

MEETING MINUTES

Name of Foundation: Cherokee Charter Academy, Inc.
School(s): Cherokee Charter Academy

The minutes of Sunshine Law meetings need not be verbatim transcripts of the meeting. These minutes are a brief summary of the events of the meeting. This meeting was held virtually and in person due to continuing emergency condiditons involving public safety due to COVID in accordance with OCGA 50-14-1(g).

Date:	Start	End	Next Meeting:	Next time:	Prepared by:
February 28, 2022	11:04 AM	12:12 PM	March 28, 2022	11 AM	Polly Miller
Meeting Location:					
2126 Sixes Road, Canton Georgia 30114 Meeting was in-person and over ZOOM conference call due to COVID.					

Attended by:	
<p>Board Members: Danny Dukes, Chair Dr. Bob Durham, Director Nate Cochran, Vice Chair</p>	<p>Other Attendees: April Wallis, Principal, CCA Rob Fortson, Board Attorney Lesa Hamilton, Finance, CSUSA Reagan Hage, Director Finance and Operations, NEI Christine Locrotondo, Manager FP&A, CSUSA Elisa Falco, GCSA Ellen Diehl, Director Dorene McShea, Public Lauren Greer Julie McCarty – Public Susan Dreschel - Public</p>

CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to public notice, the meeting commenced at 11:04 am with a Call to Order by Chairman Danny Dukes. Roll call was taken, and quorum established.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE

MOTION: MOTION WAS MADE BY NATE COCHRAN AND SECONDED BY ELLEN DIEHL TO APPROVE JANUARY 24, 2022 MEETING MINUTES FOR CHEROKEE CHARTER ACADEMY, INC. MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

PROPOSED NEW BOARD MEMBER

MOTION WAS MADE BY NATE COCHRAN TO APPOINT DOREEN MCSHEA TO THE BOARD AND WAS SECONDED BY ELLEN DIEHL. MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY TO OFFICIALLY APPOINT HER TO THE BOARD.

II. CSUSA REPORT

PRINCIPAL REPORT

- April Wallis shared that enrollment to date is very close to enrollment at this time last year.
- We have placed Facebook and Google ads and have 100 leads from these ads
- Plan to invite public and future families to school events. Also have plans to host a Pre-K Directors breakfast in near future
- Will participate in Native American Festival and YMCA Safety event.
- Forming a partnership with the YMCA and Boys & Girls Club
- Sweetheart dance was highly attended.
- Currently doing Penny Wars – a fun annual fundraiser.
- We were able to raise over \$3,000 for a family who lost their home in a fire (Able to provide uniforms and donate clothing also)

III. FINANCIALS

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REVIEW

- Reagan Hage reviewed the unaudited Financials for Cherokee Charter Academy, Inc. which included forecasting on revenues and expense line items.
- Danny questioned financials for clarification
- Board of Education came back with decision to do small audit when data is received from CSUSA

MOTION: MOTION WAS MADE BY NATE COCHRAN AND SECONDED BY ELLEN DIEHL TO APPROVE THE FINANCIAL REVIEW FOR CHEROKEE CHARTER ACADEMY, AS PRESENTED. MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

None

V. NEW BUSINESS

- 2022-2023 School Calendar was presented

MOTION: MOTION WAS MADE BY NATE COCHRAN AND SECONDED BY DOREEN MCSHEA TO APPROVE THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR CHEROKEE CHARTER ACADEMY, AS PRESENTED. MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

STAFFING APPROVALS

- April Wallis went over current resignations and new hires
- Emphasized the importance of enforcing the early-out penalty for not fulfilling signed contracts.

MOTION: MOTION WAS MADE BY DOREEN MCSHEA AND SECONDED BY NATE COCHRAN TO APPROVE THE STAFFING APPROVALS FOR CHEROKEE CHARTER ACADEMY, AS PRESENTED. MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

SCSC MONITORING LETTER

- Lauren Greer presented issues from SCSC.

FUTURE VISION FOR CHEROKEE CHARTER ACADEMY

- April Wallis presented that there have been ongoing conversations with Asst. Principal, Dan Moorer about future and what sets us apart and makes us different from public schools.
- Elementary grades are working on a garden and have a 3-year plan to grow it
- Trying to continue toward STEM certification
- Establishing a 4th grade travel ball league
- Continuing to push athletics in the future
- Teachers will be attending the Ron Clark Academy in Atlanta this summer.
- Continue to create a culture of pride in our school.
- Would like to merge with community in the future for career-building for possibility of a high school.
- We are working to continually increase test scores
- Considering adding a community service project for 8th graders
- Plan to do a strategic planning and brainstorming session for ideas to offer courses and things that set us apart and make us different.

IV: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

VI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: MOTION WAS MADE BY NATE COCHRAN, AND SECONDED BY DOREEN MCSHEA TO ADJOURN THE FEBRUARY 28, 2022 CHEROKEE CHARTER ACADEMY, INC. BOARD MEETING. MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY AT 12:12 PM.