

MINUTES OF THE
MISSISSIPPI CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZER BOARD
Regular Monthly Meeting
Monday, April 20, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of the Mississippi Charter School Authorizer Board was held at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, April 20, 2020 via Zoom videoconference. In attendance were:

Quentin Ransburg, Chair – 101 Ridgefield Dr. Madison, MS
Bill Billingsley – 569 N Old Canton Rd Madison, MS
Carolyn Willis – 137 County Rd 33 Carrollton, MS
Dr. Jean Young – 35 Backwoods Trail Petal, MS
Denise De Rossette, Fiscal Agent
Avery Lee, Legal Counsel

Chair Ransburg called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

ITEM I. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

A. Adoption of the Agenda

The Agenda was previously circulated to all board members for review. Chair Ransburg requested a motion to adopt the agenda.

Motion: Billingsley
Second: 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 the minutes of the March 30, 2020 Board Meeting

The minutes were previously circulated to the board members for review. Chair Ransburg requested a motion for approval of the March 30, 2020 board meeting minutes.

Motion: Young
Second: Billingsley

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

ITEM III. CHAIR REPORT

Chair Ransburg thanked the MCSAB agency staff for preparing and conducting this meeting during this challenging time.

ITEM IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Dr. Karmacharya welcomed board members and guests and began her report with an update on communication with schools. Dr. Karmacharya stated that Dr. Brumfield has reached out to USDE and has not received any new information with respect to the CSP as it relates to COVID19. She also reminded the board of the COVID19 survey that was administered last month and gave an update on how many responses were received. Mr. Billingsley requested information on the schools' distance learning practices. In response, Dr. Karmacharya referenced the check-in meeting on April 9th that was designed to assess current distance learning efforts and challenges.

Dr. Karmacharya included in her report an update on Revive Prep beginning with a brief summary of events since the time of the approval of the original applications of Revive Prep and Republic High and ending with the most recent update from the Republic Inc. team.

Dr. Karmacharya gave an update regarding technical assistance contracts and scheduling kick-off calls with each provider to begin work.

Dr. Karmacharya referenced the ongoing work on the Annual Report, noted the authorizer evaluation report from NACSA had not yet been received and the partnership with WestEd has allowed us an opportunity to review and revise internal practices.

Dr. Karmacharya informed the board that two schools are out of compliance with respect to special education enrollment. A Student Enrollment Task Force has been created to address those challenges. Chair Ransburg suggested that an MCSAB board member be included on the task force to give the board a deeper understanding of the process.

Dr. Karmacharya reminded the board that the Performance & Accountability and Applications committees need to be appointed.

ITEM VII. FINANCIAL REPORT

Ms. De Rossette commended the MCSAB team on conducting work during this time. The financial report was circulated to the board prior to the meeting.

Ms. De Rossette noted that Dr. Brumfield has done a great job monitoring the CSP grant funds and reporting.

ITEM IX. NEW BUSINESS – ACTION ITEMS

- A. Consider Approval [FINAL] Renewal Recommendation Report as presented for Midtown Public School.

Chair Ransburg requested a motion to approve as presented the Renewal Recommendation Report for Midtown Public Charter School with a (3) year contract beginning July 1, 2020.

Motion: Billingsley
Second: Willis

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

- B. Consider Approval [FINAL] Renewal Recommendation Report as presented for Reimagine Preparatory.

Chair Ransburg requested a motion to approve as presented the Renewal Recommendation Report for Reimagine Preparatory with a (5) year contract beginning July 1, 2020.

Motion: Billingsley
Second:

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

Chair Ransburg requested a motion to move Public Comment before Executive Session.

Motion: Billingsley
Second: Young

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

ITEM X. PUBLIC COMMENT

On behalf of Ambition Prep, the Executive Director, Mr. DeArchie Scott presented public comments related to the MCSAB Intervention Ladder.

The board discussed the Notice of Concern and the deadlines for required reporting.

Chair Ransburg requested a motion to consider going into Closed Session for the determination of the need to go into Executive Session.

Motion: Billingsley
Second: Willis

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

ITEM XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Ransburg requested a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss deliberations concerning personnel.

Motion: Billingsley
Second: Young

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

ITEM XII. NEXT MEETING

During Executive Session the board took action on a personnel recommendation by the Executive Director.

Chair Ransburg noted that the next meeting will be Monday, June 8th, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at the Authorizer Board's office.

ITEM XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Ransburg requested a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Willis
Second: Young

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



Quentin Ransburg, Chair

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