

RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH CAROLINA CHARTER SCHOOLS ADVISORY BOARD

WHEREAS the North Carolina Charter Schools Advisory Board was created by statute to “[t]o make recommendations to the State Board of Education on the adoption of rules regarding all aspects of charter school operation, including time lines, standards, and criteria for acceptance and approval of applications, monitoring of charter schools, and grounds for revocation of charters; [t]o review applications and make recommendations to the State Board for final approval of charter applications; [t]o make recommendations to the State Board on actions regarding a charter school, including renewals of charters, nonrenewals of charters, and revocations of charters; and [t]o undertake any other duties and responsibilities as assigned by the State Board;”

WHEREAS the North Carolina Charter Schools Advisory Board is comprised of members with extensive knowledge and experience in the operations, governance, finance, and performance aspects of charter schools;

WHEREAS the North Carolina Charter Schools Advisory Board is comprised of eleven voting members;

WHEREAS Alex Quigley is the Chair of the North Carolina Charter Schools Advisory Board and has experience, among other things, in turning Maureen Joy Charter School into a outstanding school and working with PAVE on charter school operations across the United States;

WHEREAS Steven Walker is the Vice Chair of the North Carolina Charter Schools Advisory Board and serves as the Chair of the Policy Committee of said Board, and has experience in matters of education and charter school law, having served the Honorable Edward Thomas Brady on the Supreme Court of North Carolina in the decision making process of many education law and charter law cases and currently serves as the General Counsel and Policy Director to Lieutenant Governor Dan Forest;

WHEREAS Joe Maimone is the Chair of the Performance Committee of the North Carolina Charter Schools Advisory Board and is the founder and headmaster of the Thomas Jefferson Classical Academy in Rutherford County, a school which has been recognized as having the fourth best high school in North Carolina by US News,

received an A+NG on the prior year School Report Card, and has been recognized as the second best school district in North Carolina in a study conducted by Niche.com;

WHEREAS Phyllis Gibbs is a member of the North Carolina Charter Schools Advisory Board, has served as a member of the Guilford County Board of Commissioners, worked with the Cone Mills Corporation in Greensboro in both the VP/Treasurer's Office and in a supervisory role in the Credit Department, and brings valuable insight on budgetary, finance, and governance matters to the Advisory Board;

WHEREAS Alan Hawkes is a member of the North Carolina Charter Schools Advisory Board and is the President of the Board of Greensboro Academy, a school which received an A+NG on the School Report Card for the prior year, and is a board member of Summerfield Academy, which received a B on the prior year's School Report Card and exceeded expected EVAAS growth;

WHEREAS Tony Helton is a member of the North Carolina Charter Schools Advisory Board and is the Chief Operating Officer of TeamCFA, a network of charter schools in North Carolina, Arizona and Indiana, the former School Director at Brevard Academy: CFA , the former Dean of Students, AP Instructor for United States Government and Politics, Athletic Director and Head Football Coach at Thomas Jefferson Classical Academy;

WHEREAS Hilda Parlér is a member of the North Carolina Charter Schools Advisory Board and is the owner and broker-in-charge of Parlér Properties LLC Real Estate Services, serves as a board member on Wake Forest Academy, and brings valuable knowledge on property and charter school governance to the Advisory Board;

WHEREAS Sherry Reaves is a member of the North Carolina Charter Schools Advisory Board and is a former board member of the Arapahoe Charter School, is a former teacher, currently serves as a counselor for Arapahoe Charter School, and brings a wealth of experience to the Advisory Board on governance and exceptional children matters;

WHEREAS Eric Sanchez is a member of the North Carolina Charter Schools Advisory Board and is the founder and Executive Director of Henderson Collegiate, which has Exceeded Expected Growth each year since opening, earned Title I Reward School status for High Student Growth for three consecutive years, and achieved the highest school performance grade in the state of North Carolina, A+NG;

WHEREAS Tammi Sutton is a member of the North Carolina Charter Schools Advisory Board and is the Executive Director of KIPP-ENC, a network of nationally recognized charters in Eastern North Carolina and a leader in the field of providing quality education to lower-income students;

WHEREAS Cheryl Turner is a member of the North Carolina Charter Schools Advisory Board and is the administrator of Sugar Creek Charter School in Charlotte,

North Carolina, a school that is renowned across the nation for excellence in serving low-income students;

WHEREAS all members of the North Carolina Charter Schools Advisory Board are volunteers and do not receive per diem compensation for their services;

WHEREAS all members of the North Carolina Charter Schools Advisory Board have sacrificed their time and talents for the furtherance of the mission of the Advisory Board to “work to ensure the existence of high quality charter schools in North Carolina;”

WHEREAS in the application cycle in which nonprofit boards sought to open charter schools in the 2017-2018 school year, the North Carolina Charter Schools Advisory Board reviewed over 6,600 pages of documents contained in the applications and appendices received;

WHEREAS the North Carolina Charter Schools Advisory Board personally interviewed all applicants with pending applications in the application cycle, questioning those applicants as to education plans, goals, operations, governance, and finance;

WHEREAS the North Carolina Charter Schools Advisory Board deliberated vigorously concerning the content of these applications and the quality of the applicant interviews;

WHEREAS the North Carolina Charter Schools Advisory Board recommended that thirteen applicants be approved to open charter schools in 2017-2018; and

WHEREAS the members of the North Carolina Charter Schools Advisory Board respects the process in which the applications were evaluated and unanimously stands behind the majority vote on each application, regardless of that member’s individual vote, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the North Carolina Charter Schools Advisory Board recommends that the State Board of Education carefully consider each application for a charter school and give the recommendations of the North Carolina Charter Schools Advisory Board great weight in making its consideration, considering the expertise, experience, and familiarity of the application and the applicant held by each Advisory Board Member.
2. That the Office of Charter Schools is hereby directed to post this resolution on the website of the Office of Charter Schools in a prominent location.
3. That the Office of Charter Schools is hereby directed to support the recommendations of the North Carolina Charter Schools Advisory Board in presenting the Board's recommendations to the State Board of Education both publicly and privately.

4. That the Office of Charter Schools shall provide a copy of this resolution to each member of the State Board of Education, the Executive Director of the State Board of Education, the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, and each member of the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee.

Resolved this the ____ day of _____, 2016 in regular meeting.

Alex Quigley, Chair of the NCCSAB