



MEETING HELD AT:

Mevers School of Excellence & Zoom

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

	PRESENT	NOT PRESENT	TERM EXPIRATION DATE
Stewart Weinberg President	X		May 2022
Cheryl Hollis Vice-President	X		May 2023
Brian Williams Treasurer	X		May 2023
Danielle Statler Secretary	Zoom		May 2023
Joseph Bowers Director	Zoom		May 2022
Henry Brown Director	Zoom		May 2022
Alicia Patton Director	X*		May 2023

* Alicia Patton had to leave at 6:56.

NON-BOARD MEMBERS ATTENDING:

1. Brenda Coyle, Principal – Mevers School of Excellence
2. Dr. Corbet Wilson - VP of Educational Accountability & Strategy – CSUSA
3. Lisanne Morton, State Finance Director – CSUSA
4. Bill Roach, State Director & Founding principal of BPA – CSUSA
5. Jessica Brown, Assistant Principal of BPA – Berkeley Preparatory Academy
6. Susan Gibson, SC Grants Coordinator – SC State Team
7. Carol Aust, Board Manager – SC State Team
8. Paula Jackson, Director of Gov. Relations & Development - CSUSA

I. ADMINISTRATIVE

- CALL TO ORDER
Pursuant to public notice, Board President, Dr. Stewart Weinberg called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.
- ROLL CALL
Roll call was held, and quorum was established.
- PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

II. BUDGET WORKSHOP

- First Reading of the 2022-23 budget for Mevers and Berkeley Prep.

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION

APPROVAL

MOTION: Motion was made by Brian and seconded by Alicia to go into executive session to discuss legal matters and personnel.



MOTION: Motion was made by Joseph (Bo) and seconded by Danielle to come out of executive session. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE

- APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: Motion was made by Cheryl and seconded by Brian to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

- APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 24, 2022, AMENDED MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: Motion was made by Danielle and seconded by Joseph (Bo) to approve the February 24, 2022, amended meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

- APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 16, 2022, AMENDED MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: Motion was made by Danielle and seconded by Joseph (Bo) to approve the March 16, 2022, amended meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

V. CSUSA REPORTS

- Mevers Principal Report
 - Mrs. Coyle gave an update on MSE marketing, teacher vacancies, testing, COVID numbers, staff updates, recent hires, and enrollment.
 - Dr. Weinberg thanked Brenda on her hard work with Special Education at MSE.
- Berkeley Preparatory Academy Principal Report
 - Dr. Roach gave an update on BPA marketing, teacher vacancies, testing, COVID numbers, staff updates, recent hires, and enrollment.
- Special Education
 - Updates were included in the packet.
- Grants
 - Susan Gibson gave updates for both MSE & BPA.
- Financials
 - The Board was updated on Financials for both schools.

MOTION: Motion was made by Joseph (Bo) and seconded by Brian to approve the financials for December for Mevers. Motion passed unanimously.



MOTION: Motion was made by Joseph (Bo) and seconded by Brian to approve the amended financials for December for Berkeley Prep. Motion passed unanimously.

- Dr. Weinberg made the following statement regarding financial concerns:
Financial Issues on 3/16/2022

“I received emails requesting transfer of funds for BPA and Mevers on 3/15. I asked a number of questions regarding the Accounts payable and BPA’s operating account. Regarding the Mevers’ Account Payable, eventually received the following: “The \$34,737.78 was an error with the aging. Please see below and attached for the revised request.”

In regards to BPA- on Accounts Payable- I asked a question about a charge of \$470.26 for hotel expenses for the conference in October 2021 for SW and Sandy Hightower. I was told that all expenses would be taken care of my CSUSA, and that Sandy had cancelled a week before the conference. Eventually Richard Garcia wrote: “Team remove the charge—let’s investigate why there was a charge but irrespective let’s not charge BPA.”

Then there was a question about \$125, 860.20 which I incorrectly identified as a debit, when it turned out to be a credit. Response from CSUSA: “Thank you for pointing this out. This was related to a credit for a lease adjustment in the amount \$125,806.44 for July & August coming back to the school. I noticed that there was typo error we will be sending the wiring back to for \$53.76 difference

125,860.20

wire credit

125,806.44

lease adjustment

53.76

difference

We can net this from the funding request, leaving a remaining balance of \$65,506.14 that is still needed. Please advise. Thanks.”

Finally, reviewing the monthly financials, the \$597,010 that was received on 2/15 was omitted from Revenues.

Is this a way to conduct financial operation of our schools?”

VI. BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Take action, if any from Executive Session

MOTION: Motion was made by Stewart and seconded by Alicia to approve the recommendation from CSUSA that Jessica Brown be named the principal of Berkeley Preparatory Academy for the 2022-23 school year. Motion passed unanimously.



- Board authorizes the president to transfer \$1,500,000 from Mevers money market account to Orangeburg Charter School Account.

MOTION: Motion was made by Joseph (Bo) and seconded by Brian to approve the recommended motion to authorize the Board President to transfer \$1,500,000 from the Mevers money market account to the Orangeburg Charter School Account. Motion passed unanimously.

- Orangeburg Charter School
The BCEA board has submitted a Request for Proposal (RFP) for this site.
- Policies for Erskine – Board approval needed

MOTION: Motion was made by Cheryl and seconded by Danielle to approve the motion to approve the revised policies for Erskine. Motion passed unanimously.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Motion was made by Cheryl and seconded by Brian to adjourn the meeting of the Berkeley Charter Education Association. The meeting adjourned at 7:19.

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, April 28th, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m.
Berkeley Preparatory Academy