethics Statement

Approval of the Agenda

Motion: Ms. Hilda Parlér moved for approval of the agenda

Second: Mr. Stephen Gay

Vote: Unanimous

Passed

Failed

Special Called Item: Review Charter Agreement: Ms. Ashley Baquero, OCS Director

- Ms. Baquero reviews the process that occurred prior to this meeting to amend the charter agreement including attorney review.

- Ms. Baquero reviews the changes that have been made to the charter agreement including addition of the new appeal process.
- Revised wording/language to align with statute throughout the agreement.
- Enrollment section revised to align with language in statute.
- Mr. Godbey: Under section 1.3, questioned last sentence. Why didn't we reference CSRB policy and procedure like we have done above? Answer was given that we don't currently have policy and procedures for CSRB. Maybe include a line that references CSRB policy and procedure even though we don't have them to show it is our intent.
- Mr. Walker- Suggests taking out the SBE policies and replace with state law/rules. Replace with "consistent with state laws, policies, rules, and terms of this agreement".
- Ms. Baquero then continues to review charter agreement and proposed changes to language.

CSRB Discussion:

- Mr. Machado- Compliments to OCS staff. Will this be approved on first read by the SBE next week? Ms. Baquero will check SBE agenda and make sure it is action on first read. Concern: We reference CSRB, and state board multiple times and it almost seems that it sounds like SBE or CSRB can make these policies. Assuming reason is because we are following state law, and they serve as the appellate board?
- Mr. Walker answers: That is part of it with appeals process. Statute does say SBE is authorizer even though CSRB approves or denies because of appellate function they have.

Motion: Mr. Bruce Friend moves to edit the last sentence of section 1.3 of the charter agreement.

Second: Ms. Hilda Parlér

Discussion:

None

Vote: Unanimous

Passed

Failed

Motion: Dr. John Eldridge moves to approve the edits to the charter agreement.

Second: Mr. Todd Godbey

Discussion:

None

Vote: Unanimous

Passed

Failed

- Ms. Baquero updates CSRB on June 11 agenda.

Motion to adjourn – Mr. Bruce Friend

Second – Ms. Hilda Parlér

Adjourned 10:30 AM