

1. Meeting Called to Order / Roll Call: Dr. Hill convened the meeting at 6:30 pm

Absent: Att’y B. T. Gutter-Parker,

Present: Haygood, Hill, Dennis, Mason, Young, Swann, Gilliard, Smith

The Meeting was monitored by Dr. Kelli Peterson, GCSA Certified Trainer

2. Adoption of Agenda / Approval of the Minutes for October 25, 2018

Motion to Adopt Agenda – Young, Seconded by Haygood – Motion Passes

Motion to Adopt Minutes from 10/26 – Haygood, Seconded by Young – Motion Passes

3. Updates and Reports:

OBJECTIVE STRAND: Financial Responsibility

CFO’s Report Ms. Candy Yu & Agent Donrich Young

- Revised SSCS Framework on Financial Reports, August and September, 2018

The CFO, Candy Yu, reviewed the financial reports for August and September. The October financial report will be available at the next Board meeting and is being delayed as a result of the holiday. The Administrative Team and the CFO are currently completing the amendment process. We currently have 774 days of cash on hand. This is a significant increase over the past years. Charter schools are still waiting on the financial framework from GA DOE that would mirror the SSCS framework. Board member Young made a motion to accept the Financial Reports and it was second by Gilliard. The motion passes.

OBJECTIVE STRAND: Governance and Leadership Att’y B. T. Gutter-Parker & Dr. Ray Hill

- Board Elections
- Revision: LPA Governance Board By-Laws
- Reminder Whole Board Training – December 8, 2018, 9:00 am, Exhibition Hall, STEM Bldg.
GCSA Trainer - Dr. Kelli Peterson, Facilitator

Board Member Young made a motion to adjust the agenda and move the By-Laws agenda item ahead the Board Elections. The Motion was second by Haygood and the motion passes. Att’y Greer from the Law Offices of McGuire & Woods, LLP attended the meeting, representing Att’y Rob Fortson, the Board Attorney. Att’y Greer opened the discussion by affirming that she had reviewed the current By-Laws and the relevant OCGA to insure sufficiency and compatibility. She then queried the Board regarding their areas of focus and engaged a full discussion on certain areas they wanted to more fully explore and address with clarifying or amending language. Board members indicated that Board service cycle, term limits and Board membership class were all areas that came under full discussion. Att’y Greer provided substantial background information as it relates to the Open Meetings Act (a/k/a Sunshine Law) and other relevant OCGA Statutes and SBOE Rules.

Board member Attorney Mason wanted to explore language that would allow Board members to serve in an additional period beyond their maximum term under certain extenuating circumstances. Board members were also concerned with the parent issue in the By-Laws and wanted additional clarity around that. Board member Haygood wants to eliminate the condition regarding the parent requirement and further added that consideration for the needs of the Board function be a consideration for membership to the Board. The Board reviewed and discussed all articles of the By-Laws and authorized the attorney to make corrections to any typos and grammatical errors. Attorney Geer stated that we can remove the language about the parent. The following changes were made to the bylaws: (See attached newly Revised By-Laws).

The Board began the Elections Process with Board Member Hagood nominating Hill as Chair and seconded by Young. Haygood nominated Young for Vice Chair and Hill seconded the nomination. Haygood nominated Smith for Secretary and Gilliard seconded. Haygood nominated Dennis for Treasurer and Young seconded. Dr. Hill asks for a motion to close nomination. Young makes a motion to close nominations and Haygood seconds the motion. Haygood makes the motion to accept the slate of officers: Dr. Hill, Chair, Donrich Young, Vice Chair, Chiquita Smith, Secretary and Wanda Dennis as Treasurer. Dr. Gilliard seconds the motion. The motion passes unanimously.

OBJECTIVE STRAND: Foster a Safe and Supportive Learning Environment with Facility and Infrastructure Development

CEO’s Report Mr. Lonnie Hall

- Follow-up on Board Member Expense Reimbursement Procedures and Form –
Submission Deadline December 14, 2018

The CFO will provide the Board with the link to bill.com in order to expedite reimbursements for travel expenses.

OBJECTIVE STRAND: Recruit and Retain Top Talent

CLO’s Report Dr. Tonya Williams

- HR Report – November

Dr. Williams reported that there were no personnel changes in the month of November.

OBJECTIVE STRAND: Academic Achievement

CAO’s Report Dr. Tonya Williams

- 2018 CCRPI Analysis and Comparisons

Data will be reviewed at the Whole Board Training on December 8, 2018.

Board member Young made a motion to recess the regular meeting and move into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. The motion was seconded by Dr. Gilliard at 8:25 pm

EXECUTIVE SESSION - *Executive Sessions of the Governance Board of Directors are provided by statute to allow Boards to address issues involving privileged information and matters of a CONFIDENTIAL nature. Legal counsel was present and participated in the Executive Session.*

Board member Young made a motion to adjourn the Executive Session and return to regular board meeting. The motion was second by Mason.

BOARD ACTION ITEMS

- Executive Session Items

Board member Haygood made a motion to approve and reaffirm the CEO's contract as discussed in Executive Session. Board member Mason seconded the motion. The motion passes unanimously. Board Member Haygood makes a motion to give authority to the Board Chair to execute the contract. Board member Young seconds and the motion passes unanimously.

- Governance Board By-Laws Revisions

Board member Haygood made a motion to approve the newly revised By-Laws as drafted by Att'y Greer (See attached newly Revised By-Laws). Board member Young seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

4. Next Scheduled: Gov Bd Mtg Thursday Dec 27, 2018, Committee Mtgs: Finance/Audit/Budget Wed 19 Dec, 2018 (Tentative), Work Sessions N/A

5. Motion to Adjourn: Young Second: Gilliard
Adjournment TIME: 8:29 pm

Strategic Goals

Goal 1: *LPA will meet all targets required by the CCRPI and Beating the Odds goals, as defined by Georgia state requirements and the State's waiver for Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), this goal will be subject to any amendment, waiver or reauthorization thereof during the term of the charter.*

Goal 2: *LPA will demonstrate student proficiency and improvement on national norm referenced assessments.*

Goal 3: *In each year of the charter 100% of the students in grades K-8 will complete an electronic Leadership Portfolio that will document satisfactory completion of at least 80% of the objectives of the Leadership Curriculum for their specific grade level. In each year of the charter, students will improve their satisfactory completion rate by at least 3%, or until they have demonstrated mastery of the objectives (i.e., reached a rate of 90% or more).*

Goal 4: *LPA will implement programs and procedures that will lead to state STEM Certification by year 4 of the 1st renewal term of the charter.*

Goal 5: *LPA shall be economically sustainable.*

Goal 6: *LPA shall ensure that all Governing Board Members receive effective training.*

Goal 7: *LPA promotes a positive school experience that engages students, parents and teachers.*

Goal 8: *LPA will identify, recruit and retain top talent.*