



**MEETING HELD AT:**

Mevers School of Excellence & Via 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	X		May 2023
Joseph Bowers   Director	X (Zoom)		May 2022
Henry Brown   Director	X		May 2022
Sandra Hightower   Director		X	May 2023

**NON-BOARD MEMBERS ATTENDING:**

1. Brenda Coyle, Principal – Mevers School of Excellence
2. Dr. David Christiansen – Chief of Schools – CSUSA
3. Corbet Wilson, VP of Educational Accountability & Strategy – CSUSA
4. Lisanne Morton, State Finance Director – CSUSA
5. Bill Roach, State Director & Founding principal of BPA – CSUSA
6. Rosie Ashley, CRT – Berkeley Prep
7. Josh Manley, CRT – Berkeley Prep
8. Kenneth Coles, Assistant Principal – Mevers School of Excellence
9. Emily Evans, State Financial Director – CSUSA
10. Paula Jackson, Director of Governmental Relations - CSUSA
11. Ken Martin, Auditor – Martin Smith & Co Accounting Firm

**I. ADMINISTRATIVE**

- **CALL TO ORDER**  
Pursuant to public notice, Board President, Dr. Stewart Weinberg called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.
- **ROLL CALL**  
Roll call was held, and quorum was established.

**II. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**APPROVAL**

**MOTION:** Motion was made by Danielle and seconded by Bo to go into executive session. Motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** Motion was made by Henry and seconded by Brian to come out of executive session. Motion passed unanimously.



### III. ADMINISTRATIVE

- APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

**MOTION: Motion was made by Cheryl and seconded by Danielle to approve the agenda with the addition of discussing uniforms during CSUSA Report time. Motion passed unanimously.**

- APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 23, 2021 AMENDED MEETING MINUTES

**MOTION: Motion was made by Henry and seconded by Brian to approve the September 23, 2021 amended meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.**

### IV. PRESENTATION

- Mevers Audit Report

Ken Martin, of Martin Smith & Co Accounting firm, presented the audit findings for Mevers School of Excellence. Mr. Martin shared there were no findings with the Internal Controls and Mevers was in compliance. Mr. Martin also shared that the audit returned a favorable, unmodified opinion. This is the best you can get with an audit.

### V. CSUSA REPORTS

- Mevers Principal Report

- Mrs. Coyle gave an update on Mevers marketing, COVID update, staff vacancies, new staff members that are starting, and current enrollment.
- Kenneth Coles, MSE Assistant Principal, presented MSE responses to Board requests of the following:
  - Action plans with specific steps. Who would be doing what, the timeline to get it done, how it would be evaluated, etc.?
  - What are the mobile plans for when students are absent?
  - Action plans for how PLPs (Personalized Learning Plans) would be implemented at both schools.
  - Differentiated Instruction and PD on how to use the unique BPA facility in teaching.
- Board members asked clarifying questions and there was discussion around the presentation.
- Cheryl gave Mrs. Coyle kudos for all of her hard work last year and the difference she has made at Mevers since taking over as principal.

- Berkeley Preparatory Academy Principal Report

- Dr. Roach gave an update on BPA marketing, teacher vacancies, testing, COVID numbers, staff updates, recent hires, and enrollment.
- The BPA Academic Team presented responses to Board requests of the following:
  - Action plans with specific steps. Who would be doing what, the timeline to get it done, how it would be evaluated, etc.?
  - What are the mobile plans for when students are absent?



- Action plans for how PLPs (Personalized Learning Plans) would be implemented at both schools.
- Differentiated Instruction and PD on how to use the unique BPA facility in teaching.
- Board members asked clarifying questions and there was discussion around the presentation.
- Special Education  
Updates were included in the packet.
- Grants  
Updates were included in the packet.
- Financials  
The Board was updated on Financials for both schools.

**MOTION: Motion was made by Danielle and seconded by Bo to approve the financials for August for Mevers. Motion passed unanimously.**

**MOTION: Motion was made by Danielle and seconded by Bo to approve the financials for September for Mevers. Motion passed unanimously.**

**MOTION: Motion was made by Danielle and seconded by Bo to approve the amended financials for August for Berkeley Prep. Motion passed unanimously.**

**MOTION: Motion was made by Danielle and seconded by Bo to approve the amended financials for September for Berkeley Prep. Motion passed unanimously.**

- Uniforms  
The Board led a discussion about school uniforms and options with the supply chain so backed up. The Board asked that schools look into developing alternatives and providing those to parents since the traditionally approved uniforms were delayed several months for students/parents.
- Dr. Christiansen presentation  
Dr. Christiansen, Chief of Schools for CSUSA, gave the board an update on Educational Commitments from CSUSA. Slides included in minutes.

## VI. BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS

**MOTION: Motion was made by Henry and seconded by Brian to accept the resignation of Sandy Hightower from the board. Motion passed unanimously.**

Sandy Hightower's resignation letter is attached.



**MOTION:** Motion was made by Stewart and seconded by Danielle to transfer property to Red Apple Development. Motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** Motion was made by Bo and seconded by Danielle to work with Red Apple Development and CSUSA to open two new schools in the Fall of 2023 in Orangeburg, SC and Summerville, SC. Motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Weinberg shared with the board about the property and location of the two proposed sites. One site would be in Orangeburg, SC. The property there is being donated by YC Holding company in cooperation with Ben Grambling. This area will be a recreation of the Cane Bay area and the school will be the centerpiece of the subdivision. There are 600 new homes proposed for Phase 1 of this project. The school will be a replica of Mevers School of Excellence. The second site will be in Summerville, SC in the Bacon Bridge Road area.

**VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- None

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Motion was made by Brian and seconded by Henry to adjourn the meeting of the Berkeley Charter Education Association. The meeting adjourned at 8:22.

**NEXT MEETING:**

Thursday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m.  
Berkeley Preparatory Academy



**From:** Sandy Hightower <[sch3959@gmail.com](mailto:sch3959@gmail.com)>  
**Date:** October 15, 2021 at 5:10:59 PM EDT  
**To:** "Stewart Weinberg Ph.D. ([stewartweinberg@me.com](mailto:stewartweinberg@me.com))" <[stewartweinberg@me.com](mailto:stewartweinberg@me.com)>  
**Subject:** Board Seat

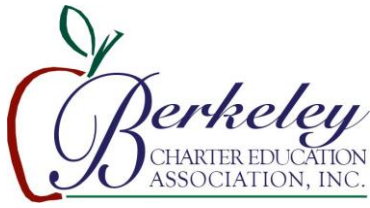
Stewart,

In the last year I have been less and less active as a member of the Berkeley Charter Education Association Inc. Board of Directors. Please understand, it was not by choice. I have had a significant increase in job requirements.

I am extremely excited with where this Board and our schools are heading. I am also exceedingly excited with the group of ladies and gentlemen who are serving on this Board and all they have to offer.

With that being said and with deep sorrow, I must tender my resignation. It is only fair to get someone in my position who is able to be fully active. The Board, the schools, and the children deserve more of me than I am able to give at this time. I am prayerful that I may be able to return and serve again. I have so enjoyed serving on this board these last 5 years and I will miss it terribly. Thank you for your time and understanding in this matter.

Gratefully yours,  
Sandra C Hightower  
Exemplar Health HPO



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
October 28, 2021  
6:00 p.m. – Executive Session  
6:30 p.m. – Regular Meeting  
Mevers School of Excellence

Attendance	
Print Name	Signature
1. Maria DuVall - Parent msd	msdDuvall
2. K Coles	K E Coles
3. CARL VITALE	Carl Vitale
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Dr. Christiansen's presentation slides

Student Success in School & Life

## EDUCATIONAL COMMITMENTS

**Goal:**  
**All High Performing Schools  
by 2024-25**

- 1. Defeat the Gap, Raise the Bar**
- 2. Fuel the Leadership Pipeline**
- 3. More Responsive Support to Schools**

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Teaching & Learning

## EDUCATIONAL COMMITMENTS

**Defeat the Gap, Raise the Bar**

- 1. Implement Ed Model 2.0 with Fidelity**
- 2. Develop & Train Pioneer Educators to Drive and Support Innovation**
- 3. Extend the Reach of our Best Teachers**
- 4. Stage not Age Personalized Learning**

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## EDUCATIONAL COMMITMENTS

### Fuel the Leadership Pipeline

1. Create an AP Academy to Develop our next Leaders
2. Create Leadership Pathways and Growth Opportunities for Teachers, CRTs, CS's, and APs so we can DOUBLE the Number of CSUSA Internal Leaders Hired for Principal & AP Positions

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## EDUCATIONAL COMMITMENTS

### More Responsive Support to Schools

1. Regionalized Approach with Faster, More Direct Support
2. Improve in Operations so Principals can Do What They Do: Lead Education, Lead Instruction, Coach, and Support Teachers

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