

GADCA Board of Directors Special Called Meeting Minutes

2/17/2025, 5PM

Location: Zoom virtual meeting

Board Attendees: Jake Candler, Don Jones, Robert Lee

Meeting called to order and quorum achieved at 5:00 PM by Jake Candler.

Meeting purpose to review and revise charter application and approve revisions to send back to State Charter School Commission in response to staff recommendation on “non-renewal”.

Charter renewal proposes revisions in response to recommendation include reverting to original fee structure with educational services provider (ESP) that was approved by SCSC for initial charter term, requesting to limit grades served to 9-12, and instituting a standing agenda item for each board meeting to include a direct report out on any findings or adverse practices from CPF monitoring and results, and to review corrective actions.

Robert Lee asked if school would be financially viable with reduced enrollment and grades served. CFO Erika Ellison said that models were run, and school would remain financially viable. Lee also asked how school leadership felt about recommendation. Ellison and Head of School expressed disappointment but hope that case can still be made for progress and renewal.

Robert Lee questioned if offer to revise application should include “giving up” middle school. Discussion with Chair Candler and staff. Issues expressed and heard.

Question was asked if the response letter including proposed revisions is directed at SCSC staff or commissioners. Executive Director Cortes and Counsel Edward Lindsey recommended that it be sent to both.

Motion by Lee to approve response letter with proposed revisions to include reverting to original fee structure with educational services provider (ESP) that was approved by SCSC for initial charter term, requesting to limit grades served to 9-12, and instituting a standing agenda item for each board meeting to include a direct report out on any findings or adverse practices from CPF monitoring and results, and to review corrective actions.. 2nd by Don Jones. Motion passed unanimously by members present.

Rob Lee offered motion to amend the agenda to include an executive session of the board to discuss a legal matter. Motion approved unanimously. Board entered executive session at 5:38 PM.

Board exited executive session and returned to special called meeting at 5:44 PM.

Chair Candler shared update and information for SCSC meeting to review and vote on renewal recommendations on Wednesday, February 26 at 10 AM at the SCSC commission hearing room.

Motion to adjourn at 5:49 PM. Meeting adjourned.