

SOUTHTECH CHARTER ACADEMY, INC.
STA Governing Board Emergency Virtual Meeting Agenda
July 6, 2020

1. Call to Order at 7:01 PM.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call: Ayesha Edmond, Board Secretary

Present: Roger Dunson, Ayesha Edmond, Russell Feldman, Robert Kesten, Carl McKoy, Suzanne Nicolini, and James Notter

Absent: Dan Heller and Diane Heinz

Quorum

Mr. Notter also let the Board members know that Mr. Shawn Arnold is in attendance to discuss the 15-year Charter Agreement as he was the lawyer to represent SouthTech Schools during the negotiations and is an expert in Charter School Laws.

4. Open Meeting Act Statement: Proper public notice has been made.

5. Introduction and Purpose of the Meeting – James Notter, Board Chair

The purpose of the meeting is to approve the SouthTech Academy charter school contract for 15 years. The state has designated STA as a high performing school allowing for a longer contract term. The urgency is so this can be approved by the PBC Board during their next board meeting which is to be held July 15th, 2020. Negotiations have been taking place for the last year and a half so this is a great accomplishment for all involved.

6. Public Comments on Agenda Items – None.

7. Introduction of Consent Agenda for SOUTHTECH ACADEMY – Board Chair (Superintendent Vacancy)

Old Business

None.

Administrative Items

None.

Personnel Items

None.

Financial Items

None.

Emergency Items

E-1 I recommend that the Board approve the renewal Conversion Charter Contract entered into as of the 6th day of July 2020, by and between THE SCHOOL BOARD OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA and SOUTHTECH CHARTER ACADEMY, INC.

8. Poll Board for Items to be Pulled for Comment or Questions – None.

9. Approval of SouthTech Academy Consent Agenda Except for Items Pulled

Motion: Robert Kesten

Second: Suzanne Nicolini

All in favor. **Motion carries.**

10. Approval of Each Pulled Item (Item-by Item) – N/A

11. Public Comments on non-Agenda Items – None.

12. Board Comments: Board members congratulated the Negotiating team on a job well done in finalizing a Charter Agreement for the next 15 years. Ms. Edmond asked if SouthTech Academy would maintain the “conversion charter” status. Mr. Arnold said that STA has the

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Introduced by: Robert Kesten

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