

Missouri Charter Public School Commission
Wednesday, August 10, 2016
9 a.m. Conference Call
Minutes
Approved September 14, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Alicia Herald. In attendance were: John Wright, Peggy Taylor, Susan Cole, Delbert Scott, Alicia Herald, and Robbyn Wahby. Deborah Curtis joined at 9:07.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Susan Cole, second by Delbert Scott and was unanimously approved (prior to Deborah Curtis arrival).

A motion to approve the June meeting minutes was made by John Wright, second Peggy Taylor and was unanimously approved (prior to Deborah Curtis arrival).

A motion to elect Alicia Herald as chair and Deborah Curtis as vice-chair for 2016-17 was made by Peggy Taylor, second by Susan Cole and was unanimously approved.

Alicia Herald presented the Chair's Report. She offered an amendment to the 2016-2017 proposed meeting calendar: 1) elimination of the public hearing and board interviews for August and September; and 2) addition of October 20th for public hearings and October 21st for board interviews in Kansas City and November 3rd for public hearings and November 4th for board interviews.

After a brief discussion Delbert Scott moved, second by Peggy Taylor that the current budget plus the new decision budget be considered mandatory and the funds to support the acquisition of property be considered not mandatory. This motion was unanimously approved.

After an extensive discussion on the Letters of Intent and Prospectus received by Hi Tech – A motion to decline an invitation to submit an application to the Commission was made by John Wright, second by Susan Cole was unanimously approved. Several Commissioners mentioned that the prospectus was missing alignment, was not coherent or consistent to the mission; the data did not make a case for this school or mode; the school design and outcomes not tied to mission. There was shared concern that the school would start in 6th grade and then open a kindergarten in a few years, which seemed disjointed.

Robbyn Wahby began the Executive Director's Report with a request to approve the June and July 2016 Financial Reports. Motion made by Deborah Curtis, second by Delbert Scott and unanimously approved. Robbyn Wahby went on to provide an overview of the FY16 year-end Final Financial Report and the FY17 possible contracted services (Application Graphic Design, Training of Advisory Boards, Financial Model to use Building Dollars,

Market Analysis.)

Robbyn Wahby provided an update on the pre-opening of Citizens of the World-Kansas City. Pictures of the school are on the Commission's Facebook page and in Epicenter. Enrollment as of 8/9/16 was 150. The school will continue enrolling and can take up to 192 students.

Robbyn Wahby reviewed the schools in process. Second revisions of applications will be sent to Commissioners. Commissioner discussed concerns about the applications not meeting standards, how much time staff and Commissions can realistically put into reviewing revisions and how many times an application can be submitted from the same individual/groups. There was general consensus that we want to assist applicants successfully go through the process, but it must be balanced against their capacity and ours. Robbyn Wahby will look into the policies and practices of other high performing sponsors.

Once the 2017 review process is completed, the Commission will launch an RFP for 2018.

At 10:30, Deborah Curtis made a motion to adjourn, John Wright second and it was unanimously approved.