

GREEN Charter School Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday December 16th 2021 6:00 pm
Interim Chair: Vince Atkinson
Location: Lower Campus

Attendance Summary

Board Members	Present / Absent
Abdulbasit Aydin	Present via Zoom
Imtiaz Haque	Absent (proxy given to Atkinson)
Vincent Atkinson	Present
Mandy Townes	Present
Laurel Wiles	Present
Trishka Hornbeck	Present
Katherine Ponder	Present via Zoom
Keelah Truesdale	Present via Zoom starting at 6:20pm

Executive Director

Tom Cronin	Present via Zoom
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AGENDA

1. Welcome / Opening Remarks - Meeting began at 6:45pm. Mr. Atkinson welcomes everyone to the meeting and states the purpose of meeting. Thanks the Lower campus for hosting.

2. Public Comments -
 - o Ms. Foley made a public comment about the future growth plan for the Lowcountry campus as well as behavior program.
 - o Mr. Watkins made a public comment about the planned lack of an onsite high school for the Spartanburg campus.
 - o Mr. Atkinson thanks the public for comments, reminds that these are meetings in public and that questions/concerns will be noted.

3. Approval of Agenda

- Motion: Townes
- Second: Atkinson
- Vote was 7-0 including Haque's proxy vote (**PASSES**)

4. Approval of minutes from November 30th 2021 meeting

- Motion to approve minutes: Townes
- Second: Hornbeck
- Vote was 7-0 including Haque's proxy vote (**PASSES**)

5. Announcement of Nominees for Appointed Board Seat

- Mr. Atkinson states that at this time the board is going to fill 1 seat. 1st nominee is Mr. Darren Wilson. Mr. Atkinson asks Mr. Wilson to introduce himself to the board. Mr. Wilson gives a brief background summary and states why he is interested in serving on the GREEN board. Ms. Ponder reads her email nomination for the reasons she nominated Mr. Wilson. Mr. Atkinson thanks Mr. Wilson for being willing to serve.
- Mr. Atkinson notes that Dr. Haque and Dr. Aydin's terms expire tonight and thanks Dr. Aydin for his service to the school.
- Mr. Atkinson states that second nominee is Dr. Haque. Dr. Haque is unable to be with board tonight but Mr. Atkinson reads a bio prepared by Dr. Haque.

(Ms. Truesdale joins the meeting at 6:20pm)

6. Executive Session

- Mr. Atkinson explains that board is moving into ES to discuss the nominees as well as a personnel matter
 - Motion to move to ES: Townes
 - Second: Wiles
 - Vote (8-0) including Haque's proxy vote (**PASSES**)

(Into Executive Session at 6:35pm)

- Motion to leave Executive Session: Townes
- Second: Wiles
- Vote (8-0) including Haque's proxy vote (**PASSES**)

(Back in public session at 7:18pm)

7. Approval of items from ES

- Ms Townes makes a Motion to fill the open appointed seat of the GREEN charter school board with Dr. Imtiaz Haque.

- Second: Wiles
- Vote (6-1) by roll call vote. Ayes: Truesdale, Ponder, Wiles, Townes, Atkinson, Aydin. Nay: Hornbeck. (Haque abstains from this vote) **(PASSES)**

Mr. Atkinson states the names of all current board members after this vote: Vince Atkinson, Mandy Townes, Laurel Wiles, Katherine Ponder, Keelah Trusedale, Trishka Hornbeck, Imtiaz aq. Mr. Atkinson thanks everyone for attending, thanks Mr. Wilson for being willing to serve and hopes that he will continue to be interested in serving in the future. Mr. Atkinson again thanks Dr. Aydin for his years of service to the school and serving on the board. Mr. Atkinson states the the last year has been difficult and asks Dr. Aydin if he would like to say a few words. Dr. Aydin thanks Mr. Atkinson and states that he is a founder and will always be around GREEN. Mr. Atkinson again states the current board member list and thanks everyone for coming.

Motion to adjourn: Wiles

Vote (7-0) including Haque's proxy vote **(PASSES)**

Meeting adjourned at 7:27pm

Signed and dated:

_____ *Vincent B. Atkinson 1/13/2022* _____

Board Chairperson

Mandy Reeves Townes 1/13/2022

Board Secretary