



# Colorado Springs Charter Academy

## Board Meeting Minutes | April 28, 2022

**Vision:** We kindle enthusiasm to craft bold and effective citizen-scholars

**Mission:** Colorado Springs Charter Academy is love for community expressed in action. We are entrusted with dear purchase, to bind our students' days of innocence and joy with structure, content and character. To accomplish this, we cultivate the individual potential of all our students by: providing academically rigorous, proven, content-rich educational programs; developing incisive analytical skills and well-stocked minds; fostering self-advocacy, passion, citizenship, and exemplary character; holding individualized high expectations; involving and welcoming parents and community members.

**EPIC** - Excellence/Positivity/Integrity with Respect/Citizenship

## Preliminaries

Call to order – McCrea Andersen @ 5:21pm

*Board Members Present:* Najah Lamborn, McCrea Andersen, Anna Mitchell, Summer Groubert, Gary Laxson

*Board Members Absent:* Breck Merkle

*Guests:* Zoe Ann Holmes, Eric Hall, Dustin Sparks, Amber DeCarli, Kristen McCarthy, Kristen Ross, Julie Dalton, Ryan Marks, Claire, Janice, Beth D'Andrea, Hannah Linhart, Jenny, Amanda Karger, Andi Denton, Joe Peters, Kristie Khem, Stephanie Aragon, Carleen Clark, Catherine Warren, Amber Perry-Pardo, Mike McCaffrey, Crissy Rausch, Shannon Larson, Tom Pesavento, Kevin Dolley, Ann Darby, Robin, Jane Littrell, Katie Pratt, Gerrod Groubert, Deanna Shrewsbury, Brittany Desotelle, Mary Ann Anders, Jeremy Goodall, Mr. Mazzone, Lolita Passmore, Kelly Miller, Nicholas Cage, Jill White

Reading of School Vision & Mission – Najah Lamborn

Review of the intent of the meeting as listed in agenda. It is not intended to discuss specifics of the breach or of the requested remedies. The board does want to hear about concerns, however today may not be the correct venue. If one feels that a grievance is needed to address concerns, board respectfully asks that we be given more time than is listed in our policy to respond so that we can focus on the breach letter and requirements.

Motion to move public comments to the end of the agenda to allow focus on completing business. Some questions may be answered via the topics within the agenda. Motion seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Motion made to add executive session to the agenda pursuant to CRS 24-6-402(4)(b) conference with attorney held for the public entity for the purposes of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions, related to the CSI notice of breach and attorney selection. Motion seconded, 4 “yes” votes – Summer Groubert, Anna Mitchell, Gary Laxson, Najah Lamborn, 1 “no” vote – McCrea Andersen

Due to agenda change to add an executive session, board members agreed to move public comments back to the beginning of the meeting, but to limit to 15 minutes of total time.

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## Public Comments

Public Comments (2 minutes for each person) – Kelly Miller – In February, Middle School curricula was presented, but no answer has been given of how to proceed. We need to focus on the students. Deanna Shrewsbury – Please put aside personal differences and personal agendas to do what is best for the school. Kristie Kehm – Is there a vision or organizational chart of how the school will be set up? Is there a decision that will be shared with staff? If positions are changing or being added, will they be posted soon?, Crissy Rausch – openly shared concerns about board members and their involvement in the breach and the board.

## Executive Session

- ❖ Pursuant to CRS 24-6-402(4)(b) conference with attorney held for the public entity for the purposes of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions, related to the CSI notice of breach and attorney selection. Motion to enter into executive session as listed above, motion seconded, 4 “yes” vote Summer Groubert, Anna Mitchell, Gary Laxson, Najah Lamborn, 1 “no” vote – McCrea Andersen
- ❖ Entered into Executive Session at 6:18pm
- ❖ Motion to exit Executive Session at 7:40pm

## Board Topics

- ❖ Public session restarted at 7:43pm
- ❖ Motion to retain the Charter School Law Group to represent Colorado Springs Charter Academy and approve commitment letter signed on April 21, 2022. Motion seconded, 4 “yes” votes Summer Groubert, McCrea Andersen, Gary Laxson, Najah Lamborn, 1 “no” vote – Anna Mitchell
- ❖ Discussion regarding status of and next steps for Notice of Breach and Cease & Desist Demand
  - Motion made for Summer Groubert to send optional draft response to notice of breach to the board for initial review prior to legal review. Motion seconded, motion passed unanimously.
- ❖ Vote of how to proceed with Notice of Breach and Cease & Desist Demand – vote did not take place

## Meeting Close

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm

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