



Pennsylvania Coalition of Public Charter Schools

Choice, Quality and Accountability in Public Education

**Minutes
PCPCS Board of Trustees Meeting
Thursday, May 19, 2022
10:00 am – 1:00 pm**

The Board meeting will be held via Zoom for the convenience of all members to optimize participation. Join Zoom Meeting
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Call to order:

Introduction

Dear Board Members, I want to thank you for joining us today for our quarterly meeting. The last month has been very exciting for the coalition visiting the schools, learning about the grant, and beginning our advocacy work with legislators.

Roll call:

Board Members Present:

- President: Bob Lysek, CEO, Executive Education Academy Charter School
- Vice President: Brian Hayden, CEO, Pennsylvania Cyber Charter School

Members:

- Donna Lee Archer, CFO, Avon Grove Charter School
- Stephen Catanzarite, founding Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Lincoln Park Performing Arts Center
- Guy Ciarrocchi, President and CEO, Chester County Chamber of Business and Industry

- David Hardy, founder and former CEO, Boys Latin Charter School
- Dr. Andrea Coleman-Hill, CEO, Laboratory Charter School
- Beth Jones, founder & former COO at Collegium CS, former CFO at Insight PA Cyber Charter
- Ashley DeMauro Mullins, Northeast Regional Director, Foundation for Excellence in Education
- Anthony Pirrello, CFO, Insight Cyber Charter School
- Jim Smith, Founder and CEO, Bear Creek Community Charter School

Not in attendance:

- David Rossi, CEO, Esperanza Charter Schools – Philadelphia
- Vas Scoumis, CEO, Manchester Academic CS
- Mark Gleason, Executive Director, Philadelphia School Partners

Committee Members: N/A

PCPCS Staff in Attendance

- Dr. Anne Clark
- Brandie Karpew
- Cheryl-johnson Watts
- Jean Morrow

Guest

- Micheal Wisman, Charter Choices

Financial (Mr. Whisman and Dr. Anne Clark)

- Allegheny Foundation– First installment of our third grant from Allegheny in the amount of \$300,000 was deposited on December 31, 2021.
- Financial Statements

Executive Session:

- Budget
- 143K Rising
- Residency Policy

The meeting is called back to order May 19, 2022 at 11:09 a.m.

Be it resolved to approve the residency policy today May 19, 2022 to be effective July 1, 2022. First: Brian Hayden Second: Donna Archer

Any discussion: No discussion Approved

Legal Update (Legal Advisory Council)

- Working one on one with the attorney for future meetings.

Legislative Update: (Mrs. Morrow)

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Communications/Grassroots Update (Mrs. Karpew, Mrs. Buckner, and Dr. Clark)

- Membership Renewals- Membership Renewals will begin going out this week. Dues are remaining consistent with previous years. We ask that memberships be paid in a timely manner.
- School Visits – PCPCS created a sign up for schools who would like to be visited. 21 schools requested visits and we have been able to visit or schedule visits to 12 of those. Between Teacher Appreciation Week, Charter Schools Week, and other visits, the PCPCS staff has visited over 25 schools.
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Projects PCPCS Team

- CSP Grant (Mrs. Johnson-Watts,
- Newsletter (Mrs. Morrow) - Once weekly publication; approximately 40% open rate
- Business Partnership (Mrs. Karpew)- We had 39 business partnerships in the 2021-22 school year. Renewals will be send out this week and we expect to maintain partnerships in the range of 35-40 partners. We have already signed 2 new partners for the 2022-23 school year.

Events Update (PCPCS Team)

- National School Choice Week – Infradapt sponsored a school choice week dance contest and the winner came from PA Distance Charter School
- Teacher Appreciation Week - Each member of the PCPCS made visits to schools in their area to drop off treats to thank the teachers.
- 2022 PCPCS Annual Conference – Planning has begun for the 2022 conference which will be held at the Wyndham Hotel and Conference Center September 21-23.

Early bird registration tickets went on sale May 12, 2022. We will once again be using the WHOVA app.

- National Charter School Week
 - Dr. Clark and Brandie visited Laboratory Charter School and Antonia Pantoja Charter school in Philadelphia on Monday.
 - Bob Lysek, Dr. Clark, Brandie, Cheryl, and Jean visited PA Steam Academy on Tuesday where a press conference was held to announce the 2022 PACSP grant awardees.
 - On Wednesday, Dr. Clark, Brandie, Jean, and Doug Wesssels hosted a rally at the PA Capitol. We had representatives from three different schools attend and lots of media coverage.
 - On Thursday, Dr. Clark visited Gettysburg Montessori CS and Vida CS in Gettysburg, PA
 - On Friday, the Coalition hosted its annual ‘How to Start a Charter School Training’. Attendance was low with only 12 people attending.
 - On Friday, Dr. Clark visited Baden Academy CS, City Charter High School and Life Males Steam Academy

Governance (Mr. Lysek, Mrs. Karpew, and Dr. Clark)

- Advisory Council Elections – Advisory Council Elections were held the first week of May. There were 4 open positions and we received 4 nominations. No election was necessary.
- Board Elections – There are 7 charter school leader seats on the PCPCS Board wither open or up for re-election. Brandie reached out to all up for election to ask if they intend to run for re-election. We opened up the process for nominations in the May 17 newsletters. The nominating committee of the AC council will review the nominations and host the vote prior to June 3, 2022. Once the new school leaders are named, we will move to the outside leaders position. There is one spot open for election/re-election. After the final vote, we will hold elections for Executive Board. If you are not up for re-election and wish to run for and Executive Board position, please contact Brandie.

Upcoming Board Meetings Dr. Clark

- June 23, 2022, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Zoom Link:
Anne Clark is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: PCPCS Board Meeting

Time: This is a recurring meeting Meet anytime

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Adjourn Dr. Clark ended at 11:31 a.m. First by Bob Lysek and Second Brian Handen, and all in favor.

Approved May 19, 2022

Employment

Residency Requirement Policy

The Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Coalition of Public Charter Schools (the "Coalition") places substantial importance of residency in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and reasonable proximity to the Commonwealth's capital, the City of Harrisburg, for its administrative and professional employees. Such residency requirements are necessary for the effective management and operation of the Coalition as a statewide advocacy organization and its work with the state agencies, the General Assembly and the Executive Branch, including the Governor, to fulfill the mission of the Coalition: to be the voice and advocates of brick-and-mortar and cyber charter schools in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, their students, families and operators.

Effective July 1, 2022, all employees with full-time status, shall be primary residents of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and reside within 200 miles of the Commonwealth's capitol, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Residency Rules

Effective July 1, 2022, all Coalition employees are required to be residents of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and also reside within 200 miles of the City of Harrisburg. Such requirement shall be part of the employment application process and renewal process for all employees. Continued residence within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and within 200 miles of the City of Harrisburg shall be required and each employee shall provide an Annual Affidavit of Residency as a condition of continued employment for full-time employees subject to this Rule. As of July 1, 2022, an employee may be hired to a full-time position provided that such person agrees, as a condition of employment/promotion, to establish actual primary residency within two months after commencement of employment.

Any new hires or renewals of employment shall provide immediate proof of primary residency through an Affidavit of Residency or by two forms of documents to establish residency: deed, lease, utility bills, vehicle registration, driver's license, or Pennsylvania Department of Transportation identification card.

All current Coalition employees affected by this policy are solely responsible for completing their move into the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and within 200 miles of the City of Harrisburg the City before the effective date pertaining to this Rule.

The Executive Director may extend the time during which a non-resident new hire establishes residency as stated above for an additional two-month if warranted by individual circumstances of the employee and if the Executive Director determines that it is in the best interests of the Coalition. To consider such an extension, the prospective employee must show a good faith effort in writing toward securing a primary residence located in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and within 200 miles of the City of Harrisburg in order to meet the residency requirement and present such proof to the Executive Director. Listed below includes, but is not limited to, items required as proof of 'good faith effort':

- Provide a sales contract upon hire which identifies the address of the property for sale, the broker, and the period of time the contract covers.
- Provide proof that the property in question has a current listing on the MLS (Multiple Listing Service).
- Provide a copy of a lease reflecting the address, owner and term of a prospective rental which includes the move-in date. The Executive Director may not accept short-term rentals or extending living hotel arrangements as proof of intention to rent a residence which complies with this policy.

A full-time employee who represents to the Coalition that he/she resides in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and within 200 miles of the City of Harrisburg at the time of his/her hire, renewal or any time thereafter and 1) who subsequently moves his/her actual

residence from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and within 200 miles of the City of Harrisburg and fails to notify the Coalition of such move shall be deemed to have made a material omission of fact for the purpose of concealing his/her actual residence.

A full-time employee who mis-represents to the Coalition the status of his/her residency in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and within 200 miles of the City of Harrisburg at the time of his/her hire, renewal of employment or any time thereafter shall be subject to immediate termination and the Board of Directors reserves the right to pursue any legal remedy or recourse available by law for such misrepresentation.