

Meeting Minutes 3-2-2026

ATTENDEES:

Walter Marting – Chair

Chris Farrell – Vice Chair

Steve Moody – Treasurer

Natalie Wright – Secretary

Mark Fleming – board member

Marcia Simmons – board member

Scott Sides – K12

Chad Long – K12

Kelly Shannahan – AA EL

Marcella Nytz – AA MS

Tasha Parnell – Dir. Of Accountability and Data: AA HS

Stacey Bryant – AA EC

Lea King – AA Student Support Services

Kristina Rodrigues – HOS

Sara Struhs – Executive Director

Guest Speaker: Dave Machado, Executive Director for the NC Coalition of Charter Schools.

Walter noted we had a quorum and called the meeting to order. He read the mission statement.

Walter welcomed our guest speaker, Dave Machado. Dave gave an update on all that the coalition is doing for the charter school movement in NC.

Walter thanked Dave for his insights and support. He then asked for the HOS update.

Kristina gave an update on the school enrollment, our contract with Public Impact and a marketing update. She asked that the 26-27 school calendar be approved by the board tonight.

Walter thanked her and asked Chad for the financial report.

Chad presented the monthly bill and asked that the board approve payment of the bill tonight. He also asked that the board approve the Sole Source policy.

Walter thanked him for his reports and noted the votes to be taken at the end of the meeting.

Walter then asked Sara for the Executive Director's report.

Sara presented the contract for the renovations for the office space and asked that the board vote to approve the contract.

She then asked the board to approve updates to the administrative withdrawal policy.

She gave an overview of the investments noting that our current banker has changed and we have been assigned to a new person, Gary Clementson.

Sara then requested the board enter closed session in accordance with GS 143-318.11 (5) (ii) to discuss, “the amount of compensation and other material terms of an employment contract or proposed employment contract”. Walter called for a motion to enter closed session: Mark made the motion; Marcia seconded it. Walter called for the vote: it was unanimous.

Upon completion of discussion in closed session, Walter called for a motion to end closed session: Mark made the motion; Marcia seconded it. Walter called for the vote: it was unanimous.

Walter then moved on to the votes:

Walter asked for a motion to approve the sole source policy. Steve made the motion; Natalie seconded it. Walter called for a vote: 5 voted for it, 1 abstained.

Walter asked for a motion to move money into CD’s: Steve made the motion; Walter seconded it. Walter called for a vote: 5 voted for it, 1 abstained.

Walter asked for a motion to approve the contract with JD Beam. Steve made the motion; Marcia seconded it. Walter called for a vote: 5 voted for it, 1 abstained.

Walter asked for a motion to approve the proposed Administrative Withdrawal policy. Marcia made the motion; Steve seconded it. Walter called for a vote: 5 voted for it, 1 abstained.

Walter asked for a motion to approve the 2026-2027 calendar. Steve made the motion; Mark seconded it. Walter called for a vote: 5 voted for it, 1 abstained.

Walter asked for a motion to approve a bonus for Kristina to be paid at the end of the school year. Steve made the motion; Marcia seconded it. Walter called for a vote: 5 voted for it, 1 abstained.

Walter asked for a motion to approve maintaining the same bonus structure for school year 2026-27 with two clarifications: 1) tenure is based on consecutive years with NCVA and 2) All teachers and staff must be employed within 30 days of the start of school to qualify for the tenure bonus that year. Steve made the motion; Natalie seconded it. Walter called for a vote: 5 voted for it, 1 abstained.

Walter called for a vote to adjourn. Mark made the motion; Marcia seconded it. Walter called for the vote: 5 voted for it; 1 abstained.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30pm

