

MISSOURI CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL COMMISSION

September 9, 2015
Office of the Mayor, City of St. Louis

MINUTES

Chairperson Alicia Herald called the Commission meeting to order at 7:35 a.m. In attendance were: Susan Cole, John Wright, Delbert Scott, Deborah Curtis, Alicia Herald, and Executive Director Robbyn Wahby. Peggy Taylor asked to be excused.

Delbert Scott moved to approve the July 21, 2015 and July 28, 2015 minutes. Deborah Curtis seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Alicia Herald's President's Report reviewed the various efforts and successes of the Commission since the Governor began appointing members of the Commission, nearly a year ago. Those activities and successes include: appointment and confirmation of seven members; an Executive Director search that resulted in hiring Robbyn Wahby in April 2015; an appropriation for FY16 (\$200,000); a visit to high performing schools in Boston and a meeting with a high performing authorizer to help craft MCPSC's vision and values; a retreat and several conference calls facilitated by NACSA that shaped our program and built capacity to authorize; the acceptance, review (that included a public hearing and board interview) of our first charter school application (Citizens of the World-Kansas City); and the sponsorship of our first school.

Alicia shared that Kent Farnsworth submitted his letter of resignation to Governor Nixon on September 7, 2015. In addition to Kent's vacancy, two positions remain open. Delbert Scott's term expires September 17, 2015. Delbert agreed to be considered for reappointment. Members are encouraged to suggest names for the three open positions. Alicia stressed the importance of finding someone from the Kansas City area.

Robbyn Wahby's Executive Director's report included year-to-date expenses and an update on CWC-KC. CWC-KC will be on the State Board of Education agenda at the October 27, 2015 meeting. The Commissioners are encouraged to attend. Details as to time and location will be sent closer to the meeting date. NACAS and MCPSC conference logistics were emailed to Commissioners last week. Commissioners are asked to review NACSA's "Principal and Standards for Quality School Authorizing" as MCPSC's guide in authorizing charter schools. It will be considered for adoption at the next Commission meeting.

Delbert Scott moved to approve the proposed FY17 budget request. The motion was second by John Wright and unanimously approved.

Susan Cole moved the adoption of the proposed Sunshine Request Policy. The motion was seconded by John Wright and unanimously approved.

John Wright moved the adoption of the proposed Application Process as presented by Robbyn Wahby. The motion was seconded by Deborah Curtis and unanimously approved.

Deborah Curtis moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Delbert Scott and unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 a.m.

Commissioners then took a tour of EAGLE Prep: Tower Grove South, KIPP:Victory and City Garden Montessori.