

The Charter Institute at Erskine
Board Meeting
April 20, 2018

The board meeting of the Charter Institute at Erskine was held in the Founder's Room on Erskine College Campus at 9:30 a.m. President Dr. Rob Gustafson called the meeting to order. The following board members were present: Dr. John Basie, Mrs. Marjorie (Beth) Gustafson, Mr. Stu Rodman, and Mr. Martin O'Connor. Mr. Cameron Runyan, Chief Executive Officer of the Charter Institute at Erskine and Mr. Vamshi Rudrapati, Director of the Charter Institute at Erskine also attended the meeting.

Dr. Gustafson opened in prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion was adopted to amend the agenda to move Crescent Hill Charter School from Action Items to Informational Items as the decision was made to withdraw their application prior to the meeting. Mr. Rodman moved to approve the motion. Mr. O'Connor seconded the motion, the motion carried unanimously.

Motion was adopted to approve the amended agenda.

Motion was adopted to approve moving into executive session.

Meeting reconvened in the Founders Room.

Informational Items

John De La Howe School: Mr. Cameron Runyan shared that the Senate voted to give the Charter Institute at Erskine control over the John De La Howe School. The Conference Committee in the House currently is making the decision as to whether or not the Institute will be given control. Updates will be provided as more information is gained.

New School Charter Applications Withdrawal: Mr. Cameron Runyan shared that over 30 letters of intent to apply were submitted to The Charter Institute at Erskine. Rigorous trainings and capacity meetings were held by the staff at The Charter Institute at Erskine for all applicants. Following these meetings several applicants chose to withdraw their applications, including: Coastal STEAM Academy, Riverside Classical Charter School, The Early Learning Institute and Crescent Hill Charter High School.

Action Items: New School Application Hearings

BRAG STRrEAM Collegiate Institute of Greenwood: Dr. Gary Burgess, representative of BRAG STRrEAM Collegiate Institute of Greenwood shared a powerpoint to the board. Mr. Vamshi Rudrapati shared two external reviews were shared with the board, both external reviewers recommended not approving the charter. Staff recommendations were made to not approve the BRAG STRream Collegiate Institute of Greenwood. Motion was adopted to follow the recommendation of the staff, Dr. Basie moved to approve the motion and Mr. Rodman seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Clear Dot Charter School: Ms. Lindsey Ott representative of Clear Dot Charter school shared a PowerPoint to the board. Mr. Vamshi Rudrapati shared two external reviews were shared with the board, external reviewers recommended to approve the charter.

Staff recommendations were made to give conditional approval for this Clear Dot Charter School. The parameters of the conditional approval charter were detailed. Motion was adopted to follow the recommendation of the staff, Dr. Basie moved to approve the motion and Mr. Rodman seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Cotton Mill Charter School: Ms. Michelle Green representative of Cotton Mill Charter School shared a PowerPoint to the board. Mr. Vamshi Rudrapati shared two external reviews were shared with the board, both external reviewers recommended to approve the charter.

Staff recommendations were made to give conditional approval for Cotton Mill Charter School. The parameters of the conditional approval were detailed. Motion was adopted to follow the recommendation of the staff, Dr. Basie moved to approve the motion and Mr. O'Connor seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Legion Collegiate Academy: Mr. Jack Frost representative of Legion Collegiate Academy shared a PowerPoint with the board. Mr. Vamshi Rudrapati shared two external reviews recommendations with the board, both external reviewers recommended to approve the charter.

Staff recommendations were to approve Legion Collegiate Academy. Motion was adopted to follow the recommendation of the staff, Mr. Rodman moved to approve the motion and Dr. Basie seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Summit Classical Charter School: Ms. Caitlyn Broadwater representative of Summit Classical Charter School shared a PowerPoint with the board. Questions from the board were asked to the presenter. Mr. Vamshi Rudrapati shared two external reviewer's recommendations with the board, one external reviewers recommended to approve the charter and the other external reviewer recommended to conditionally approve the charter.

Staff recommendations were to give conditional approval for of Summit Classical Charter School. The parameters of the conditional approval were detailed. Motion was adopted to follow the recommendation of the staff, Dr. Basie moved to approve the motion and Mr. Rodman seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Thornwell Charter School: Mr. Norman Dover representative of Thornwell Charter School shared a PowerPoint with the board. Questions were asked from board members to the representatives of the school. Mr. Vamshi Rudrapati shared two external reviewers with the board, external reviewers recommended to not approve the charter.

Staff recommendations were to give conditional approval for Thornwell Charter to open with grades of kindergarten through fifth. The details of the conditional approval were explained. A motion was adopted to amend the charter. Mr. Rodman moved to approve the motion and Dr. Basie seconded and the motion carried unanimously. Motion was adopted to follow the recommendation of the staff for conditional approval for Thornwell Charter School, Dr. Basie moved to approve the motion, Mr. O'Connor seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Rosewood Classical Charter School: Mr. Greg Dowey representative of Rosewood Classical Charter School shared a PowerPoint to the board. Mr. Vamshi Rudrapati shared two external reviewer's

recommendations with the board, one external reviewers recommended to approve and the other externa; reviewer recommended not to approve the charter.

Staff recommendations were to give conditional approval for Rosewood Classical Charter School. The parameters for conditional approval were detailed. Motion was adopted to follow the recommendation of the staff, Dr. Basie moved to approve the motion and Mr. Connor seconded, the motion carried unanimously.

Discussion Agenda

Updates on Charter Institute of Erskine: Mr. Cameron Runyan, Chief Executive Officer provided updates on office space, the Institute staff has been hired, and the majority of the staff will begin working on May 2. All staff members will be presented to the board in May.

There were no public comments.

Motion was adopted to adjourn. Dr. Basie moved to approve the motion. Mr. O'Connor seconded and the motion carried unanimously.