



**MINUTES OF THE  
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
CALLED MEETING**

**Atlanta, Georgia  
Wanda Barrs, Chairman**

**June 28, 2011  
John Barge, Superintendent**

The State Board of Education met in an official Called State Board Meeting on June 28, 2011 at 9:05 a.m. in the State Board Room, 2070 Twin Towers East, Atlanta, Georgia.

**Roll Call**

**Board Members present by phone:**

Mrs. Wanda Barrs  
Mr. Brian Burdette  
Mr. Kenneth Mason  
Mr. Allen Rice

Ms. Linda Zechmann  
Dr. Mary Sue Murray  
Mr. Mike Royal

Mr. Daniel Israel  
Ms. Barbara Hampton  
Ms. Helen Rice

**Absent:** Mr. Larry Winter, Dr. Grant Lewis, Dr. Elizabeth Ragsdale

**Staff Present:** Superintendent Barge, Joel Thornton, Dan Carter, Mike Buck, Jennifer Hackemeyer, Erin Elmore, Matt Cardoza, Dan Carter, Louis Erste, Greg Wickersham, Terrance Washington, Marissa Key, Scott Austensen, Bob Swiggum, Brenda Turner, and Justin Pauly.

**AGENDA**

By motion of Ms. Zechmann, seconded by Dr. Murray, a unanimous affirmative vote was given to approve the agenda for the June 28, 2011 Called State Board Meeting.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

By motion of Mr. Rice, seconded by Mr. Mason, a unanimously vote was given to approve the Consent Agenda for the June 28, 2011 Called State Board Meeting.

1. **Personnel Actions.** Approved the June 9, 2011 Personnel Action as presented by the State Superintendent of Schools.
2. **Rule 160-4-9-.05 CHARTER SCHOOLS RULE.** The State Board of Education waived Rule 160-4-9-.04 for the 2010-2011 charter school petition cycle for local districts and Commission charter schools.
3. **State Chartered Special School – Atlanta Heights Charter School.** Authorized the State School Superintendent to approve Atlanta heights Charter School, a grades K-8 school located in the Atlanta Public Schools district, as a state-chartered special school for a two-year term beginning July 1, 2011 and ending on June 30, 2013.
4. **State Chartered Special School – Charter Conservatory for Liberal Arts and Technology (CCAT).** Authorized the State School Superintendent to approve Charter Conservatory For Liberal Arts and Technology (CCAT), a grades 6-12 school located in Bulloch County, as a state-chartered special school for a two-year charter term beginning July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2013.
5. **State Chartered Special School – Cherokee Charter Academy.** Authorized the State School Superintendent to approve Cherokee Charter Academy, a grades K-8 school located in Cherokee County, as a state-chartered special school for a two-year charter term beginning July 1, 2011 and ending on June 30, 2013.
6. **State Chartered Special School – Fulton Leadership Academy.** Authorized the State School Superintendent to approve Fulton Leadership Academy, a grades 6-12 school located in Fulton County, as a state-chartered special school for a two-year charter term beginning July 1, 2011 and ending on June 30, 2013.
7. **State Chartered Special School – Georgia Connections Academy.** Authorized the State School Superintendent to approve Georgia Connections Academy, a statewide virtual school serving grades K-12, as a state-chartered special school for a two-year charter term beginning July 1, 2011 and ending on June 30, 2013.
8. **State Chartered Special School – Heritage Preparatory Academy.** Authorized the State School Superintendent to approve Heritage Preparatory Academy, a grades 6-8 school located in the Atlanta Public Schools district, as a state-chartered special school for a two-year charter term beginning July 1, 2011 and ending on June 30, 2013.
9. **State Chartered Special School – Pataula Charter Academy.** Authorized the State School Superintendent to approve Pataula Charter Academy, a grades K-8 school located in Calhoun County and serving Early, Randolph, Clay, Calhoun and Baker Counties, as a state-chartered special school for a two-year charter term beginning July 1, 2011 and ending on June 30, 2013.

10. **State Chartered Special School – Provost Academy.** Authorized the State School Superintendent to approve provost Academy, a statewide virtual school serving students in grades 9-12, as a state-chartered special school beginning August 7, 2011 and ending on June 30, 2013.
11. **State Chartered Special School – Ivy Preparatory Academy.** Authorized the State School Superintendent to grant a one-year charter for Ivy Preparatory Academy, a grades 6-12 start-up charter school approved by the Gwinnett County Board of Education, beginning July 1, 2011 and ending on June 30, 2012.
12. **State Chartered Special School – The Museum School of Avondale Estates.** Authorized the State School Superintendent to grant a one-year charter for The Museum School of Avondale Estates, a grades K-5 start-up charter school approved by the DeKalb county Board of Education, beginning July 1, 2011 and ending on June 30, 2012.
13. **Contract K-12 Network Contract Renewal.** Authorized the State School Superintendent to enter into a contract with AT&T at a cost not to exceed \$3, 298,767.60 in State funds for maintenance and upgrades related to the K-12 Statewide Network.

#### **CHARTER COMMITTEE**

1. **State Chartered Special School – Coweta Charter Academy.** Ms. Rice moved to approve the State Charter Special School – Coweta Charter Academy. Mr. Israel seconded the motion which was approved with 9 voting yes and 1 abstaining.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:20 a.m. Mr. Burdette moved to adjourn the State Board Meeting. Ms. Hampton seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

#### **Next Scheduled Meeting of the State Board**

The next State Board Meeting is scheduled for July 21, 2011.

Brenda Turner, Recorder