

Limestone Charter Association Full Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 24, 2022 at 1:00 pm, Columbia Office and Virtually

Directors Present (Indicates Non-voting member)

Darrell Parker	Reggie Browning (NV)	Michele Combs
Fred Crawford	Lee Sowell (virtual)	Tommy Windsor

Directors Absent

Others Present:

Angel Malone, Superintendent of the Limestone Charter Association
Traci Bryant-Riches, Consultant
Brandi Hartman, Executive Assistant to the President, Limestone University
Todd Helms, Consultant
Donna Manning, Director of Student Accountability
Kelly Richardson, Director of Finance, Limestone University
Tabitha Taneyhill, Federal Programs and Special Education (Virtual)
Jackie Washington, Office Manager

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 approve minutes from January 27, 2022, with one correction, to add the conflict of interest clause, all were in favor.

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

Superintendent’s Update, Angel Malone:

Organizational Chart for Limestone Charter Association

Angel Malone, Superintendent
Jackie Washington, Office Manager
Cindy Williams, Director of Student Information Systems
Tabitha Stanley, Federal Programs and Education
Donna Manning, Director of Student Accountability
Kelly Richardson, Director of Finance at Limestone University

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Nine Schools Approved for Transfer to Limestone University

- Coastal Leadership Academy
- Gates School
- Horse Creek Academy
- Oceanside Collegiate Academy
- Legion Collegiate Academy
- Charleston Advancement Academy
- East Link Academy
- Orangeburg High School for Health Professions
- The Palmetto School

New School Applications

- Seventeen letters of intent were received
- Seven of those entities applied to LCA
 - Two that applied withdrew their application prior to an official hearing
 - Five schools presented to the Board, they are listed below under New School Applicant Hearings
 - Four were approved with conditions
 - One was fully approved

The Public Charter School Alliance Conference will be April 26 and 27, 2022. The staff from Limestone Charter Association will attend.

New School Applicant Hearings:

Global Academy of South Carolina Presentation

Action motion to accept Global Academy of South Carolina to the Limestone Charter Association, with the conditions listed below, all were in favor.

CONDITIONS

- Spanish is less defined.
- Could use more research to back up the Spanish.
- Fix typos where FL exists in the application.
- Need to assign the committee chair to a SC person as opposed to a FL person.
- Need to define the reporting line better. If the board hires the CEO and the Principal, it has two employees which does not work well in general. Discussed in meeting that the board should have one employee and all others report to the CEO/Principal which ever you choose to call them.
- This section mirrors the board section concerning the reporting line.
- The CEO's evaluation needs to be expanded.
- Grievance Procedure is missing from the narrative.
- Lottery section needs to be rewritten to match SC law.

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Summerville Prep Presentation

Action motion to accept Summerville Prep to the Limestone Charter Association, all were in favor.

Goucher Charter Academy Presentation

Action motion to accept Goucher Charter Academy to the Limestone Charter Association, with the conditions listed below, all were in favor.

CONDITIONS

- More information about serving ELL students is needed.
- Board Governance and the election of board members should be expanded.
- Principal's evaluation section needs more detail
- Teacher evaluation is weak.
- Lottery does not meet the state law requirements
- More information concerning the effectiveness of Core Knowledge

Atlantic Collegiate Academy Presentation

Action motion to accept Atlantic Collegiate Academy to the Limestone Charter Association, with the following conditions listed below, all were in favor.

CONDITIONS

- Lacking adequate documentation for support for enrollment.
- Planning committee lacking a teacher.
- Planning committee has a lack of understanding of the contract with EMO.
- Revised EMO contract with reasonable termination provisions for both employees and the school from the EMO.
- Limited financial documents submitted (only a balance sheet).
- Statement to clarify the incorrect verbal information provided at the 3/26/22 LCA Board Meeting indicating that the principal works for the committee and not the management company.

Fine Arts Preparatory School Presentation

Action motion to accept Fine Arts Preparatory School to the Limestone Charter Association, with the conditions listed below, all were in favor.

CONDITIONS

- The honors 20% is not clear on what constitutes the formula for the cut off from year to year.
- The MTSS program goes both ways for Special Ed and GT.
- Structure is grandiose for a new school. They need to prioritize their services.
- The positions names are confusing and are based on a university system instead of K12
- May want to rethink PADEPP unless the school is willing to send someone to training
- There are a couple of issues that the school has mistakenly said would go to the authorizer that actually stays with the board or operational things that do not go to the board.
- Asking for items prior to the lottery that will need to be moved post offer of a seat

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There was no Executive Session.

Action motion, for the meeting to adjourn, all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



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



Brandi P. Hartman,
Executive Assistant to the President
Limestone University