

MEETING MINUTES

Board: Governing Board
Board Meeting: Monthly Meeting
School(s): Savannah Exploratory 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:
1/27/2022	5:31pm	5:52pm	2/24/22	5:30pm	Lyn Carden
Meeting Location:					
Virtual					
Attended by:					
Julie Diebolt Taylor Norman Kev Jackson Patrick Connell			Chris Tuttle Roger Moss Danny Brewington Lyn Carden		
Highlights:					

CALL TO ORDER

I. Consent Agenda – Motion made by Ms. Diebolt to approve the consent agenda items, 2nd by Ms. Lloyd, unanimous

- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Minutes

II. School Related Reports

- Dr. Tuttle presented – She reported that she sent an email in December to the teaching staff with an update. She reported that she and Ms. Carden were going to be working together to create an update to send out. Mr. Connell thanked her for her help.
- Consultant report – Mr. Brewington presented
 - i. He reported that they are continuing to work on facilities and financing
 - ii. He reported on recent communication with the authorizer
 - iii. He discussed progress on the feasibility of the theater
 - 1. Partners and developers have looked for options
 - iv. He told the board that they are targeting March 1 for a final plan
 - v. Mr. Connell reported on the day to day working that was taking place on SECA
 - 1. He provided an update on meeting with Littlejohn Foundation
 - vi. Mr. Connell reviewed potential finance partners
 - 1. He discussed partnership vetting
 - vii. Mr. Connell discussed facilities options
 - viii. The board discussed timing of structure and challenges with supplies
- Updates from the Chief Operations Officer – Mr. Moss reported
 - i. He reviewed the meeting with the Littlejohn Foundation

III. Executive Session – To discuss real estate (OCGA 50-14-3(b)(1)) – tabled

IV. Financial Reports

- Monthly Financial Reports – Mr. Gallegos was not able to attend and the report was tabled until next meeting.

V. Committee Updates

- Facilities –
 - i. The board discussed the timing of the financing and facilities.
 - ii. They discussed concerns about an inability to meet needed deadlines because of delays in steel and many other building supplies.
 - iii. They discussed the importance of being able to have a solid plan and follow through for parents and families.
 1. They agreed making an actionable for a FY23 opening may be difficult if not impossible.
 - iv. Motion made by Ms. Diebolt to defer the opening of SECA until fall of 2023 (FY24). 2nd by Ms. Lloyd, unanimous.

VI. Old Business

- Strategic Partnership Update –
 - i. Mr. Connell pointed out that NHA was SECAs preferred potential managing partner.
 1. He reviewed the strategy and partnership
 - a. The board will be operating with oversight and NHA would be a vendor acting as an independent contractor to provide management of the school
 2. He reviewed conversations the executive board has had with NHA regarding the partnership and importance to implementing as much of SECAs mission and vision that will work within their academic structure
 - ii. He reminded the board of the letter of intent and that both parties were vetting in good faith
 - iii. He discussed the positive financial implications of a NHA partnership
 - iv. He also reviewed, for the board, other potential financial partners the executive board and consultants have been meeting with.
- Grant update
 - i. Mr. Moss reviewed the planning grant process.
 - ii. The board discussed the remainder of the planning grant finances

VII. New Business

- FY23 Opening – Discussed earlier

VIII. Public Comment – No public comment

IX. Next Meeting Date February 24, 2022

ADJOURNMENT – Motion to adjourn made by Ms. Diebolt, 2nd, by Ms. Lloyd, unanimous
5:52pm

Patrick Connell, Board Chair

Date:

[Signature]
4/28/22