

Limestone Charter Association Full Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 11, 2024, at 1:00 pm, Limestone University and Virtually

Directors Present

Jeremy Whitaker
Lee Sowell
Sedric Webber (Virtual)
Phyllis Pelzer (Virtual)

Bridgett Fowler
Wendy Wells (Virtual)

Directors Absent:

Michelle Combs

Others Present:

Angel Malone
Donna Manning
Kelly Richardson
Cindy Williams
Tabitha Taneyhill
Jackie Washington
Mindy Connolly

Bridgett Fowler called the meeting to order.

Mrs. Fowler asked if public notice had been made of the meeting, Jackie Washington answered that it had. There was no public comment. Jackie Washington was asked to call the roll.

The Limestone Charter Association Mission was stated on the agenda and read by Bridgett Fowler.

Action: Motion to amend the agenda to remove the Charter Amendment for Orangeburg High School for Health Professions— all were in favor – Approved

Action: Motion to accept minutes from March 21, 2024, meeting, no additions, or corrections to minutes – all were in favor – Approved

Superintendent's Updates

- Angel indicated that there will be presentations from partners in education who want to make a difference in SC. Donna Manning was introduced to give an overview of the process in vetting schools. We started out with 36 letters of interest and 15 applications to go through.

School Authorization & Development Update

Donna gave an overview of the process and introduced the first group to do their presentation. These schools are planning to open for the 25-26 school year.

Action: Colearn Academy SC (CASC)

Colearn is a virtual school, serving students throughout South Carolina, they will initially be serving grades K-10 with 230 students. CASC is built on an innovative virtual model where students form an active and engaged community within and outside their online school environment. Colearn has developed an interest list of 181 potential students as a submission of

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their application. Their strategy to personalize learning is to trust parents and give them the tools they need to make the world a classroom that always serves their children.

Motion: LCA recommend conditional approval from the Board.
Board Approved

Action: Discovery Schools

Discovery Schools will have multiple locations: Rock Hill & Myrtle Beach opening in 2025-2026 school year, Summerville, Simpsonville & Columbia will be opening in 2026-2027 school year, and Sumter in the 2027-2028 school year. Their model follows a cycle of continuous improvement: Planning, Teaching, Assessing and Responding

Motion: LCA recommend approval from the Board.
Board Approved

Action: Horse Creek Academy Kershaw (HCA-Kershaw)

HCA-Kershaw will initially be serving grades K-5 with 456 students and expand to 570 students at full capacity. Their educational model is designed to cater to the unique needs of the target population. Key features of the program include collective leadership, personalized instruction, restorative practices, and community involvement.

Motion: LCA recommend approval from the Board
Board Approved

Donna indicated that Ernest Everett Just Academy and Karent L. Tate Academy applications were incomplete, and they did not enter the process for review. Grace Achievement Centers for Excellence Academies also applied but has decided to withdraw their application.

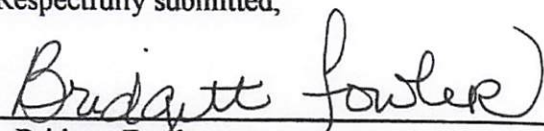
Finance Update

Kelly Richardson asked if there were any questions regarding the March financials that's in the board packet, there were no questions. She indicated that they are still working on the draft for 990 and will be filed by May 15th deadline and a copy will be given to the Board.

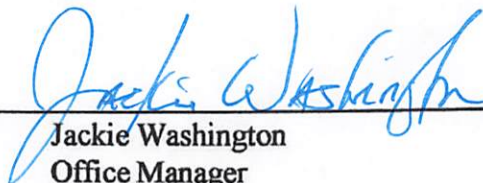
Executive Session – Mrs. Malone indicated that there was no need for an Executive Session.

Motion for meeting to adjourn, all were in favor – Approved.

Respectfully submitted,



Bridgett Fowler.
Secretary to the Board of Directors
Limestone Charter Association



Jackie Washington
Office Manager
Limestone Charter Association