



State Charter Schools Foundation

Board of Directors

MEETING AGENDA

December 11, 2020, 2:00 p.m.

Via Video Conference

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State Charter Schools Foundation of Georgia
508 Twin Towers West, 205 Jesse Hill Jr. Drive, Atlanta, Georgia 30334

- I. **Welcome, Chris Sears**
 - a. Call to order
 - b. Introduction of Ryan Hersh, new intern

- II. **Board Governance, Chris Sears**
 - a. **Vote** to approve minutes from October 28, 2020 Board Meeting
 - b. **Vote** to approve board meeting schedule for 2021

- III. **SCSF COVID-19 Relief Fund, Chris Sears & Michele Neely**
 - a. Summary of grant applications received by schools
 - b. **Vote** to approve grant award recommendations

- IV. **New Business, Chris Sears**

- V. **Adjournment**

Board Meeting Minutes

October 28, 2020 – via video conference



I. Welcome

Chris Sears called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.

Attendees: Chris Sears, Lauren Holcomb, Buzz Brockway, Ted Beck, Jonathan Tugman, Fadzai Konteh, Bonnie Holliday, Lisa Olens, Katie Schermerhorn, Shyam Kumar, Michele Neely

II. Board Governance

- a. L. Holcomb moved to approve the minutes from the August 28, 2020 Called Board meeting. B. Holliday seconded the approval. The minutes were approved unanimously.
- b. C. Sears reported to the board that Erin Hames has resigned from the SCSF board due to other commitments. Ms. Hames expressed her continued support of the SCSF. The board expressed their heartfelt appreciation for Ms. Hames and her leadership in the SCSF and the charter school movement in Georgia.
- c. C. Sears and M. Neely talked about the commitments for SCSF board members. C. Sears encouraged board members to complete the board engagement survey and share their contacts to further the mission of the SCSF.

III. Financial Report

T. Beck presented the September financial reports. He noted that revenue had increased from donations and that grants may be pending.

IV. President's Report

M. Neely reviewed the accomplishments over the last year and discussed funding prospects and the establishment of programs and initiatives going forward.

V. Upcoming Activities

M. Neely introduced Nnenna Nchege, the SCSF's first intern. Nnenna is a sophomore at Spelman College. The two highlighted upcoming activities for the SCSF to the board including upcoming webinars for state charter schools, the Donuts for Teachers program, and a new art contest.

VI. Adjournment

C. Sears adjourned the meeting at 3:10 p.m.



Board of Directors Meetings - 2021

All board meetings for the State Charter Schools Foundation of Georgia (SCSF) are held via video conference, unless otherwise indicated. Information for joining meetings can be found at scsfga.org.

January 29th, 1:00 p.m.

April 30th, 1:00 p.m.

July 30th, 1:00 p.m.

October 29th, 1:00 p.m.

COVID-19 Relief Fund Grant Award Recommendations

December 11, 2020



Current Fund Total: \$170,000 (\$150,000 for Greater Atlanta, \$20,000 for outside of Greater Atlanta based on donor/funder designations)

Greater Atlanta Schools

Seventeen state charter schools located in the Greater Atlanta region applied for grants totaling more than \$677,000, for tutoring for academically at-risk students, Internet access for low-income students, and/or electronic devices to ensure equitable access to instruction. Schools were allowed to request funding in one or more focus area. Priority was given to requests for tutoring/supplemental small group instruction, followed by Internet access and electronic devices. Schools may have other sources of funding for electronic devices, and the SCSF is facilitating the distribution of electronic devices directly to low-income students through a nonprofit partner. Awards were made based on student enrollment, need, and access to other funding sources. Schools that opened in Fall 2020 were awarded smaller grants, due to continued access to start-up funding.

School	Request	Proposed Award	Purpose
Atlanta Heights Charter School	\$86,900	\$16,000	Tutoring
Atlanta Unbound Academy	\$7,800	\$1,500	Internet access
Coweta Charter Academy	\$44,000	\$17,000	Tutoring
DuBois Integrity Academy	\$148,000	\$18,500	Tutoring, Internet access
Ethos Classical Academy	\$35,500	\$5,500	Tutoring, Internet access
Fulton Leadership Academy	\$12,000	\$7,000	Electronic devices
Genesis Innovation Academy for Boys	\$10,000	\$7,700	Tutoring, Internet access
Genesis Innovation Academy for Girls	\$10,000	\$7,700	Tutoring, Internet access
Harriet Tubman School of Science & Technology	\$25,960	\$1,500	Tutoring
International Charter Academy of Georgia	\$3,960	\$4,000	Tutoring
International Academy of Smyrna	\$73,000	\$8,000	Tutoring, Internet access
International Charter School of Atlanta	\$52,400	\$18,000	Electronic devices
Ivy Preparatory Academy	\$74,000	\$11,000	Tutoring, Internet access
Mountain Education Charter High School (Forsyth, Cherokee sites)	\$52,000	\$6,600	Internet access
Resurgence Hall	\$10,120	\$7,000	Tutoring
SLAM Academy	\$14,000	\$4,000	Electronic devices (or repair of existing devices)
Utopian Academy	\$17,600	\$9,000	Tutoring
TOTAL	\$677,240	\$150,000	

Schools Outside of Greater Atlanta

Seven state charter schools outside of the Greater Atlanta area applied for over \$808,000 in grant funding for student/family outreach/wellbeing efforts, Internet access for low-income students, and/or electronic devices to ensure equitable access to instruction. Priority was given to innovative, effective student outreach efforts, followed by access to the Internet for students.

School	Request	Proposed Award	Purpose
Baconton Community Charter School	\$17,480	\$4,000	Student outreach/wellbeing: A parapro provides one-on-one support and instruction for students who are not learning in-person, ensuring compliance with IEPs for students with disabilities.
Cirrus Academy	\$94,000	\$4,000	Student outreach/wellbeing: "Bridge Academy" connects students and families to needed community resources, serving 532 students.
Coastal Plains Charter High School	\$12,500	\$5,000	Student outreach/wellbeing: Coastal Plains is creating food pantries at its sites to help meet students' basic needs.
Liberty Tech Charter School	\$21,200	\$1,000	Internet access
Mountain Education Charter High School (other sites)	\$520,000	\$2,000	Internet access
School for Arts Infused Learning (SAIL)	\$129,660	\$2,000	Internet access
Scintilla Charter Academy	\$13,200	\$2,000	Internet access
TOTAL	\$808,040	\$20,000	