

SOUTHTECH CHARTER ACADEMY, INC.
SOUTHTECH PREPARATORY ACADEMY, INC.
STA/STPA Governing Board Virtual Emergency Meeting Agenda
September 14, 2020

- 1. Call to Order – 6:01 p.m.**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Roll Call: Ayesha Edmond, Board Secretary**
Present: Roger Dunson, Ayesha Edmond, Russell Feldman, Dan Heller, Diane Heinz, Robert Kesten, Suzanne Nicolini and James Notter
Absent: Carl McKoy
Quorum Confirmed
- 4. Open Meeting Act Statement:** Board clerk confirmed that proper public notice has been made.
- 5. Public Comments**
 - a. Nicole Handy, Principal of SouthTech Preparatory**
 - i. Concerned about the rush to make a decision and how that may affect the SouthTech Schools system
 - ii. Expressed a need for dynamic, outside of the box thinking to take SouthTech to the next level
- 6. Introduction and Purpose of the Meeting – James Notter and Jennifer Melillo**
 - a. Executive Director Candidate Interviews conducted by the Governing Board on 9.9.20 and 9.10.20**
 - i. Vincent Alessi
 - ii. Denise O'Donnell
 - iii. Carla Lovett
 - b. The Board members rated the responses to each question and submitted score sheets to Jennifer Melillo**
 - i. Board members debated how to proceed and if those scores alone should dictate the selection
 - ii. It was decided that they each state their top pick and say why they selected that person.
 - iii. Board discussed the candidate
 - iv. Board discussed the selection procedures
 1. Will take a vote
 2. Need five votes to be recommended for selection at tomorrow evenings meeting
 3. Can vote "none" if you do not wish to cast a vote for one of the three candidates
 4. Once selection made a contract will have to be negotiated
- 7. Motion to Amend the Agenda to allow for the Governing Board to vote on the selection of the Executive Director tonight**
 - a. Introduced by Robert Kesten
 - b. Seconded by Suzanne Nicolini
 - c. Motion passed 6 to 2**
 - i. Ayesha Edmond and Dan Heller voted against

8. Motion to poll each Board members for their top candidate and if a candidate receives 5 votes, authorize the Board to begin contract negotiations.
- a. Introduced by Russell Feldman
 - b. Seconded by Roger Dunson
 - c. 4 votes for Carla Lovett
1 vote for Vincent Alessi
3 votes for none of the candidates
 - d. No candidate received 5 votes
 - e. **Motion did not pass.**
9. Motion to poll the Board again, this time between Carla Lovett and None, and if the candidate receives 5 votes, authorize the Board to begin contract negotiations.
- a. Introduced by Russell Feldman
 - b. Seconded by Roger Dunson
 - c. 6 votes for Carla Lovett
2 votes for none of the candidates
 - d. **Motion passed.**
10. Motion to proceed with contract negotiations with Carla Lovett.
- a. Introduced by Diane Heinz
 - b. Seconded by Suzanne Nicolini
 - c. All in favor
 - d. **Motion passed.**
11. Mr. Notter appointed Glen Torcivia, P.A., Robert Kesten, Esq., and Jennifer Melillo to the Contract Negotiating Committee.
12. **Motion to Adjourn**
Introduced by Suzanne Nicolini
Time: 7:31 p.m.

Minutes Prepared by:

Lisa DeVine

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Approved by:

Robert Kesten

Robert Kesten

Date:

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meeting to Determine Exec Dir