

SOUTHTECH CHARTER ACADEMY, INC.
SOUTHTECH PREPARATORY ACADEMY, INC.
STA/STPA Governing Board Regular Meeting Minutes
December 9, 2021

1. Opening of Meeting

- a. Call to Order at 3:00 PM**
- b. Pledge of Allegiance**
- c. Roll Call**

Present: Roger Dunson, Ayesha Edmond, Russell Feldman, Christina Grenga, Diane Heinz, Robert Kesten, Suzanne Nicolini, James Notter, and Tony Robinson

Absent: Dan Heller

Quorum Confirmed.

- d. Open Meeting Act Statement**

2. Approval of the Minutes

- a. STA/STPA Governing Board Regular Meeting Minutes November 11, 2021**

Motion: Robert Kesten

Second: James Notter

All in favor. **Motion passed.**

3. Public Comments on Agenda Items – None.

4. SouthTech Academy Consent Agenda

- a. Introduction of Consent Agenda for SOUTHTECH ACADEMY:**

Administrative Items

A-1 I recommend that the Board submit expulsion packets to our Sponsor per our Charter Agreement dated July 22, 2020.

Financial Items

F-1 I recommend that the Board approve and ratify the monthly financial statements for the month ending October 31, 2021 as required by the Sponsor.

F-2 I recommend that the Board approve and ratify the SouthTech Schools Holdings, LLC Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Report for month ending October 31, 2021.

- b. Poll Board for Items to be Pulled for Comment or Questions**

- o Item A-1**

- Pulled by Suzanne Nicolini, Robert Kesten, and Tony Robinson

- c. Approval of SouthTech Academy Consent Agenda Except for Items Pulled**

Motion: Suzanne Nicolini

Second: Robert Kesten

All in favor. **Motion passed.**

- d. Approval of Each Pulled Item**

- o Item A-1**

- **Motion:** Robert Kesten
 - **Second:** Suzanne Nicolini
 - **Discussion:** Ms. Nicolini asked for an explanation of the process. Ms. Lovett explained that charter schools do not have the authority to expel a student from a District school. Only the School District may do that. However, our charter agreement states that in order to submit a student to

the District for consideration of expulsion, the Governing Board must recommend that action. The purpose of the agenda item is to ask that the Board allow the Chair to sign off on the letter recommending expulsion. Mr. Kesten asked why the recommendation comes from the Governing Board and not the Executive Director. Ms. Lovett explained that it is written into our charter. Mr. Robinson wanted to make sure that all avenues have been exhausted prior to the recommendation to expel the students. Ms. Lovett explained that the reason for the expulsion is that the students were in possession of tasers, which are weapons and fall into a mandatory zero-tolerance policy. Mr. Robinson wanted to know what are the educational options. Ms. Lovett explained that the School District will assign them to an alternative school.

- **Vote:** All in favor. **Motion passed.**

5. SouthTech Preparatory Academy Consent Agenda

a. Introduction of Consent Agenda for SOUTHTECH PREPARATORY ACADEMY: Financial Items

PF-1 I recommend that the Board approve and ratify the monthly financial statements for the month ending September 30, 2021 as required by the Sponsor.

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

c. Approval of SouthTech Preparatory Academy Consent Agenda Except for Items Pulled

Motion: Robert Kesten

Second: James Notter

All in favor. **Motion passed.**

d. Approval of Each Pulled Item – N/A

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

7. Board Comments


A brief update was provided by the Board Chair, Executive Director, and both Principals regarding current and upcoming events, the tax referendum monies, and the transportation issues. The next meeting will be held on January 13, 2022. The February Meeting will be held at SouthTech Preparatory Academy, with more details to come next month. The tax referendum money will be dispersed in two lump sums, the first on December 10th and the second on May 10th. At the request of the Board, Ms. Lovett will work with 2-3 Board members and some staff to create a committee to determine bonuses for non-instructional staff sometime in the new year. Mr. Robinson and Ms. Nicolini both stated an interest on being placed on the committee.

8. Motion to Adjourn at 3:22 PM

Minutes Prepared by:


Lisa DeVine

Approved by:


Russell Feldman

Dated

1/13/2022