

MINUTES OF THE
MISSISSIPPI CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZER BOARD
Regular Monthly Meeting
Monday, October 15, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Mississippi Charter School Authorizer Board was held at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, October 15, 2018 at the Mississippi Charter School Authorizer Board Office located at 239 N. Lamar Street Suite 207, Jackson, MS 39201. In attendance were:

Krystal Cormack, Board Chair
Chris Wilson
Tommie Cardin
Jean Young
Quentin Ransburg
Karen Elam

The meeting was called to order at 10:06 a.m.

ITEM I. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

A. Adoption of Agenda

The Agenda was previously circulated to all Board members for review.

Chair Cormack requested a motion to approve the agenda, as circulated.

MOTION: Dr. Karen Elam

SECOND: Dr. Jean Young

There being no discussion and following a vote in favor by all members present and participating, the motion carried.

Chair Cormack made a recommendation to amend the agenda to add item g, concerning hiring an intern.

Chair Cormack Requested a motion to make these revisions and approve the agenda, as amended.

MOTION:Dr. Karen Elam

SECOND: Dr. Jean Young

There being no discussion and following a vote in favor by all members present and participating, the motion carried.

ITEM II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A. Approval of Minutes of the September 10th Board Meeting

The minutes of the September 10th, 2018 Board meeting were previously distributed to the

Board members for review.

Chair Cormack requested a motion to approve the minutes of the September 10th, 2018 Board meeting.

MOTION: Mr. Quentin Ransburg

SECOND: Mr. Chris Wilson

There being no discussion and following a vote in favor by all members present and participating, the motion carried.

ITEM III. CHAIR REPORT

Chair Cormack reported that many projects of the Authorizer Board are continuing to move forward. Chair Cormack distributed budget reports for the Board's review as well as a Mississippi First blog report concerning the recent charter school accountability results.

ITEM V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Applications Committee

Dr. Elam provided a report that revisited the Stage 3 evaluation results for MS Delta Academies and RePublic Schools, Inc. Dr. Elam noted that the committee recommended MS Delta Academies for a denial based on financial and academic plan shortcomings. Dr. Elam noted that the applications committee recommends that RePublic Schools, Inc. be approved for its two schools based on accountability data.

B. Performance and Accountability Committee

The Performance and Accountability Committee did not meet.

ITEM VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2018 Request for Proposals: Stage 3 Evaluation Results

Dr. Elam made a motion that the Board adopt a resolution to deny MS Delta Academies proposal for a charter school as it fails to meet the Mississippi Charter School Authorizer Boards criteria for approval as detailed in the recommendation report.

MOTION: Dr. Karen Elam

SECOND: Dr. Jean Young

The Board discussed the academic and financial plans of this proposal.

There being no additional discussion and following a vote in favor by all members present

and participating, the motion carried.

Dr. Elam made a motion that the Board adopt a resolution to approve the RePublic Charter Schools Inc. proposal for two charter schools and provide execution of the charter contract. Final approval of the school is conditional up on the operator meeting timely preopening requirements.

MOTION: Dr. Karen Elam

SECOND: Dr. Jean Young

The Board discussed the accountability results of RePublic Schools Inc.

There being no additional discussion and following a vote in favor by all members present and participating, the motion carried.

B. Charter Contracts

Chair Cormack explained that the Board needed to approve Ambition Preparatory School's charter contract in order to allow them to be approved for Charter School Program funds. Chair Cormack noted that there will need to be an amendment to the contract to allow for the updated address once the location of the school is found and to insert Exhibit B language, which is being reviewed by the attorney.

Mr. Wilson made the motion to authorize the chair to execute the charter contract of Ambition Preparatory Charter School.

MOTION: Mr. Chris Wilson

SECOND: Mr. Quentin Ransburg

There being no discussion, the board voted to approve the motion unanimously.

C. Charter Schools Program Subgrant

Chair Cormack asked for a motion to approve Ambition Preparatory Charter School's application for Charter Schools Program Grant.

MOTION: Dr. Jean Young

SECOND: Mr. Quentin Ransburg

The Board reviewed the application and budget.

There being no additional discussion, the board voted to approve the application unanimously.

D. 2019 Board Meeting Calendar

Mr. Ransburg made a motion to approve the draft calendar.

MOTION: Mr. Quentin Ransburg

SECOND: Dr. Karen Elam

The Board discussed the need to revise this calendar given there are grants and a possible incoming Executive Director. The Board may need to add special meetings.

There being no additional discussion and following a vote in favor by all members present and participating, the motion carried.

E. Board Committees

Chair Cormack suggested that Mr. Ransburg be added to the Performance and Accountability committee to replace Dr. Wright. Chair Cormack added that leadership roles should stay as they are until the new Executive Director is in place, so there is not a transition mid-hiring process.

Mr. Wilson made the motion to add Mr. Ransburg to the Performance and Accountability Committee.

MOTION: Mr. Chris Wilson

SECOND: Dr. Karen Elam

There being no discussion and following a vote in favor by all members present and participating, the motion carried.

F. Approval of Invoices

Mr. Cardin recused himself and left the room

Mr. Wilson made the motion to approve the invoices.

MOTION: Mr. Chris Wilson

SECOND: Dr. Jean Young

The board discussed the invoices circulated.

There being no additional discussion and following a vote in favor by all members present and participating, the motion carried.

G. Hiring of Intern

Chair Cormack requested a motion to authorize her to hire interns to support programs and operational work.

MOTION: Dr. Jean Young

SECOND: Dr. Karen Elam

There being no discussion and following a vote in favor by all members present and participating, the motion carried.

H. Executive Session

Chair Cormack requested a motion for a closed determination of executive session.

MOTION: Mr. Chris Wilson

SECOND: Dr. Karen Elam

There being no additional discussion and following a vote in favor by all members present and participating, the motion carried.

Chair Cormack requested a motion to enter executive session.

MOTION: Dr. Elam

SECOND: Mr. Chris Wilson

There being no additional discussion and following a vote in favor by all members present and participating, the motion carried.

The board conducted discussion in executive session.

Chair Cormack requested a motion to end executive session.

MOTION: Dr. Karen Elam

SECOND: Mr. Chris Wilson

There being no additional discussion and following a vote in favor by all members present and participating, the motion carried.

Chair Cormack announced that during executive session, the Board passed a motion to authorize the chair to make an offer to a candidate for Executive Director, pending State Personnel Board action.

ITEM VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

During public comment Dr. Tamala Boyd-Shaw expressed her disappointment at the Board's decision to deny the MS Delta Academies proposal. Linda Brown, a parent of Leflore County, also expressed her disappointment in the Board's decision and her desire for an option for her children to get a better education.

ITEM VIII. NEXT MEETING

Chair Cormack noted that the next meeting will be Monday, December 3rd at 10:00am at the Authorizer Board's office, unless there needed to be a special called board meeting.

ITEM IX. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Cormack requested a motion to adjourn.

MOTION: Dr. Karen Elam

SECOND: Dr. Jean Young

There being no discussion and following a vote in favor by all members present and participating, the motion carried.

The meeting adjourned.

| ADOPTED, this the 3rd day of December 2018.

Krystal Cormack, Chair

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