

Limestone Charter Association Full Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 18, 2022 at 1:00 pm, Columbia Office and Virtually

Directors Present (Indicates Non-voting member)

Darrell Parker	Reggie Browning (NV) (virtual)	Tommy Windsor
Lee Sowell (virtual)	Fred Crawford (virtual)	Bridgett Fowler

Directors Absent:

Michele Combs

Others Present:

Angel Malone, Superintendent of the Limestone Charter Association
Donna Manning, Director of Student Accountability
Kelly Richardson, Director of Finance, Limestone University
Cindy Williams, Director of Information Systems
Tabitha Taneyhill, Director of Federal Programs and Special Education
Jackie Washington, Office Manager
Emily Heatwole Keeney, Adams and Reese Law Firm
Kenny Bingham, Adams and Reese Law Firm
Tracey Green, Burr & Furman Law Firm

Chairman, Dr. Darrell Parker, called the meeting to order. Angel Malone called the roll and asked the following: "If any of the voting members of the Board of Directors need to recuse themselves from any of the items on today's agenda due to contractual, employment, personal, or familial financial interests or conflicts of interest, please notify the Chairman at this time." No one notified the Chairman of a need to recuse themselves.

Dr. Parker asked if public notice had been made of the meeting, Ms. Malone answered that it had. There was no public comment.

The Limestone Charter Association Mission was stated on the agenda.

Action: Motion to adopt the agenda - all were in favor.

Action: Motion to accept minutes from June 6, 2022 – all were in favor

Action: Board Member Installation: Angel Malone introduced Bridgette Fowler, former board chair of Coastal Leadership Academy; Dr. Parker read the Oath of the Office and Ms. Fowler repeated. Ms. Fowler became an official member of the LCA board for a term of one year.

Dr. Parker introduced Angel Malone, the Superintendent of the Limestone Charter Association to give updates.

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Superintendent's Update, Angel Malone:

School Retreat – The LCA school retreat was held July 12-13, 2022 on the campus of Limestone University. All new and existing schools had representation from the school leadership and the board of directors. Valuable information was provided to all schools from the Association staff. A follow up survey was complete with over 98% of participants rating the retreat as a nine out of ten.

M.Ed. Program: A Program that LCA is in partner with Limestone Univ. - key take away is to give back and invest in the schools that we serve and their employees. The principal will select two teachers from each school, LCA will pay for the program to include books. Teachers will have up to 18 months to complete the program, anything over the 18 months the teacher will be responsible. Teacher must sign an agreement to stay with the school for 3 years after completion of program. Start date January 2023.

Action: School Contract – The contract indicates our responsibilities as the Authorizer as well the responsibility of the school. It has a clear outline of dates of when things are due and instructions of how grievances are done. Request to take the contract and submit to our member schools and for the association to negotiate on behalf of the board in finalizing the contract with any additional items they want to add. In addition, it outlines preopening conditions for our new schools in the contract so they will know what to expect prior to August 2023.

Motion to accept the contract that was submitted prior to meeting
No discussion - all were in favor – Approved

Angel Malone indicated that the contract will be sent out to schools to begin the negotiations with an estimated completion date of September 30th

Action: Transfer Schools – The following schools were approved for transfer on November 17, 2021, or January 24, 2022: Legion Collegiate Academy, East Link Academy, Charleston Advancement Academy, Oceanside Collegiate Academy, and The Gates School. Request to extend the approval to June 30, 2023, to give them the opportunity to notify their authorizer if they are still interest.

Motion to extend the acceptance for another year – no discussion – all in favor

Donna Manning gave updates on the Transfer Process - to enhance the process the following items are looked at for transfer schools for them to be successful when they come over to LCA: historical academic and performance, physical soundness, operational compliance, and board governance.

All schools have been awarded Federal Planning and Implementation Grant from the Department of Education – Donna gave update on the progress of each school in regard to obtaining property

Donna Manning gave updates on the New Schools – Global Academy, Fine Arts Preparatory Academy, Goucher Charters Academy, Atlantic Collegiate Academy and Summerville Prep

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Action: 2022–2023 Budget Revision
Kelly Richardson gave update on the Budget

Motion to accept as presented – no discussion – all in favor

Action: Board Policy
Angel Malone went over the content in the Board Policy
The policy will be reviewed every year

Motion to accept the policies as presented - all in favor as presented

LCA Board Schedule 2022-2023 - Angel Malone discussed the schedule: There were two dates added, based on the discussion from last board meeting. December 15th, this is before the legislative session and January 19th to possibly ask our legislators to attend the meeting and have some sort of reception to engage with the Association and its member schools. Dr. Parker indicated that the meeting on January 19th when we invite the legislators it will be at Limestone Charter Association site and invite each of delegations from our existing and proposed schools.

Meeting went into Executive Session.

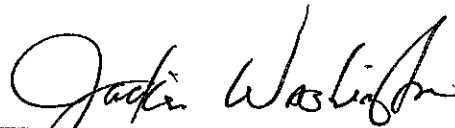
Action: South Carolina Community Loan Fund
Motion to approve the SC Community Loan Fund – all were in favor

Motion for meeting to adjourn, all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Tommy H. Windsor, Jr.
Secretary to the Board of Directors
Limestone Charter Association



Jackie Washington
Office Manager
Limestone Charter Association