

Limestone Charter Association Full Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 26, 2023, at 1:00 pm, Limestone Charter and Virtually

Directors Present (Virtual)

Jeremy Whitaker	Bridgett Fowler
Lee Sowell	Michelle Combs
Sedric Webber	
Phyllis Pelzer	

Directors Absent:

Wendy Wells

Others Present: (Virtual)

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
Mindy Connolly, Special Education Coordinator

Bridgett Fowler 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.

Ms. Fowler 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 amended agenda – all were in favor -- Approved

Action: Motion to accept minutes from June 28, 2023, meeting, no additions, or corrections to minutes – all were in favor – Approved

Action: Board Member Appointment

- Motion to approve Sedric Webber as new Board Member – all were in favor --- Approved.
- Motion to approve Phyllis Pelzer as new Board Member – all were in favor --- Approved.
- Angel Malone read the Oath of Office and appointee repeated.

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Bridgett Fowler asked Angel Malone to give Superintendent's updates.

Superintendent's Update:

Angel extended kudos to our team for being open and serving schools adequately.

- We had our 2nd Annual School Leader's Retreat in July this year in Columbia. For existing schools that were already running for 10 plus years, new schools opening in August and September of this year and schools that are in their planning stage to open in August of 2024.
 - There was a session with Bernard Frost, he provided information to help schools make data decisions and be data informed. These services are being tailored based on the needs of the school.
 - Retreat Informational Sessions
 - Angel thanked Optus Bank as a partner for allowing us to use their facilities for the Opening Reception
 - Teacher of the Year – 2 Teachers received a Plaque and \$500 Award, Sharlene Foster of HSHP and Nick Smaldone of Coastal HS. Teacher of the Year received a Plaque and \$2,500 Award, Brittany Busbee of Horse Creek Academy.
 - M.ED Program – we had 6 Teachers to enroll in the first Cohort, 5 Teachers were added in the 2nd cohort and 2 Teachers are prepared to graduate December 2024. In turn the teachers will serve at that school for 3 years.

Action: School Renewal

- Horse Creek Academy – 10 Year Contract Renewal to update the changes that have occurred.
 - Change in grade level – originally, they served was 5K – 8 now it is 4K – 12 grades. Enrollment numbers change from 300 to 1400 students.
 - Motion to renew HCA – all were in favor – Approved.

Action: Mountain View Prep – Amendment

- They are currently in their planning year and are planning to open 24-25. They want to amend a part of their educational structure to add proficiency-based instruction to their charter.

Motion to approve Educational Model --- all were in favor ---- Approved.

Action: Summerville Prep – Amendment

- Amendment to increase maximum enrollment numbers within the charter from 765 to 900.

Motion to approved enrollment numbers per amendment – all were in favor -- Approved.

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Donna Manning gave an update on current schools for 23-24 / we started with 3 schools and current operating with 7. Schools to open for the 24-25 school year; Southern Collegiate Academy, Mountain View Prep, Fine Arts Prep, AIM High Middle School, Summerville Prep and Marshview Collegiate Academy.

Angel shared that the 23rd SC Public Charter School Conference coming up December 6-8. We will have our schools who are members of the Alliance to attend as well as individuals within our office.

Angel introduced new LCA staff; Chad Hudson working with Assessment; Tracey Cline working with Finance doing Federal Claims; Taphnie Sanders – Merging our IT department.

Emily Heathwole Kenney gave Legislative updates.

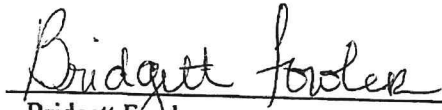
Kelly Richardson gave Finance updates.


Motion to move into Executive Session – Approved

- Discussion: Contractual Matter

No action taken in Executive Session -- Motion for meeting to adjourn, all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,


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


Jackie Washington
Office Manager
Limestone Charter Association