

**GREEN Charter School Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday August 18th, 2022 6:00 pm**  
**Interim Chair: Dr Imtiaz Haque**  
**Location: Virtual**

Attendance Summary

Board Members	Present/Absent
Imtiaz Haque	Present via Zoom
Mandy Townes	Present via Zoom
Laurel Wils	Present via Zoom
Trishka Hornbeck	Present via Zoom
Katherine Ponder	Present via Zoom
Keelah Truesdale	Present via Zoom
Tracy Kramer	Present via Zoom

Executive Director

Tom Cronin	Present via Zoom
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Agenda

- 1. Welcome/Opening Remarks** - Meeting started at 6:01 pm. Dr Haque welcomes everyone and thanks all stakeholders.
- 2. Public Comments (limited to three minutes per speaker, 30 minutes in total)** - Dr Haque states that there are no public comments.
- 3. Approval of August 18 Agenda** - Ms Townes states that we need to approve the Agenda for tonight's meeting.
  - o Motion to approve: Ms Wiles
  - o Second: Ms Townes
  - o Vote: **7:0 (Passess)**

**4. Approval of minutes from:**

- **June 16th Board meeting as circulated -**
  - Motion to approve June 16th Minutes: Ms Townes
  - Second: Ms Wiles
  - Vote: **7-0 (Passes)**
- **June 23rd Special Board meeting as circulated -**
  - Motion to approved June 23rd Special Meeting Minutes: Ms Townes
  - Second: Ms Truesdale
  - Vote: **7-0 (Passes)**

**5. Swearing in of Tracy Kramer - Dr Haque reads oath to swear in Tracy Kramer**

- Tracy agrees to uphold oath and is welcomed as a member of the GREEN Charter Board

**6. Executive Director Update - Dr Haque turns the floor over to Mr Cronin.**

- a) School Opening Update (Melane Hammack) - Opened with a conference for GREEN Charter staff and teachers held in the Upstate. Teachers created breakout sessions and shared their expertise with one another. School started on 8/10. We had a few logistical issues such as carlines and scheduling challenges. As of this board meeting, schedules and carlines are corrected and moving forward. We will have firm enrollment numbers within the next week once the dust settles. We do have a couple of staff openings at a few of our campuses. 20%-25% of our staff are new staff this year. We now have staff badges with appropriate access control across all campuses. The IT manager is working diligently to ensure that Chromebooks are in students' hands in the upcoming weeks. We had two schools repainted this summer.
  - Dr Haque asked about the enrollment numbers at each campus currently?
    - Mr Cronin mentioned that there are kids that registered, accepted and haven't shown up, etc - we will have the final number as soon as we can. We had about 140 high school kids last year and double that now. We had 1900 kids last year and we should be around 2200 this year.
- b) Policy Manual (Approval Requested) - Mr Cronin has shared the final draft with the board. This policy is built on South Carolina law and will be a living document. There will be a process through the Governance Committee to review policy and get feedback from the board moving forward. A huge improvement in this is how consistent we manage our personnel. Mr Cronin requests the Board's support to approve.
  - Ms Townes motions that we approve the policy manual
  - Second: Ms Wiles
    - Ms Hornbeck asks if the Truancy Policy is as liberal as it can get and align with state law.

- Mr Cronin states that the truancy laws in SC are prescriptive, so the policy aligns with the law.
  - Ms Watt states that the 10 days that are allowed by the state are as far as we can go.
    - Vote: **7-0 (Passes)**
- GUHS Final Project Update (Chase Willingham) - Mr Cronin welcomed the kids with Mr Willingham at the start of school. The building opened fully furnished and complete on time and under budget. There is one certified teacher open at the high school and Mr Willingham is teaching Math until that role can be filled. Members of the District visited with Mr Willingham and Ms Hammack and the meeting went great. One goal of moving to this new location is to increase the High School experience - volleyball and cross country teams have started. Students are participating in conversations about what they want to see in their school.

Ms Townes motion to move into Executive Session

Second: Ms Hornbeck

Vote: **7-0 (Passes)**

#### **Into Executive Session 6:33 pm**

Ms Townes motion to end Executive Session

Second: Ms Wiles

Vote: **7-0 (Passes)**

#### **Back Into Public Session 7:11 pm**

#### **7. Approval of any items from Executive Session** - With Mr Atkinsons resignation, the Board needs to elect a new Chair.

- Dr Haque nominates Mandy Townes to be Board Chair.
  - Motion to elect Mandy Townes as Board Chair: Dr Haque
  - Second: Ms Wiles
  - Vote **6-0 (Passes)**
- Ms Townes moves to elect Laurel Wiles as the Secretary of Board of Directors
  - Second: Ms Ponder
  - Vote **6-0 (Passes)**

#### **8. Adjournment -**

- Move to adjourn: Dr Haque

**Meeting Adjourned 7:15 pm**

Signed and Dated:



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(Board Chairperson)

10/27/22

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(Date)



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(Board Secretary)

10/31/22

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