

SOUTHTECH CHARTER ACADEMY, INC.
SOUTHTECH PREPARATORY ACADEMY, INC.

Governing Board Meeting Minutes

January 16, 2025

1. Opening of Meeting

a. Call to Order at 6:00pm

b. Pledge of Allegiance

c. Roll Call

Present – in person: Roger Dunson, Ayesha Edmond, Russell Feldman, Diane Heinz, Dan Heller, and Tony Robinson,

Present – online: Suzanne Nicolini and Erika Rotbart

Absent: None.

Quorum confirmed

d. Open Meeting Act Statement

2. Approval of the Minutes

a. STA/STPA Governing Board Regular Meeting Minutes November 7, 2024

Motion: Diane Heinz

Second: Roger Dunson

All in favor. **Motion carries.**

3. Reports

a. Finance Report – Ginger DeKalb

b. Executive Director – Carla Lovett

- Guest Speaker – Jorge Garrido

- This presentation resulted in a motion from the floor

- **Motion:** I recommend that the Board approve establishing and participating on a Steering Committee to explore expansion of a vocational charter high school.

- **Introduced** by Diane Heinz

- **Second:** Tony Robinson

- All in favor. **Motion carries.**

c. SouthTech Academy Principal – Carla Lovett

d. SouthTech Preparatory Academy Principal – Nicole Handy

e. Personnel Committee – Tony Robinson

4. Public Comments on Agenda Items – None.

5. Consent Agenda (Note: All board action is representative of action for both schools unless otherwise noted)

a. Introduction of Consent Agenda:

Administrative Items

A-1 I recommend that the Board approve the donations for the period from November 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.

A-2 I recommend that the Board approve the SY26 and SY27 school calendars for SouthTech Academy and SouthTech Preparatory Academy.

A-3 I recommend that the Board approve the SouthTech Academy Student Progression Plan 2024-2025. (SouthTech Academy only)

A-4 I recommend that the Board approve establishing and participating on a Steering Committee to explore expansion of a vocational charter high school. (This item was

added from the floor)

Personnel Items

P-1 I recommend that the Board approve the Executive Director's Formal Evaluation for SY2023-2024.

Financial Items

F-1 I recommend that the Board approve and ratify the monthly financial statements for the months ending October 31, 2024 and November 30, 2024.

F-2 I recommend that the Board approve the auditing and tax professional services proposal between SouthTech Charter Academy and King & Walker Certified Public Accountants, as well as the proposal between SouthTech Preparatory Academy and King & Walker Certified Public Accountants.

b. Poll Board for items to be Pulled for Comment or Questions

- **Item P-1 was pulled by Russell Feldman**

c. Approval of Consent Agenda Except for Items Pulled

- **Motion:** Diane Heinz
- **Second:** Roger Dunson
- All in favor. **Motion carries.**

d. Approval of Each Pulled Item


- **Motion:** Dan Heller
- **Second:** Roger Dunson
- **Discussion:** Mr. Feldman requested that all Board members thoroughly review the evaluation document. He also encouraged them to schedule campus visits and, if desired, arrange a meeting with Mrs. Lovett to stay informed about school activities and developments.
- **Vote:** All in favor. **Motion carries.**

6. Public Comments on non-Agenda Items

- Ken Duxbury

7. Board Comments

8. Motion to Adjourn at 7:36 pm

Minutes Prepared by: 
Lisa DeVine

Approved by: 
Russell Feldman

Dated 3/7/25