

**MEETING HELD AT:**

Mevers School of Excellence

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

	PRESENT	NOT PRESENT	TERM EXPIRATION DATE
Dr. Stewart Weinberg   President – At Large	x		May 2026
Cheryl Hollis   Vice-President - Mevers	x		May 2025
Brian Williams   Treasurer - BPA	x		May 2025
Brandi VanGordor   Secretary - BPA	Zoom		May 2024
Alicia Patton   Director – At Large		x	May 2025
Simplicia Smith   Director - Mevers	x		May 2025
Dr. Tamara Jackson   Director - WJSE	Zoom		May 2026

**NON-BOARD MEMBERS ATTENDING:**

1. Kenneth Coles, Principal – Mevers School of Excellence
2. Jordan Coward, Principal - Berkeley Preparatory
3. Lisanne Morton, State Finance Director – CSUSA
4. Susan Gibson, SC State Director – CSUSA
5. Carol Aust, Director of External Affairs and Board Governance – CSUSA
6. Stephanie Lowerre, Sr. Financial Analyst – CSUSA
7. Fabien McGill, Principal – Willie Jefferies School of Excellence - Zoom
8. Penny Walcott, State Finance Director, Carolinas – CSUSA
9. Quincey K. Bellamy, Dean of Students - Mevers School of Excellence

**I. ADMINISTRATIVE**

- **CALL TO ORDER**  
Pursuant to public notice, Board President, Dr. Stewart Weinberg called the meeting to order at 6:39 P.M.
- **ROLL CALL**  
Roll call was held, and quorum was established.
- **Pledge to the flag.**

**II. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

APPROVAL

**MOTION:** Motion was made by Brian and seconded by Brandi to go into executive session to discuss contractual matters at 5:30 P.M.

**MOTION:** Motion was made by Cheryl and seconded by Simplicia to come out of executive session at 6:36 P.M. Motion passed unanimously.

### III. 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 22, 2024, MEETING MINUTES
  - **MOTION:** Motion was made by Brian and seconded by Simplicia to approve meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Stewart Weinberg shared how the 7<sup>th</sup> Sonny Mevers Day went remembering Sonny Mevers. How exciting the day was – focus on moving Mevers to a school of excellence.

### IV. SCHOOL PRESENTATION

Mevers School of Excellence school presentation. Mr. Coles introduced Mr. Justin Rivers, music teacher. Jaxon Zelasko and Albert Riso from 6<sup>th</sup> grade and Kaelyn Graham from 7<sup>th</sup> grade showing their drum skills from their world music class. There are 32 students in this new class.

### V. ADMINISTRATIVE

- AMEND BYLAWS
  - **MOTION:** Motion was made by Brian and seconded by Simplicia to amend the bylaws to increase our members from 7 to 8. Motion passed unanimously.
  - **MOTION:** Motion was made by Brandi and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ to assign 2 board members elected from Mevers School of Excellence, 2 Board members elected from Berkeley Preparatory Academy, 2 Board members elected from Willie Jeffries School of Excellence, and 2 Board members elected at large. Motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Weinberg advised Kevin Mason from PCSASC will be conducting the election in May.

- APPOINTMENT OF BOARD MEMBERS

**MOTION:** Motion was made by Cheryl and seconded by Brian to appoint Dr. Stewart Weinberg and Dr. Tamara Jackson to the board for a two year term. Motion passed unanimously.

## REPORTS

- Susan Gibson, State Director Report

Mrs. Gibson provided grant updates for both MSE & BPA.

- Mevers School of Excellence Principal Report

Mr. Coles gave an update on the strategic goals and school report card. as well as staff updates, recent hires, and current enrollment of 807 students and 650 are enrolled for 2024-2025.

- Berkeley Preparatory Academy Principal Report

Mr. Coward gave an update on BPA strategic goals and school report card information. Shared information about the Clemson Garden grant celebrating is planned for next month. Enrollment of 776 students and 141 on the waiting list.

- Willie Jefferies School of Excellence Principal Report

Dr. McGill gave an update on WJSE strategic goals including new partnerships including the library bus. enrollment outreach. Started staff recruitment is ongoing. Advised 260 students have been accepted and enrolled.

Cheryl shared information about Karina and how it automates, policies, procedures, emails, and requests within the school building.

- CSUSA Financials

The Board was updated on financials for both schools.

**MOTION:** Motion was made by Brian and seconded by Cheryl to approve the Mevers financials for February 2024. Motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** Motion was made by Brian and seconded by Simplicia to approve the BPA financials February 2024. Motion passed unanimously.

Stewart advised he spoke to Hilary and \$150,000 has been transferred from Mevers and BPA to the board account.

## VI. BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS

- WJSE Hires 2024-2025

**MOTION:** Motion was made by Cheryl and seconded by Brian Zachary Greene, Courtney Shannon, Maria Cooper, Inabinette Richardson, Amaya Fisher, Ainsley Porter, Enisha Adams, Kentasia Brown for 24-25 school year hires. Motion passed unanimously.

- Approve Courses for WJSE

**MOTION:** Motion was made by Brian and seconded by Simplicia to approve mathematics, LBA 1199 and potential course name and number algebra 1 Prep 11990100 for school year 2024-2025. Motion passed unanimously.

- Approve Courses for Mevers and BPA

**MOTION:** Motion was made by Brian and seconded by Simplicia to approve presented courses for school year 2024-2025 for both BPA and Mevers. Motion passed unanimously.

- Charter Institute at Erskine Awards Banquet

Dr. Stewart Weinberg shared information about the upcoming annual banquet.

- Approval of: Build to Suit Lease and Option between GRHH Performance Orangeburg LLC, an Idaho limited liability company, as Landlord, and BCEA Willie Jeffries, LLC, as Tenant

**MOTION:** Motion was made by Brian and seconded by Cheryl to approve Build to Suit Lease and Option between GRHH Performance Orangeburg LLC, an Idaho limited liability company, as Landlord, and Berkeley Charter Education Association as tenant. Motion passed unanimously.

- President to transfer \$250,000 for lease

**MOTION:** Motion was made by Brian and seconded by Simplicia to authorize president to transfer \$25,000 for lease escrow. Motion passed unanimously.

- President to transfer \$25,000 for Security of lease

**MOTION:** Motion was made by Brian and seconded by Cheryl to authorize president to transfer security deposit for the lease. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Stephanie Beck provided an update on the BPA playground.

#### **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Motion was made by Cheryl and seconded by Simplicia to adjourn the meeting of the Berkeley Charter Education Association. The meeting adjourned at 7:23 P.M.

#### **NEXT SPECIAL CALLED BUDGET WORKSHOP:**

Thursday, April 11, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m.

Virtual