

**Minutes of the  
North Carolina Charter School Advisory Board  
Via Teleconference  
July 7, 2020  
9:00 am**

Attendance/NCCSAB	Joseph Maimone (non-voting) Joel Ford – <i>Absent</i> Rita Haire Sherry Reeves Cheryl Turner Lynn Kroeger	Alex Quigley Jeannette Butterworth Steven Walker Hilda Parlér Heather Vuncannon – <i>Absent</i> Bruce Friend – <i>Absent</i>
Attendance/SBE/DPI	<i>Office of Charter Schools</i>  Dave Machado, Director Ashley Baquero, Consultant Claire Porter, Consultant	<i>Attorney General</i> Tiffany Lucas Stephanie Lloyd  <i>SBE Attorney</i>  <i>Charter School Teacher of the Year Advisory</i> Doug Price

**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. Cheryl Turner recused from discussion and voting on the B.L.U.E. G.R.E.E.N. Academy matter.

**Motion: Approve the July 7, 2020 agenda.**

**Motion: Hilda Parlér**

**Second: Sherry Reeves**

**Vote: Unanimous**

**Passed**

**Failed**

## FINAL RTO (READY TO OPEN) RECOMMENDATIONS

### Elaine Riddick Charter School

- Mr. Don McQueen gave an update on recruitment. He stated they have 105 or 106 enrolled students. Ms. Claire Porter, OCS Consultant, gave an update on all RTO categories. She stated that all insufficient categories have moved to emerging. She stated insurance is in underwriting and the facility certificate of occupancy is expected in August. She reviewed the remaining categories for RTO.
- Mr. Quigley asked what baseline enrollment number was given by the CSAB at the last meeting. Mr. McQueen and Dr. Rita Haire stated 90 students.
- Ms. Porter stated detailed enrollment information was provided to the Office of Charter Schools (OCS).
- Mr. Quigley asked for the grade levels of the school. Mr. McQueen stated K-3. Mr. Steven Walker stated he is satisfied that the school has made progress and will be ready to open on time.

**Motion: Recommend that Elaine Riddick Charter School be approved as Ready to Open.**

**Motion: Steven Walker**

**Second: Lynn Kroeger**

- Dr. Haire asked for confirmation that the school leader participated in the OCS training. Mr. McQueen stated yes.
- Dr. Haire asked where professional development will take place. Mr. McQueen stated virtually but also at a board member's office. Dr. Haire asked if the school was confident the school would open on time. Mr. McQueen stated very confident.

**Vote: Unanimous**

**Passed**

**Failed**

### Kaleidoscope Charter High School

- Ms. Claire Porter, OCS Consultant, gave an update on the RTO status for Kaleidoscope Charter High School (KCHS). Ms. Porter stated enrollment has moved from 71 to 95 students, which is 41% of projected year one enrollment. She stated that category is insufficient. She stated the facility is also insufficient as there is no lease and a timeline was submitted for opening in November 2020. She spoke about the other RTO categories that

have moved from insufficient to emerging including Exceptional Children and Key Staff categories.

- Ms. Ashley Baquero, OCS Consultant, stated the school is seeking an amendment today to relocate to a temporary location in Wake County. She stated last meeting the school requested a second one-year delay which was denied by the CSAB and the State Board of Education (SBE). Ms. Baquero stated the school proposes a three-year temporary lease in a facility off Spring Forest Road in Raleigh. She stated the timeline submitted shows a Certificate of Occupancy being obtained in November 2020 with students starting school remotely.
- Ms. Turner asked if the school would be in a temporary lease and then move to Morrisville. Ms. Baquero stated yes, that is her understanding.
- Dr. Haire asked if a budget has been submitted showing the low enrollment figures. Ms. Baquero and Ms. Porter stated they have not seen a budget for the current enrollment figures.
- Ms. Jeannette Butterworth asked how the amendment plays into the low enrollment figures being shown.
- Board members for KCHS spoke about the amendment and stated they have struggled with enrollment because they were denied the second delay and then had to come back with a relocation request.
- Mr. Joe Maimone stated he is a non-voting member of the CSAB and has supported the school over the last several years but is very disappointed the board of KCHS is blaming the CSAB for the issues they are facing. Mr. Walker agreed and stated the school has already had a one-year delay. Dr. Haire stated she concurs and encourages the board to assume ownership for the decisions and plans made.

**Motion: Recommend that Kaleidoscope Charter High School not be approved for Ready to Open and not be approved to relocate.**

**be approved as Ready to Open.**

**Motion: Cheryl Turner**

**Second: Steven Walker**

**Vote: Unanimous**

**Passed**

**Failed**

Wilmington School of the Arts

- Ms. Porter stated that the school’s prior insufficient category was enrollment, but the school has now met enrollment requirements. She stated the school has provided evidence of 125 student enrollments.

**Motion: Recommend that Wilmington School of the Arts be approved as Ready to Open.**

**Motion: Sherry Reeves**

**Second: Hilda Parlér**

**Vote: Unanimous**

**Passed**

**Failed**

**LOW ENROLLMENT SCHOOL UPDATES**

B.L.U.E. G.R.E.E.N. Academy

- Ms. Baquero stated the school has decided to relinquish its charter due to difficulty in meeting the minimum enrollment numbers. She stated there are also facility and financial concerns. Ms. Baquero stated the school is currently working with OCS and the Department of Public Instruction to complete closure tasks.
- Ms. Reeves stated she is saddened to hear of the school’s relinquishment and remembers the excitement of the applicants. She appreciates the fact the school understands this is the best move for the students.

**Motion: Approve B.L.U.E. G.R.E.E.N. Academy’s request to relinquish its charter.**

**Motion: Sherry Reeves**

**Second: Jeannette Butterworth**

- Dr. Haire asked about the \$86k debt referenced in the board meeting minutes. Ms. Baquero stated the school is currently working to determine what funding is currently available to resolve that debt.

**Abstained: Cheryl Turner**

**Vote: Unanimous**

**Passed**

**Failed**

### Three Rivers Academy

- Ms. Baquero stated the school did not provide the requested enrollment and facility updates. She asked if anyone was on the line for the school.
- Dr. Haire asked if the enrollment has been decreased from the original ADM in the application. Ms. Baquero stated yes, OCS has worked with the ADM team at DPI to decrease that number. She stated the original 345 was based on the assumption application.
- Ms. Reeves asked if there was a facility update. Ms. Baquero stated she requested that information but has not received an update. She stated she could request that the school attend the next CSAB meeting to make these updates.
- Mr. McQueen stated he got dropped off the call but was available now. He stated they currently have 88 enrollments. He stated the facility is almost complete and he will meet with the inspector today and expects the certificate of occupancy in 48 hours. He stated he will provide that to OCS.
- Ms. Butterworth asked if there is a new school leader. Mr. McQueen stated yes.
- CSAB members confirmed that Three Rivers Academy needs to provide more detailed enrollment information and the certificate of occupancy, once available, to OCS.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

- **Mr. Walker made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10AM. The meeting adjourned via acclamation.**