

**Missouri Charter Public School Commission**  
**Wednesday, April 13, 2016 9 a.m.**  
**Jefferson Building, 7<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room**  
**Jefferson City, MO**

**Draft Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by the Commission's Chairperson, Alicia Herald. Present were John Wright, Peggy Taylor Delbert Scott, Alicia Herald and Robbyn Wahby. Susan Cole and Deborah Curtis were excused.

The chair asked for approval of Agenda and Peggy Taylor second; motion passed unanimously.

The chair asked for corrections and approval of minutes from the February meeting; second by Peggy Taylor. There was a correction to John Wright's last name. The motion was passed unanimously.

The update on Citizens of the World was provided by Kristin Droege, Executive Director and Luke Norris, CWC – Kansas City Board Chair, who attended by phone. The team is moving toward securing a building, which will be announced in the next few weeks. The plan is to have the K-2 in one building. This will allow for the hiring of a Project Based Liaison (instead of a second principal). The school has brought on a talent manager and has slowed hiring to seek a diverse staff. Enrollment is behind schedule mainly due to the lack of a building; currently at about 50 students. The ribbon cutting and opening celebration will take place in the fall after school starts. The board has formed a diversity committee to support the on-going recruitment of a diverse board.

The updated on the Great Schools Initiative was provided by Awais Sufi, Executive Director, who attended by phone. He provided an overview of idea of the initiative is to promote and grow the number of high performing public school seats in Kansas City. They have asked for a landscape analysis around quality schools in Kansas City. This initiative is a collaboration that is systemic, long term and focused on quality, and community driven. The next step is next set of investments in various areas. Awais spoke to the importance of the Commission in the work of increasing quality seats and will report back to the Commission at a future meeting on ways in which the Initiative and the Commission can work together.

The update on Missouri Charter Public School Association was provided by Doug Thaman and Trisha Workman who attended the meeting in person. They shared with the commission data on charter school development; the role of the association; goals around quality autonomy and innovation; stakeholder, parent and school involvement; building support for the charter school movement; update on legislative session; support for

applicants through the process (including a letter of readiness); and the common application pilot in St. Louis.

David Desai-Ramirez, Executive Director, IFF presented their studies on the service gaps (lack of access to performing public school seats) in Kansas City and St. Louis. David highlighted their work in the education space. He reviewed the methodology on the Kansas City and St. Louis studies. These studies can be found at [www.iff.org](http://www.iff.org).

Alicia Herald presented draft policies for review by the Commission. She asked that Commissioner's be prepared to approve at the next Commission meeting.

A motion by Delbert Scott and second by Peggy Taylor to amend the Application Review Process to include a prospectus and a technical check-list, the role of the advisory board and an "ever green" RFP was adopted unanimously.

Alicia reminded Commissioners of the upcoming conference: NACSA (October 24-27) & Alliance (June 26-29) Conferences. Alicia & Robbyn will be attending both. Delbert may be available for NACSA.

Robbyn Wahby presented the Executive Director's Report. Delbert Scott moved to approve the financial reports for February and March. John Wright second. The motion was unanimously approved.

Robbyn reported on the Pre-Opening Process of CWC-KC, FY17 Budget and Operations, office space. The Commission has received several letters of intent. They are from:

The joint meeting of the Commission and the State Board Meeting is June 14, 2016. Some of the topics the Commission members are interested in sharing/hearing about are:

- Provide our Operating Plan – What we value/how we are different
- Teacher Pension - How they impact charter schools
- IFF and the priority regions
- Expansion beyond Kansas City and St. Louis
- Charters and the APR
- State Board thinking about ESSA – what are they thinking about their new/returned autonomy

At 1:45 p.m. John Wright made a motion to adjourn and it was second by Peggy Taylor, and approved unanimously. Upon adjournment, Commissioners made visits to members of the Missouri General Assembly.