

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.

Date:	Start	End	Next Meeting:	Next time:	Prepared by:
May 24, 2021	11:07 AM	11:55 AM	June 28, 2021	11:00	Trista Trump

Meeting Location:

2126 Sixes Road, Canton Georgia 30114 Meeting was in person and over ZOOM conference call

Attended by:

Board Members:

Danny Dukes, Chair
Nate Cochran, Vice Chair
Mitchell Crowe, Finance Rep.

Absent

Dr. Bob Durham

Other Attendees:

April Wallis, Principal, CCA
Rob Fortson, Board Attorney
Lesa Hamilton, Finance, CSUSA
Richard Page, President, NEI
Reagan Hage, Director Finance and Operations, NEI
Christine Locrotondo, Manager FP@A, CSUSA

CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to public notice, the meeting commenced at 11:07am with a Call to Order by Chair Danny Dukes. Roll call was taken, and quorum established.

MOTION: MOTION WAS MADE BY NATE COCHRAN SECONDED BY MITCH CROWE TO APPROVE APRIL MEETING MINUTES FOR CHEROKEE CHARTER ACADEMY, INC. MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY. (3-0, 1 ABSENT)

I. CSUSA REPORT

Principal Report

- Principal Wallis talked about Middle School field trip, field day, and end of year awards.
- Enrollment for FY21-22 is at 743 current with the potential to be at 755 if all except current offered seats.
- Principal Wallis spoke with the State Charter School Commission and is awaiting to find out what the plan for virtual students could look like for next year.

II. FINANCIALS

1. Christine Locrotondo reviewed the unaudited April 30st financials for Cherokee Charter Academy which includes forecasting on revenues and expense line items.
 - Chair Danny Dukes asked questions regarding budget, Rob Fortson will reach out to Charter School Commission for clarification.

MOTION: MOTION WAS MADE BY MITCH CROWE AND SECONDED BY NATE COCHRAN TO APPROVE THE UNAUDITED APRIL FINANCIALS FOR CHEROKEE CHARTER ACADEMY, AS PRESENTED. MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY. (3-0, 1 ABSENT)

2. PROPOSED FY22 YEAR BUDGET REVIEW

- Reagan Hage, NEI, presented the proposed FY22 budget to the Board.
- Mitch Crowe asked follow up questions regarding revenues, specifically the "Private Grants/Contributions" line.
- Reagan Hage and Richard Page explained that management will pay for ESE/Special Education and Instructional Aids in school year 2021-2022.
- Chair Danny Dukes asked if the contribution will be a cash contribution.
- Richard Page answered Chair Danny Dukes that it could be a cash contribution.
- Nate asked about Management fees and Reagan Hage answered Nate Cochran's question indicating that fees were set to contractual amounts.
- Nate Cochran expressed that the contract did not impress him anymore.
- Mitch Crowe asked if the management fees are increased from last year, Chair Danny Dukes answered Mitch Crowe's question indicating yes the fees seen are higher.
- Richard Page reminded the board that Charter Schools USA, Inc. as the Education Management Company did not agree to the previous years fee structure and that has been documented to the board attorney, The board unilaterally acted in the past. to reduce the fees below the contractual amount.
- Reagan Hage suggested setting up a budget committee to review the budget offline.
- Chair Danny Dukes tabled the FY22 budget to allow the board to go through it and discuss at the next board meeting.
- Chair Danny Dukes offered public comments on the FY22 proposed budget.
- There were no public comments

III. OLD BUSINESS

- Rob Fortson found link to set up online training for the first week of June.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- CCSD hired someone to teach Critical Race Theory.
- Chair Danny Dukes gave concerns about adding CRT to our School. Board agrees CRT would not be beneficial for our school.

MOTION: MOTION WAS MADE BY NATE COCHRAN AND SECONDED MITCH CROWE THAT CRITICAL RACE THEORY WOULD NOT BE PART OF THE EDUCATION MODEL FOR CHEROKEE CHARTER ACADEMY INC. AND WOULD NOT BE TAUGHT AT CHEROKEE CHARTER ACADEMY. MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY. (3-0, 1 ABSENT)

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Chair Danny Dukes offered public comments.
- There were no public comments.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: MOTION WAS MADE BY NATE COCHRAN AND SECONDED MITCH CROWE TO ADJOURN THE MAY 24, 2021 CHEROKEE CHARTER ACADEMY, INC. BOARD MEETING. MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY. (3-0, 1 ABSENT)



Danny Dukes, Chairman

07/12/2021

Date: _____