

MEETING HELD AT:

Via Zoom Online

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	X		May 2024
Alicia Patton Director – At Large		X	May 2025
Simplicia Smith Director - Mevers	X		May 2025
Dr. Tamara Jackson Director - WJSE		x	May 2026
Vacant Director - WJSE			NEW

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. Penny Walcott, State Finance Director, Carolinas – CSUSA
8. Jean Castelli, Grant Coordinator - CSUSA
9. Annya Mazyck
10. Elaine Ellington
11. Galaxy 7 phone
12. Galaxy 20 phone

I. ADMINISTRATIVE

- **CALL TO ORDER**
Pursuant to public notice, Board President, Dr. Stewart Weinberg called the meeting to order at 6:01 P.M.
- **ROLL CALL**
Roll call was held, and quorum was established.

II. ADMINISTRATIVE

- APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
 - **MOTION:** Motion was made by Brian and seconded by Brandi to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

III. SCHOOL BUDGET PRESENTATION

Stewart requested Brian manage the budget presentations.

Mr. Jordan Coward presented the first section of the proposed F25 budget for Berkeley Preparatory Academy.

Stewart asked what training programs are offered by CSUSA. Susan explained all the different ways CSUSA provides training and support throughout the year. Jordan shared how CRT's are offered training and support and the feedback he has received to date.

Susan offered to present a calendar of P&D offered by CSUSA this year. Cheryl asked if the teachers are offered external training. Susan advised I-Ready and Solution Tree have provided PD to staff in the past year.

Stephanie Lowerre presented the second section of the F24/25 budget for Berkeley Preparatory Academy. Stephanie explained the financial impact of ESSR going away for the coming school year.

Stewart made the comment why isn't CSUSA reducing their cost to offset ESSR going away.

Mr. Kenneth Coles presented the first section of the proposed F25 budget for Mevers School of Excellence school presentation.

Stewart requested a description of CSUSA's training provided at each school.

The board discussed the enrollment number of 908 students used in the budget at Mevers.

Stephanie Lowerre presented the second section F24/25 budget for Mevers School of Excellence. Stephanie explained the financial impact of ESSR going away for the coming school year.

Stewart asked for an update on the LED lighting installation. Susan advised should be completed in the next two weeks.

Stewart commented again why isn't CSUSA reducing their cost to compensate from their loss of ESSR funds. Lianne advised she has noted his comment and Susan shared she will take it back to senior leadership at CSUSA.

Stewart requested the line marked personal property tax be changed to reflect the correct name of the charge from Berkeley County.

Stewart advised he will not accept the enrollment number of 909 students.

Cheryl asked for a revenue plan renting out each school.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Motion was made by Cheryl and seconded by Stewart to adjourn the meeting of the Berkeley Charter Education Association. The meeting adjourned at 7:52 P.M.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

Thursday, April 25, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m.
Berkeley Preparatory Academy