

**Shreveport Charter Schools, Inc.**  
Linwood Public Charter School  
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**Board of Trustees Meeting**

**JULY MEETING MINUTES**

This meeting was held at 331 E. 71<sup>st</sup> Street and Zoom (Meeting ID: 267 635 4207) on **July 24, 2023, at 4:00 PM.**

**Board Members Present:** Gard Wayt, Travis Morehart, Lauren Marchive, Dr. Bernard Kimble, Buck Magee, Mildred Tolliver, Dr. Kerry Laster, Cynthia Franklin (zoom), Lori Graham (zoom)

**Leadership Team/Staff/Contractors Present:** Dr. Staughton Jennings, Shirley Pierson, Jennifer Hamilton-Myles, Tara Sealy, Wanda Austin-Lewis, Camille Cruse, Aaryenne Strickland, Shoyla Bryant, Richard Hilliard, Marvin McMurray, Starla Ross, Cheradee Williams, Coach Joe Boyd, Raj Tutika, Letisha Williams (zoom); Kevin Cox of 4<sup>th</sup> Sector, Andrew Nguyen of 4<sup>th</sup> Sector

**Call to Order:** Mr. Wayt called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm.

**Quorum Check:** A quorum was present.

**Approval of Agenda:**

- Mr. Marchive moved to approve the agenda as presented.
- Dr. Kimble seconded the motion.
- All voted in favor and the agenda was approved.

**Conflict of Interest Advisements:** There were none.

**Visitor Comments:** Mr. Wayt called on Dr. Whitney Polley, who introduced herself to the board. She is a prospective LPCS Board member.

**Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting:**

- Mr. Magee moved to approve the June 2023 minutes as presented.
- Ms. Tolliver seconded to approve the June 2023 minutes.
- All voted in favor and the June 2023 minutes were approved.

**Financial Report:**

Kevin Cox of 4<sup>th</sup> Sector presented the June Finance Report. See the [link](#) for details.

- Mr. Morehart moved to approve the June Finance Report as presented.
- Ms. Marchive seconded the motion.
- All voted in favor and the June Finance Report was approved.

Mr. Morehart shared a brief overview of the 2023 Audit Engagement Letter, 2023 BESE AUPs Engagement Letter, and 2023 Statewide AUPs Engagement Letter.

- Mr. Morehart moved to have the board president and CEO sign the audit engagement letters sent by the auditors.
- Dr. Kimble seconded the motion.
- All voted in favor.

**Executive Director's Report:**

- Dr. Jennings gave the Executive Director's report. (Consent agenda reports were sent electronically for the board's review prior to today's meeting.) The floor was opened for questions.

## **Consent Agenda Reports**

*(Items included: Academics, Operations, Marketing/Recruitment, Student Activities and Human Resources)*

### **Academics**

Dr. Jennings gave a preliminary report on the State Test scores. He believes that we increased by double digits in most areas. He also believes that we have moved out of F category and are trending to be a Top Gains school. Ms. Sealy reported on the trend data from 2018-23 school years, based on how the school is moving students in the Basic, Mastery, and Advanced categories per subject.

### **Board Q & A**

#### **Approval of Consent Agenda Items**

- Mr. Morehart moved to approve the Consent Agenda reports as presented.
- Mr. Marchive seconded the motion.
- All voted in favor and the motion was adopted.

### **Summer School Report**

Dr. Jennings stated that a detailed report will be given at the next board meeting.

### **Weightlifting Update**

Ms. Sealy invited Coach Boyd to discuss the Weightlifting program update. Coach Boyd shared that the girls' basketball team started weightlifting daily on July 10 from 12 pm to 2 pm and will end this Friday, July 28. He also shared that our male sport teams eventually will participate in Weightlifting upon finalizing the coaching staff and schedule. An update on this will be presented at the September BOT meeting.

### **Aquaponics**

Dr. Jennings stated that there will be more to report on aquaponics at the next board meeting.

**Board Chairman's Report:** Mr. Wayt provided the Board Chairman's Report.

#### **LDOE Update**

Mr. Wayt reported that he has been continually communicating with LDOE. There continues to be significant turnover in management there.

#### **NAPCS Conference report**

Mr. Wayt reported that Buck Magee, Mildred Tolliver, and he went to the conference in Austin. He felt that it was a good experience, with numerous pertinent and useful presentations. Mr. Magee shared that the sessions were very informative. Ms. Tolliver shared that she enjoyed a particular session about the correlation of HBCUs and African Americans at charter schools.

#### **Bids for Renovations to the Second Campus Discussion**

Mr. Wayt called on Mr. Marchive, who reported that today is the official start date for the contractors, and their schedule should be completed in 9 months. Dr. Jennings will look at alternatives to more classrooms that could be available at the new location upon completion.

#### **BOT Meeting Schedule**

Mr. Wayt noted that the current BOT meeting schedule is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of every month and asked if that schedule is still convenient. The board agreed to continue to meet on this schedule with adjustments as necessary for holidays and special event conflicts. Mr. Morehart noted that the board would need to meet earlier in September due to the FY 2023-24 budget being due by September 15. The board agreed to meet on September 11 at 4:00 pm for the September meeting, and the Academic Committee meeting will meet on September 11 at 2:00 pm. Ms. C. Williams will draft the board meeting schedule and send it to the board for approval prior to the next board meeting on August 21<sup>st</sup>.

#### **BOT Retreat**

Mr. Wayt asked the board members to think about which Saturday in September would be best to have a board

retreat, and to let him know of any dates that would not be good. The board will decide at the next board meeting.

**Unfinished Business:** There was none.

**New Business:** There was no new business.

**Executive Session:** None

**Adjourn:** Dr. Kimble moved, and Ms. Tolliver seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 5:12 PM. All voted in favor.

**Please mark your calendars.**