



Missouri  
Charter Public School Commission

**February 22, 2019**

**11 a.m.**

**SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING**

**CONFERENCE CALL MEETING**

**DRAFT Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. Commissioners in attendance was John Wright, Peggy Taylor, Delbert Scott, Alicia Herald, and Susan Cole. Staff in attendance was Robbyn Wahby and Martha McGeehon.

A motion to approve the agenda made by John Wright and seconded by Peggy Taylor passed unanimously.

Robbyn Wahby outlined the governance, management concerns about Pathway. Robbyn had attended the August, December and February board meetings at Pathway Academy. Their January meeting was cancelled. Sponsorship transferred to the Commission from UMKC on December 4, 2018.

Robbyn Wahby outlined concerns around governance including, but not limited to, having a board of only four members and not having a full board in attendance at two of the four meetings she attended, with two meetings having one member by phone to assure quorum; not following Missouri Sunshine rules pertaining to executive session and posting cancelations; voting on significant items without materials and data to inform their decision; and by not assuring reporting or oversight on past decisions in future meetings, such as timely approval of minutes or full and accurate information on the finances.

Robbyn Wahby outline concerns around management including, but not limited to, a lack of compliance in submitting required materials; unresponsiveness to Commission (and Commission consultant's) correspondence; separate and independent complaints to Robbyn Wahby by each co-leader concerning management and board relations; past and upcoming changes in leadership.

Robbyn Wahby also outlined concerns around finance including, but not limited to, a 58% decline in fund balance between FY17 (48.2%) and FY18 (28.01%); approved FY19

budget requiring the use of reserves for general operations; decision to provide bonuses to teachers without modification to the budget or evidence of the magnitude of the decision, monthly deficit spending as high as \$81,000 and the over reporting of WADA, requiring an immediate reduction in reporting by 26 students.

Commissioners discussed the information and shared their concerns. The Commission was unanimous in its concern and supported the staff's recommendation to send a Letter of Concern. The Commissioners expect a letter to be sent after the completion of the School Quality Review. The Commission's policies do not require an action of the Commission at this time.

A motion to adjourn at 11:48 a.m. made by John Wright, seconded by Peggy Taylor passed unanimously.