

**MINUTES
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
COUNCIL OF BASIC EDUCATION**

**Commonwealth Connections Academy Midtown Harrisburg Drop-in Center
1426 N. Third Street
Harrisburg, PA 17102**

November 12, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 3:25 p.m. by Chairman Larry Wittig.

Attending:

Carol Aichele	Maureen Lally-Green <i>(via phone)</i>	Justin Reynolds
Jay Badams	Donald LeCompte	Colleen Sheehan
James Barker <i>(via phone)</i>	Francic Michelini <i>(via phone)</i>	Craig Snider
James Grandon	Jonathan Peri	A. Lee Williams
Kirk Hallett	Mollie Phillips <i>(via phone)</i>	Larry Wittig

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the September 10, 2014 meeting of the Council of Basic Education were approved on a **Hallett/Badams** motion.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL RECOVERY (CHAPTER 18)

Maureen Lally-Green, Chair, reported that the Committee met earlier in the day and voted to forward the proposed amendments to Chapter 18 to the Council of Basic Education for its consideration.

AD HOC COMMITTEE ON PRIVATE SCHOOL ACCREDITATION

Committee Chair Kirk Hallett provided an update on the following:

AdvancED

- PDE provided a positive recommendation on the application of AdvancED seeking approval as a new accrediting authority for private Pre-K, kindergarten, elementary and secondary schools and the Committee voted to approve. The application will now be brought before the Council of Basic Education for a vote.

The Educational Enrichment Initiative (TEEI)

- Bureau Chief Robert Staver provided a progress report on TEEI.

**REPORT OF THE ACTING DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR
ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION**

Action Deputy Secretary Rita Perez provided an update on the following:

Standards Aligned Systems (SAS) Institute

The SAS Institute will be held December 7-10, 2014, with the theme of The Power of Performance: Preparing Students for Post Secondary and Career Success. The awards ceremony will be held on Sunday evening 12/7 and Monday & Tuesday will be Professional Development Workshops. The regular institute ends on Tuesday and Wednesday will be comprised of three different sessions.

- Priority and Focus Schools will be in attendance for workshops and extra professional development
- The Office of Child Development and Early Learning will have a Community Innovation Zone
- Workforce Investment – Helping schools to institute career coaches and college advisors

Monday evening will consist of a Gallery Walk that will include the 28 school districts that are participating in the Governor's Expanding Excellence Project. These districts will have their replication plan posted to the School Performance Profile in the School Supports tab, under Areas of Academic Achievement.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ACTION ITEMS

FINAL-FORM CHAPTER 18 (FINANCIAL RECOVERY)

A motion to approve the Final-Form Chapter 18 (Financial Recovery) was made by Jay Badams and seconded by Carol Aichele.

VOTE: All were in favor as indicated by unanimous voice vote.

**FINAL-OMIT AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTERS 12, 14, 16 & 49 TO ALIGN
STRATEGIC PLANNING PROVISIONS FOR CONSISTENCY WITH CHAPTER 4**

A motion to approve the Final-Omit Amendments to Chapters 12, 14, 16 & 19 to align strategic planning provisions for consistency with Chapter 4 was made by James Barker and seconded by Kirk Hallett.

VOTE: All were in favor as indicated by unanimous voice vote.

**APPLICATION OF ADVANCED SEEKING AUTHORITY AS AN APPROVED
ACCREDITOR FOR PRE-K, NURSERY, KINDERGARTEN, ELEMENTARY,
SECONDARY PRIVATE ACADEMIC SCHOOLS**

A motion to approve the Application of AdvancED Seeking Authority as an Approved Accreditor for Pre-K, Nursery, Kindergarten, Elementary and Secondary Private Academic Schools was made by Kirk Hallett and seconded by Carol Aichele.

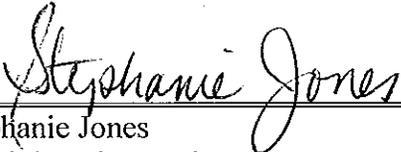
VOTE: All were in favor as indicated by unanimous voice vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

AJOURNMENT

There being no further items of business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m. on a Sheehan/Aichele motion.



Stephanie Jones
Administrative Assistant