



“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.  
October 8, 2017*

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Savannah Classical Academy, Inc. was held at 5:30 p.m., Sunday, October 8, 2017, at Savannah Classical Academy, 705 East Anderson Street, on notice duly given.

The board directors present were:

Falen Cox  
Scott McGhie  
Coren Ross  
Don Waters  
Paul Sidney  
Benjamin Couch Payne, School Director

Absent with notice:

Ryan Dew  
Dr. Donna Isaac  
Roger Moss  
Dr. Gwen Miller-Smith  
Terri O’Neil

It was determined that a quorum was not present as required by the bylaws for transaction of business.

Ms. Cox, chair, called the meeting to order at approximately 5:30 pm.

Mrs. Ross moved to accept the consent agenda, Mr. McGhie seconded; all board members present agreed.

Director of Curriculum and Instruction consultants, Ed Chang, Mini'mah Shaheed, and Christy Harris, presented a high level summary of their findings. Ms. Cox asked about Professional Development as a part of the Action Plan to help in some of the Areas of Development. Mr. Chang confirmed that would help improvement in some areas. The DCI consultant team provided specific recommendations for teachers and leaders. Mr. Chang and the DCI consultant team also identified recommendations for the Board. Short term and long term items were presented for discussion. Mr. Waters asked about a time frame and deadlines that the Board should expect or set to review expectations, what is working, what is not, and review any measures. Mr. Chang said that it was not unrealistic to expect consistent results for review by December. The Board then thanked the DCI consultants for their time, effort, and hard work.

Mr. Payne presented the School Director's report, noting that the newly-hired DCI, Mr. Lollis, had his first day on Friday, meeting with the students and faculty.

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Mr. Payne added that most teachers have been ready and asking for this coaching. He continued with his report, highlights include:

- ⑩ SCA's performance at Picnic in the Park went well with Mr. Payne overhearing many great comments from non-SCA attendees.
- ⑩ Enrollment of siblings went well, bringing total enrollment back up to 457. The Annual Report for the Georgia Department of Education is due November 1<sup>st</sup> and is a top priority.
- ⑩ CCRPI scores are to be released soon.
- ⑩ No new students at risk regarding disciplinary actions.
- ⑩ The Science lab is still under construction; however, it is on track for completion.
- ⑩ With regard to personnel, Mr. Payne noted that we are reviewing earnings per student to ensure appropriate funding based on segments students are enrolled. Mr. Payne noted that there were no further changes or additions to staffing, other than the hiring of Mr. Lollis.
- ⑩ 6<sup>th</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup> grade TKES is revealing growing pains in terms of giving students more freedom. Mr. Payne commented that time had to be dedicated to helping teachers and students adjust.
- ⑩ A \$10,000 grant was received for training purposes. Mr. Payne announced that \$8,000 will be allocated for weekend trainings for teachers, with the remaining allocated for materials.

Mr. Payne asked the Board for support through visits to help encourage moral and show support. Ms. Cox asked for a school event calendar. Mr. Payne said he would forward to the Board and save to the Drive.

Mr. Sidney reported on behalf of the Academic Accountability committee, noting that he and Dr. Miller-Smith met last week. He stated that they are still reviewing data; however, lots of scores will come from the growth model. Ms. Cox confirmed that the Academic Accountability committee will be working with the DCI.

Ms. Cox spoke on behalf of Mr. Moss reporting for the Community Relations committee. She noted that Mr. Moss shared the committee's goals with her and that she has saved them to the Drive.

Mrs. Ross, reporting on behalf of the Development committee, stated that they are geared up for grant writing; however, they need a 990 and asked each Board member to provide Committee and Community affiliations.

Mr. McGhie provided the Finance committee report. He acknowledged that the school's auditors from the firm Holland, Henry, and Bromley began their audit and were given all the information needed. The Auditors will present their findings at the next Board meeting.

Ms. Cox spoke on behalf of Mr. Dew for the Governance committee, reporting that they are working on training with the Georgia Charter School Association. Ms. Cox reminded that LKES training is still needed from at least two more Board members and that there is a full day training from 9:00am to 4:00pm on October 18<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Ross offered to attend. Ms. Cox confirmed that she would send out the information by October 16<sup>th</sup>. She confirmed that she will also be sending out a tentative Training Plan.

Dr. Isaac was appointed chair for the Policy and Procedure committee; however, she was not in attendance to present a report.

Ms. Cox reported that there was nothing additional to note on behalf of the ad hoc Charter Renewal committee.

Ms. Cox spoke regarding the Corrective Action Plan Report, confirming that everyone had received the letter. She proposed to update the dashboard as needed. Ms. Cox asserted that the Board will take

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responsibility for the items they are assigned and that Leadership will be responsible for their items accordingly. She added that exhibits are still needed for reference and that the Board will provide copies of available materials. She also noted that the BoE will be working with the Board on providing what is needed.

Moving to Unfinished Business, Ms. Cox confirmed that a draft of the Training Plan is saved to the Drive.

As New Business, the need to fill the Vice-Chair position was discussed due to Dr. Jacobium Holliman's resignation. Ms. Cox confirmed per the bylaws a vacancy can be approved at a regular meeting. Mrs. Ross nominated Mr. McGhie. Mr. Waters seconded. A vote will be taken by written consent for approval as a quorum is not present. The action by written consent was documented and the resolution with Board member votes will be attached and submitted with the approved minutes from the October 8, 2017 Regular Meeting.

Ms. Cox proposed meeting monthly, every second Thursday, eliminating the second meeting that occurs on the fourth Thursday. Mr. McGhie moved to eliminate the second meeting, occurring on the fourth Thursday of every month. Mrs. Ross seconded. A vote will be taken by written consent for approval as a quorum is not present. The action by written consent was documented and the resolution with Board member votes will be attached and submitted with the approved minutes from the October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Regular Meeting.

Mr. Payne announced that there will be a Faculty meeting this upcoming Thursday at 3:40 to officially welcome and introduce Mr. Lollis to the staff. He also stated that there will be a Spirit Night at Chipotle on Victory that night as well.

A motion to adjourn was made at 7:57 p.m. by Mrs. Ross, Mr. McGhie seconded; all board members present agreed. A regular meeting is scheduled for November 9th at 5:30 p.m. at Savannah Classical Academy, 704 East Anderson Street.

Respectfully submitted,

(signed copy on file)

Christina Orlandi under supervision of Ryan Dew, Secretary