

Charter Institute at Erskine Meeting Minutes

February 3, 2021 | time 11:30 a.m. | Meeting location Via Zoom conference call

Chair Dr. Rob Gustafson

Members in Attendance
Stu Rodman
Martin O'Connor
Gordon Query
Mrs. Beth Gustafson

Attendees from Charter Institute at Erskine

Cameron Runyan (CEO)
Vamshi Rudrapati (Director)
Sarah Timmons

Other attendees from the Charter Institute at Erskine included: Mr. John Li, Mrs. Christy Junkins, Mrs. Paula Gray, Mrs. Ciera Bing, Ms. Emma Shealy, and Ms. Ashley Epperson.

Dr. Gustafson called the meeting to order at 11:31 AM and delivered the invocation.

Mrs. Paula Gray called the roll and a quorum was present.

Adoption of the Agenda for the February 3, 2021, Meeting

Mr. Query moved to approve the agenda for February 3, 2021, as presented.

Mr. O'Connor seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously by roll call vote.

Action Items

Settlement Agreement	Presenter: Sarah Timmons
<p>Sarah Timmons, Attorney for the Charter Institute at Erskine, presented and reviewed the settlement agreement with Pinnacle. The case was dismissed without prejudice. The agreement will restructure the relationship between Pinnacle, the EMO, and Gray Collegiate Academy and gives ultimate authority to the Gray Collegiate Academy Board. Jay Matthews, Attorney for Gray Collegiate Academy; Teresa Brazell, Gray Collegiate Academy Board Chair; and Brian Newsome, Gray Collegiate Academy Principal, were also in attendance to add explanations and answer questions.</p> <p>After discussion, Mr. Rodman moved to approve the Settlement Agreement as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Query and carried unanimously by roll call vote.</p> <p>Dr. Gustafson stated that he is excited about going forward and this agreement is a great step and good for the future of schools and students in South Carolina.</p>	
Gray Collegiate Academy Charter Amendment Request	Presenter: Sarah Timmons
<p>Sarah Timmons presented this item and reviewed the amendments requested to the charter of Gray Collegiate Academy. Mrs. Timmons explained that the amendments track the settlement agreement.</p> <p>Mr. O'Connor moved to approve the Gray Collegiate Academy Charter Amendment Request as presented.</p> <p>Mr. Rodman seconded the motion.</p> <p>The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.</p>	

Travel Policy Flexibility	Presenter: John Li
<p>Mr. Li presented this item and requested a waiver to the Travel Policy to allow reimbursement for the Leaders Conference to include one car per employee, reimbursement to school leaders, and reimbursement of lodging for one person per room due to COVID-19.</p> <p>Mr. Rodman moved to approve the Travel Policy Waivers. Mr. Query seconded the motion.</p> <p>The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.</p>	

Public Comments

No public comments were submitted for this meeting.

Adjournment

As there was no further business, Mr. O'Connor moved for adjournment. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Gustafson and the meeting adjourned at 12:13 PM.