

**Minutes of the  
North Carolina Charter School Advisory Board  
Remote Special Called Meeting  
June 23, 2021  
9AM**

Attendance – CSAB Members	
Jamey Falkenbury (non-voting) Rita Haire Sherry Reeves Cheryl Turner Hilda Parlér	Alex Quigley Terry Stoops Bruce Friend Lynn Kroeger Todd Godbey
Attendance – Other	
<i>Office of Charter Schools</i>  Dave Machado, Director Ashley Baquero, Consultant Claire Porter, Consultant Joseph Letterio, Consultant Darian Jones, Consultant Melanie Rackley, Consultant Jay Whalen, NC ACCESS	<i>Attorney General</i> Tiffany Lucas – absent Stephanie Lloyd – absent  <i>SBE Attorney</i> Allison Schafer – absent  <i>Charter School Teacher of the Year Advisory</i>

**CALL TO ORDER**

- The North Carolina Charter School Advisory Board (CSAB) meeting was called to order at 9:05 am by Chairman Alex Quigley who read the Ethics Statement and CSAB Mission Statement. Mr. Quigley led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Ms. Hilda Parlér recused from discussion and voting on the matter.

**FAITH ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL**

- Ms. Claire Porter, OCS Consultant, reminded the CSAB that Faith Academy Charter School has been invited to provide updates to their facility status. Mr. Cory Draughon provided an update on the school’s facility and apologized for the lack of clarity on previous updates. He stated the building has been used as an elementary school up to about two weeks ago. He stated there are some plans for future developments, but those are not required for school in August. He stated the current building, former Faith Elementary, will house all students in August and no work is required. He stated the building inspector has issued a letter of compliance and fire and health inspections are current and state allowance as educational occupancy. He stated

health issues on the part of a county attorney caused a delay to executing the closing documents but they are now on their way over today for signatures. He stated there are future plans for expansion and nice-to-have additions, but nothing is being done to this building that would require any work or inspections prior to the start of school in August. He stated 49 staff members are already hired, the full staff, and prepping for the fall.

- Ms. Sherry Reeves asked for the current capacity at the former elementary building. Mr. Draughon stated 600 students.
- Mr. Draughon stated the signatures on the purchase agreement are being taken today and the deed should be received by the end of week.
- Ms. Cheryl Turner asked what grades they are serving year one. Mr. Draughon stated K-7.
- Dr. Rita Haire asked if the elementary building need any repairs because she recalls that based on prior conversations. Mr. George Wilhelm, Board Chair, stated the county actually had to repair those problems including a compressor in the air system because they were holding school in the building up until just recently. He stated at this point there are no needed repairs. He stated the board was actually surprised at how nice the building was because it had been portrayed as needing repairs.
- Mr. Bruce Friend asked for enrollment as of today. Mr. Draughon stated 491 students have 90% or more completion on enrollment packets and 500 have accepted offers and approximately 130 on the wait list.
- Mr. Todd Godbey asked about the modular plans. Mr. Draughon stated those are part of the long-term plan, but not required for the school to open in August. He stated those are not needed for opening and will not impact existing site or anything about the ability to serve 500 students in August.
- Ms. Lynn Kroeger asked for confirmation that capacity could hold 600. Mr. Draughon stated yes. Ms. Kroeger asked if they would be able to accommodate students in that space the following year. Mr. Draughon stated yes.
- Mr. Dave Machado, OCS Director, stated OCS has spoken with the school's board and along with the supporting documentation provided, is confident that the school will be able to open on time.

**Motion: Motion to move Faith Academy Charter School to Ready to Open.**

**Motion: Bruce Friend**

**Second: Rita Haire**

**Vote: Unanimous**

**Passed**

**Failed**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

- **Mr. Quigley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:24 am. Hilda Parlér seconded and the meeting adjourned unanimously.**