

MEETING MINUTES

Board: Movement Board of Directors
Board Meeting: Called Board Meeting
School(s): Movement Schools, Georgia

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Date:	Start	End	Next Meeting:	Next time:	Prepared by:
3/13/24	3:03pm	3:36pm	TBD	TBD	Lyn Carden
Meeting Location:					
Virtual					

Attended by:	
Nick Stonestreet Jason Terrell Jason Crane	Kerri-Ann Thomas Tameka Royal Danny Brewington Lyn Carden Rob Fortson
Highlights:	

CALL TO ORDER — 3:06pm

I. Administrative Functions

- Approval of Agenda - Mr. Crain made a motion to accept the agenda as presented, Mr. Terrell 2nd, unanimous.

II. Public Comment – No public comment

III. Old Business

- Athens Charter Update –
 - i. An update was presented to notify the board that diligence is being conducted on potential sites; however, there are some heavy challenges from a real estate and strategic standpoint. Ms. Thomas asked for consideration in a “pause” until the next board meeting to discuss in detail. She also noted that strategically it may be better to scale closer to the Clayton County location first. The board agreed that at the next meeting they will revisit Athens to explore options because it could have a direct impact on the Clayton petition going back to the SCSC. Mr. Stonestreet pointed out that they will need to craft a smooth transition. The board discussed options and agreed to discuss later and determine path forward between April and the time they attend the commission interview. Mr. Stonestreet pointed out that the commission was enthusiastic about Movement going to Athens and the importance that the board does not disappoint. ‘If we can’t be the solution, we need to facilitate the solution.’
- Clayton Charter Update –

- i. An update was presented that there have been challenges navigating the Clayton petition with GaDOE and a significant delay in the recommendation (as of this board meeting a formal recommendation has not been made). The board reviewed the possible reasons for the lag and determined that this may not be reflective of them but outside elements beyond their control and the current political climate. Mr. Brewington reminded the board that any decision moving ahead is the decision of the board and a subsequent conversation took place around rescinding the application currently in review and reapplying for the next cycle. The proposed plan would be to reapply through Clayton County for FY26 and, assuming a denial, pursue authorization through the State Charter Schools Commission. Mr. Brewington reported on a team discussion with Clayton County around a resubmission. This plan will propose the school to serve Clayton County, APS, Fulton County, and DeKalb County. Clayton County expressed that they are prepared to accept the petition if submitted by the end of the week of March 15.
- ii. Mr. Stonestreet asked for a walkthrough of the timeline for submissions. Mr. Brewington reported that the Clayton County final petition is ready for submission pending board approval and appropriate assurances with no structural and question changes from the previous petition; however, feedback from previous interviews was incorporated. The board discussed possible interviews with Clayton County and the timeline of the petition cycle for Clayton County. Ms. Thomas pointed out that the path is necessary as there is no other choice. She emphasized that the enrollment window has already opened and the school does not have approval from GaDOE. The school could not properly prepare for an opening due to the late decision by GaDOE. She noted that it is important for the board, the school, and the students that opening happens in the correct sequence to ensure success and being in mid-March without an approval prohibits that success. Because of GaDOE's delay approving MSA, there is no way to open a school this coming school year. She pointed out that it is critical for the school and families interested in attending that the proper preparations be made and without an approval those cannot be accomplished. Ms. Royal pointed out that this decision also allows the school to serve more children and helps the overall budget.

IV. New Business

- Clayton County School District (FY25) Charter Rescission – Mr. Crain made a motion to rescind the Clayton County School District petition for FY25 opening, Mr. Terrell 2nd unanimous.
- Review of Current Submission Status, Needs, and Next Steps – The board discussed the petition for Clayton County and provided input. They discussed the submission process for simultaneous submissions. Mr. Brewington reported that commission application had some additional changes and structural pieces that the team needs to address. The board discussed the submission and interview timeline as well as next steps and outstanding needs for the submission. They discussed the next meeting in April for an update and planning for the Athens project as well as the challenges of real estate in Clarke County.
- Proposed Clayton County Charter Petition for Clayton County School District to Open Fall 2025 – Mr. Crain made a motion to authorize the submission of the Clayton County petition, Mr. Stonestreet 2nd, unanimous.
- Proposed State Charter Schools Commission of Georgia Petition to Open Fall 2025 – Mr. Crain made a motion to authorize the submission of the petition to the State Charter Schools Commission, Mr. Terrell 2nd, unanimous.
- Board Resolution of Charter Submission(s) – Mr. Stonestreet make a motion to approve the board resolution for charter submission, Mr. Crain 2nd, unanimous.
- Board authorization of Assurance Document(s) – Mr. Crain made a motion to authorize Mr. Stonestreet to sign the assurance documents as a part of the submissions, Mr. Terrell 2nd, unanimous.

- Next Steps and Timeline – The board discussed the timeline and next steps. They agreed they would need to meet again in April to prepare for interviews, discuss next steps, and address Athens, Clayton, and future projects. Mr. Brewington reviewed the timeline for SCSC petition process and emphasized for clarity that the petition, if approved, would be for a Clayton opening in the fall of 2025.

V. Next Meeting Date TBD

ADJOURNMENT – Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Stonestreet, 2nd, by Mr. Crain, unanimous at 3:34pm.

Nick Stonestreet, Board Chair

Date: _____