

MEETING HELD AT:

Meyers School of Excellence

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

	PRESENT	NOT PRESENT	TERM EXPIRATION DATE
Dr. Stewart Weinberg President – At Large	x		(A) May 2026
Cheryl Hollis Vice-President - Meyers	x		(A) May 2025
Brian Williams Treasurer - BPA	x		(A) May 2025
Brandi VanGordor Secretary - BPA	Zoom		(E) May 2026
Alicia Patton Director – At Large	X		(E) May 2025
Simplicia Smith Director - Meyers	X		(E) May 2025
Dr. Tamara Jackson Director - WJSE	Zoom		(A) May 2026
Wayne Murphy Director - WJSE		x	(A) May 2025

NON-BOARD MEMBERS ATTENDING:

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

I. ADMINISTRATIVE

- **CALL TO ORDER**
Pursuant to public notice, Board President, Dr. Stewart Weinberg called the meeting to order at 4:20 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 Alicia to go into executive session to discuss contractual matters at 4:21 P.M.

MOTION: Motion was made by Cheryl and seconded by Simplicia to come out of executive session at 6:31 P.M. Motion passed unanimously.

III. ADMINISTRATIVE

- APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

- **MOTION:** Motion was made by Brandi and seconded by Simplicia to approve the agenda with two additional items under Board Discussion Boardable Contract and Authorize the board president or treasurer to establish \$250,000 escrow account with Bank OZK for WJSE

- APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 27, MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: Motion was made by Cheryl and seconded by Brian to approve meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

BUILDING REPORTS

- Willie Jefferies School of Excellence Principal Report

Dr. McGill gave an update on WJSE strategic goals including enrollment outreach. 1-2 staff positions left to hire. Goal still to reach 414 students. Onboarding of staff has started. First day of school is August 5th.

- WJSE HIRES

MOTION: Motion was made by Brian and seconded by Alicia to approve hiring TEACHER Timothy Allen – Elementary, Dorothy Ryant – Elementary, Ashley Dizzley - Early Childhood, Natasha Ramsey - Middle School for 2024/2025 school year. Motion passed unanimously.

- Mr. Coles gave an update on the strategic goals and school report card. Shared Erskine data meeting went well. Data is still embargoed. Highlighted information from new student event and changes to the student handbook was covered. Provided SPED update.

- Mevers School of Excellence Student Handbook

MOTION: Motion was made by Alicia and seconded by Cheryl to approve BPA Student Handbook. Motion passed unanimously.

- Berkeley Preparatory Academy Principal Report
Susan Gibson gave an update on BPA strategic goals and school report card information. Shared detailed from the Erskine data meeting. Data is still embargoed. Enrollment of 763 students and 349 on the waiting list.

- Berkeley Preparatory Academy Student Handbook

MOTION: Motion was made by Brandi and seconded by Brian to approve BPA Student Handbook. Motion passed unanimously.

- CSUSA Financials
The Board was updated on financials for Mevers and BPA schools.

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

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

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

- Willie Jefferies FY25 Budget

No action taken

IV. BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Authorize the board president to establish building reserve accounts for Mevers School of Excellence and Berkeley Preparatory Academy

MOTION: Motion was made by Brian and seconded by Brandi to authorize the board president to establish \$250,000 building reserve accounts for Mevers School of Excellence and Berkeley Preparatory Academy. Motion passed unanimously.

- Boardable Contract

MOTION: Motion was made by Simplicia and seconded by Alicia to authorize the president to enter into a contract with Boardable. Motion passed unanimously.

- Authorize the board president or treasurer to establish \$250,000 escrow account with Bank OZK for WJSE

MOTION: Motion was made by Cheryl and seconded by Brian to authorize the board president or Treasurer to establish \$250,000 escrow account with Bank OZK for WJSE. Motion passed unanimously.

- School Uniforms

Susan Gibson explained the three uniforms companies that provide uniforms to parents for both schools. There are no active contracts.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

VI. 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 7:12 P.M.

NEXT SPECIAL CALLED BUDGET WORKSHOP:

Thursday, August 22, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m.
Berkeley Preparatory Academy