



CHARTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Microsoft Teams Meeting

October 8, 2021 • 10:00 A.M.

AGENDA

1. Charter Advisory Committee (“CAC”) Chair Mark Whitlock called the meeting to order at 10:04 am.
2. Mr. Whitlock was present. Other CAC members present were David Moeller, Brian Cooksey, Irene Munn, and Dr. Fred Williams.
 - Georgia Department of Education (“GaDOE” or “Department”) staff present were District Flexibility and Charter Schools (“DFCS”) Director Allen Mueller; DFCS Staff Attorney Yoshana Hill; DFCS Manager of Flexibility and External Affairs Kerry Pritchard; and Federal Programs Senior Manager Carly Ambler.
 - Charter System Foundation (“CSF”) staff present were Executive Director Dan Weber, along with Pam Tallmadge and Dr. Emily Lembeck and charter system consultant Dr. Lynn Plunkett.
 - State Charter Schools Commission (“SCSC”) staff present was Charter Development Manager Kristen Easterbrook.
 - Other attendees present were Georgia Charter Schools Association Executive Vice President of Policy and External Affairs Dr. Bonnie Holliday and charter school petition reviewer Andrew Lewis.
3. Mr. Cooksey moved to approve the agenda. Dr. Williams seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.
4. Ms. Munn moved to approve the minutes from the August 13, 2021 meeting. Dr. Williams seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.
5. CAC Recommendations
 - a. Utopian Academy for the Arts High School (start-up charter school)
 - Mr. Mueller provided an overall assessment of the petition and interview.
 - Mr. Mueller requested the CAC’s recommendation.
 - Ms. Munn motioned to recommend approval. Mr. Whitlock seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.
6. Ms. Munn moved to approve the Charter Advisory Committee meeting calendar for 2022. Mr. Cooksey seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.
7. GaDOE Updates

- Mr. Whitlock requested, and Ms. Ambler provided, an update on the Consolidation of Funds Initiative.
- Mr. Mueller provided an update on the upcoming charter system and charter school renewals.
- Dr. Plunkett provided an update on consulting activities.
- Mr. Weber and Ms. Tallmadge provided an update on the Charter System Foundation activities.

8. Flexibility Partner Updates

- Ms. Easterbrook provided an update on the outcomes from the SCSC's Board retreat.
- Dr. Holliday provided an update on GCSA's activities with school services, new school development, policy and advocacy, and facilities.

9. Dr. Williams motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Cooksey seconded the motion. Mr. Whitlock adjourned the meeting at 11:21 am.