



“To provide every child a classical and academically rigorous education while instilling a commitment to civic virtue and moral character”

*Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors  
Savannah Classical Academy, Inc.  
August 31, 2017*

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Savannah Classical Academy, Inc. was held at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, August 31, 2017, at Savannah Classical Academy, 705 East Anderson Street, on notice duly given.

The board directors present were:

Falen Cox  
Dr. Jacobium Holliman  
Scott McGhie  
Dr. Gwen Miller-Smith  
Paul Sidney  
Roger Moss  
Coren Ross  
Don Waters  
Benjamin Couch Payne, School Director

Absent with notice:

Terri O'Neil  
Dr. Donna Isaac  
Ryan Dew

It was determined there was a quorum as required by the bylaws for transaction of business.

Ms. Cox, chair, called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

Falen Cox moved to amend the minutes to reflect the subject matter of the motions made and voted upon in open session after a closed session discussion<sup>1</sup>, and to accept the consent agenda as amended. Coren Ross seconded; all board members present agreed. Coren Ross moved to go into closed session at 5:45 to discuss personnel matters pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3 (b) (2), Don Waters seconded; all board members present agreed. Don Waters moved to return to open session at 6:32 p.m. Scott McGhie seconded, all board members agreed. During open session Falen Cox moved to formally discipline SCA administrator(s), Coren Ross seconded; all board members present agreed. Falen Cox moved to extend an offer of employment to Barry Lollis, Dr. Gwen Miller-Smith seconded, all board members present agreed.

Board members reviewed the corrective action plan, and upcoming deadlines; the board and the administration are on track to meet deadlines, however, it is unlikely that a DCI will be in place on September 1, 2017. Ben Payne, school director, reported the following:

- DCI consultants visited and observed at SCA on August 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, and are expected to submit a report to the board with observations, and recommendations; at least one additional visit will be scheduled.
- Ms. Diaz has been appointed chair of the accreditation committee, (board chair Falen Cox appointed Paul Sydney was appointed to serve on the accreditation committee as the board representative).
- Currently 455 students are enrolled at SCA,
- no students are at risk of expulsion at this time;
- Source for Teachers, subcontractor, is going well.

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<sup>1</sup> The subject matter was as follows: to move forward with hiring of Barry Lollis, and to invite Paul Sidney to join the board.

- Members of the security firm, subcontractor, were counseled by administration on the importance of maintaining confidentiality.
- Chemistry lab is expected to be completed by mid-September; the air is working in the new addition
- A paraprofessional is leaving SCA as a result of relocation
- TKES pre-evaluations conferences have been completed; observations taking place; anticipated completion within deadline
- Teachers and faculty participated in professional development on August 29, 2017
- SCA expects to receive \$10,000 in Title I funds for professional development
- Ben spoke with Dr. Bilton, staffed with local district, and intends to shadow evaluator from Rice Creek who is considered one of the best
- Students are currently taking pre-tests and being assessed on GA standards

The Development committee reported on a fundraising campaign to garner 100% participation from students, parents, teachers, faculty, and board members. The committee will kick off campaign at PTSA meeting, and reward classroom that reaches 100% participation goal first. The committee also reported that the grant for the Saturday Morning Math Academy and confirmed that the grant application is ready for submission; however, the DCI will be tasked with determining if SCA will move forward. The development committee reported that it continues to apply for grants.

Board members were provided with dates for the Georgia Charter School Association conference, and encouraged to sign up for the newsletter. The Governance committee will work closely with GCSA representatives to develop a training plan. Coren Ross moved to remove Ormonde Lewis and John Picker as authorized signers on SCA accounts and to replace them with Ryan Dew and Scott McGhie, Dr. Gwen Miller Smith seconded; all board member present agreed.

Falen Cox moved to adopt the corrective action plan, discipline policy, and to approve the offer to have SCA's charter considered in December 2017 to ensure that the intent of the board is clearly reflected within the minutes despite written consent. Coren Ross seconded, all board members present agreed.

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:10 p.m. by Dr. Miller-Smith, Paul Sideny seconded; all board members present agreed. A regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 14, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. at Savannah Classical Academy, 704 East Anderson Street.

Respectfully submitted,

(signed copy on file)

Falen O. Cox under supervision of Ryan Dew, Secretary