

**Limestone Charter Association Full Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
Thursday, February 20th, at 1:00 pm

**Directors Present**

Lee Sowell (Virtual)  
Wendy Wells

Bridgett Fowler  
Sedric Webber (Virtual)  
Brandi Hartman (on behalf of President)

**Directors Absent:**

Michelle Combs  
Nathan Copeland  
Phyllis Pelzer

Bridgett Fowler called the meeting to order.

Ms. Fowler asked if public notice had been made of the meeting, Jackie Washington answered that it had. There was no public comment. Ms. Fowler read the mission statement.

The Limestone Charter Association Mission was stated on the agenda.

**Action:** Adoption of the agenda. Dr. Copeland was unable to attend the meeting today and requested that the contract with the superintendent be moved to next month's meeting.  
Motion to amend the agenda to move to March - all were in favor – Approved

Motion to approve new agenda – Approved.

**Action:** Motion to approve the minutes from November 21, 2024 – Approved

**Superintendent Update:** Angel Malone

**School Highlights**

- National School Choice week was January 26 – 31<sup>st</sup>, and some of our students were able to participate, we were able to capture some highlights of Horse Creek Academy along with Orangeburg High School for Health Professions. There were students there from across the state, not just charters schools, but all options of school choice, homeschooling, private schools. The Lieutenant Governor was there, as well as the State Superintendent, to speak to the students and students had the opportunity to go visit with their legislators at the end of that day. This is a yearly event, and students were able to participate in a rally.
- The SC Department of Education visited Orangeburg High School for Health Professions earlier this month to learn about some of the best practices that they have going on there, and how they've been able to achieve success in a title I Community, meaning that they're a majority community eligible population for free and reduced lunch as well as they're a predominantly minority population. This past year, they achieved a feat one of 10 schools in South Carolina have achieved, and that is to receive an excellent report card rating and 100% graduation rate. In addition to that, they received coverage for their new expansion, adding on a 14 million dollars addition to their current land footprint, that would be a total of about 30,000 square feet added

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on for other courses in health sciences to prepare the students. The SCDE encountered some of those students in another setting and didn't realize they were charter school students and were thoroughly impressed by their professional skills, and how they attend.

- Oceanside Collegiate Academy had their groundbreaking ceremony for their Athletic Expansion project. Christina Brown along with the board and their Management Company Pinnacle was a part of that to help them in creating that athletic expansion project. As mentioned in November's meeting Ms. Malone talked about their investment grade rating by the Moody's report that they achieved, that is something hard to achieve for charter schools, especially those that have been in the business long enough to know that it is a significant stride. We are excited that they're able to build their own stadium so that they're able to have and host games on site, being that they are an athletic and dual enrollment focused school.
- Horse Creek Academy has done something that has been pivotal for our State, this is their second year hosting their annual Reinvent Conference that was held in January, it is a conference that is for teacher by teachers. They coupled that event with a hiring event for their new school, as you know, they are expanding to Kershaw County. They have HCA Aiken and now they have HCA Kershaw coming up and are well on their way to opening their doors in August 2025.
- Eastlink Academy in Greenville celebrated the Chinese New Year this past month, they are a Mandarin Chinese Immersion School, we are excited for the students having the opportunity to share their experience and to engage with the culture for the Chinese New Year.
- Dr. Copeland was able to visit Capitol Hill and meet with some of our congressmen. He was able to discuss higher education as well as school choice. He was able to meet with Senator Tim Scott, Senator Ralph Norman and Representative Ralph Norman.
- Limestone Charter Association will host a reception for Dr. Copeland on Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup> to introduce him to the local community and the staff that serve.
- Limestone Charter Association has been nominated for the 2025 "Implementation Excellence Award", the meeting will be held in Atlanta in May.

### **School Authorization & Development – Donna Manning**

#### **Action: Charter Amendments**

- Marshview Collegiate Academy - they are submitting an amendment for a new location for their school. The school has notified the local delegation of that change from their original charter to this new location, and Marshview has submitted a resolution assigned resolution to amend their charter to reflect the new location for their school.

Motion to approve Marshview Collegiate Academy charter amendment changing from Beaufort to Jasper County – **Approved**

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- SC Prep Academy and SC Leadership Schools – They are requesting to amend their charters, both charters to merge the two existing school boards into one school board. The schools have both submitted the information that was shared with parents and the staff from both schools.

Motion to approve the merger for the boards for SC Prep Academy and SC Leadership Schools – **Approved**

- Discovery School @ Myrtle Beach – approval of new school contract

Motion to approve the contract with Discovery School @ Myrtle Beach – **Approved**

- Charter School Application Update – we received 33 letters of intent and out of those 33 letters of intent, February 1<sup>st</sup> we received 17 applications and out of the 17 applications were from 11 unique groups.

**Finance – Kelly Richardson**

Update on our fiscal year 24 external audit, we did get everything submitted to the State Department by the December 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. Kelly introduced Emily Sobcheck from our audit firm, Green, Finney, and Collie to give an update on the Financial Statement Audit for year ending June 30, 2024.


Motion to go in Executive Session at 1:47 pm – approved

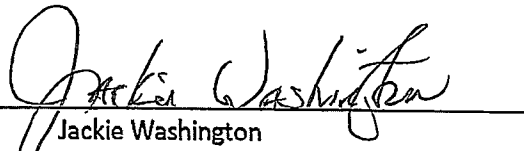
**Executive Session**

**Action:** No actions were taken in the executive session.

Adjournment - Motion to adjourn --- Approved

Respectfully submitted,

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

  
Jackie Washington  
Office Manager  
Limestone Charter Association