



Missouri
Charter Public School Commission

March 13, 2019

9:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

205 Jefferson St, Jefferson City, MO

DRAFT Minutes

Meeting was called to order by Alicia Kotarba at 9:30 a.m. In attendance was Delbert Scott, Peggy Taylor, Alicia Kotarba, Susan Cole and John Wright (by phone). Also in attendance was Robbyn Wahby, Executive Director.

A motion to approve the agenda made by Peggy Taylor and seconded by Delbert Scott passed unanimously.

A motion to approve January and February minutes made by Delbert Scott and seconded by John Wright passed unanimously.

A motion to approve the Commission's Conflict of Interest Policy made by Peggy Taylor and seconded by Susan Cole passed unanimously.

A motion to approve the Closure Protocol made by Delbert Scott and seconded by Peggy Taylor passed unanimously.

Delbert Scott and Robbyn Wahby provided the Commission with an update on the Tuesday, March 12, 2019 meeting of the Pathway Academy Board of Directors. The Pathway Academy Board of Directors voted to relinquish their charter at the end of this fiscal year. This is the fourth year of a five year charter. A motion to accept the relinquishment of Pathway Academy charter school at the end of this year, and begin closure proceedings immediately made by Peggy Taylor and seconded by Susan Cole passed unanimously.

A motion to approve the Performance Contract revision by Academy for Integrated Arts made by Delbert Scott and seconded by Susan Cole passed unanimously.

Robbyn Wahby provided the Commission with an update on disposition of transfer schools. She further provided an update on the progress made on renewals of DeLaSalle, University Academy, and Gateway Science Academy. We are targeting August 1 to the Department for GSA and UA. Carondelet Leadership Academy's School Quality Review is schedule. We'll know more about their renewal in the next few months.

A motion to approve January and February Financials made by Peggy Taylor and seconded by Susan Cole passed unanimously.

After a discussion on the FY19 PS shortfall, the Commission was unsuccessful in gaining the necessary authority to use Revolving Fund money for PS. A motion made by Delbert Scott and second by Peggy

Taylor to approve the resolution for unpaid leave of the Executive Director for 34 days between April 19 and June 11, 2019 passed unanimously.

Robbyn Wahby provided an update on the FY20 Request which now includes language to provide the Commission with 10% flexibility in the Revolving Fund and an additional FTE also in the Revolving Fund.

The Commission discussed the FY21 Budget Goals, which include shifting all expenses to the Revolving Fund and not requesting General Revenue support.

Robbyn Wahby provided the Executive Director Report. She outlined the unpaid leave schedule. The Commission agreed to seek a meeting with the Governor to discuss Commission appointments, and get that meeting at the earliest available time. Peggy Taylor will take the lead on this effort.

DESE Commissioner Margie Vandeven and Deputy Commission Chris Neale joined the Commission for a brief and informal on the Commission and charter schools. Robbyn reviewed the FY18 academic performance of all the schools in the Commission's portfolio and all charter schools in Missouri.

After the Commission and Deputy Commissioner left the meeting, John Wright left the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

Robbyn Wahby reported to the Commission that the staff will be sending to the Commissioners the FY18 annual reports on each school, as a baseline of their performance. These represent "year 0" with MCPSC. She also reported that NACSA and the Department have completed the Sponsor Standards and are working to complete an evaluation tool that matches these standards. The Commission staff continue to monitor progress, with an anticipated completion date no later than June 30, 2019.

The Commission had a brief conversation on the need to hire an external consultant to evaluate the Executive Director. Alicia Kotarba will be the point person with the consultant. The Commission staff will seek bids and provide them to Alicia.

The meeting ended without a quorum and so there was no vote taken to adjourn. Following lunch, Commissioners visited the Capitol to talk with lawmakers about the Commission's work. The Commissioner's left the Capitol at 4 p.m.