

BOARD MEETING AGENDA

February 5, 2021  
9-11:30 PM

Welcome & Introductions	Called the meeting to order at 9:04am.
Reading of the Mission Statement	To increase the quality of charter school authorizing in the state of Minnesota by developing and identifying practices and policies that ensure effective oversight and evaluation of Minnesota charter schools.
Establish Quorum	<p>Members Present:</p> <p><b>Bethel: Heather Johnson Ross</b> (left at 9:45)  <b>FoE: Shannon Hinz</b>  <b>NEO: Wendy Swanson Choi, Tu Nguyen, Adam Myhand</b>  <b>IQS: Laurie Schroeder</b>  <b>OW: Erin Anderson</b> (left at 11:00)  <b>Pillsbury: Larry McKenzie</b> (left at 11:00), <b>Kristin Robert</b>  <b>SAM: Liz Wynne</b> (left at 10:04)  <b>Guild: Glory Kibbel</b>  <b>St. Thomas: Aaliyah Hodge</b>  <b>Chisago Lakes: Sarah Schmidt</b> (left around 10:04)  <b>MOChA: David Peterson</b> (left around 10:04)</p> <p>Director: Alul Yesak  Other Guests: Matt Shaver, Paula Higgins, Mike Schultz, Rhianon Sargent, Eugene Piccolo, Kristin Robert</p>
Agenda	Motioned made to accept the consent agenda by Erin, seconded by Liz. Motion carries.
Meeting Norms	Vice Chair Hodge will be facilitating the meeting and shared a reminder to follow the meeting norms.
Guest: MDE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High quality charter school list will be posted early next week. Those not making the list because of compliance issues will be contacted separately as the MDE would like these 'fixable' things taken care of so more schools can be recognized.</li> <li>• CSP grant will open on Feb. 16 and close March 19th. A link to be a reviewer will be in the MDE update.</li> <li>• Monday, February 8th at 10 is a scheduled conversation regarding equity. It is intentionally planned to be an open conversation and update regarding equity and related challenges and solutions.</li> <li>• Reminder that authorizer training funds are still available.</li> <li>• There were three change in authorizer requests submitted by the Feb. 1 deadline that are under review.</li> <li>• Jennifer Nelson left the MDE and the department is considering their structure. They Charter Center currently reports to Daron Korte</li> <li>• Other notes can be found in the monthly update.</li> </ul>
Guest: MACS, Eugene Piccolo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A few things that MACS has been working on: refocused their mission around equity and equitable educational opportunity and developed a related action plan.</li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Proposal this session to change the achievement and integration aid and bill. Charters haven't been able to access this funding and MACS supports charters in being allowed to access this funding.</li><li>• MACS is also joining a coalition around bus safety to get all busses equipped with videos to help identify and fine those not adhering to related laws (stopping for busses).</li><li>• MACS also has a series of PD to support school leaders with monthly topics.</li><li>• Virtual Charter Day at the Capitol is March 3.</li></ul>
Guest: Ed Allies, Matt Shaver	Matt Shaver has taken over as policy director for Ed Allies. They have developed and submitted some language around corrective action and the impact on authorizers and schools. The policy committee will be sharing more about the language later in the meeting.
<a href="#">Directors Report</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• MACSA sent a response to the Page Amendment</li><li>• Commissioner has requested an extension of 15 minutes to our monthly conversations</li><li>• Graves Foundation has given us a \$50,000 grant. We could be awarded a three year grant this coming June. We need to show our efforts and process to get to the outcomes listed, which appears to be more valuable than the actual outcomes.</li><li>• Alul is representing MACSA with the Coalition Core Steering Committee to increase TOCAIT in MN.</li></ul>
<a href="#">Executive Committee</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• EC feels that our meetings with the Commissioner have been more productive</li><li>• Planning to recognize Antonio for all of his work</li><li>• Conversation about GMS and their intentions</li><li>• Excited to welcome MOChA</li></ul>
<a href="#">Legislative and Policy Committee</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Proposed bill language is a combination of two bills and a lot of negotiation. The bill has been sent in for consideration in the house. Main points: a charter school could request a transfer without the support of the current authorizer if the authorizer does not get out of corrective action within 130 business days.</li><li>• Motion for MACSA to approve the finalized jacketed language. Larry moved and Glory Seconded. Passes unanimously.</li><li>• Response to the Federal Reserve asked if there are any suggestions about the language of 'uniform standards'</li></ul>
<a href="#">Finance Committee</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Appreciate support to change the mailbox to a more convenient location.</li><li>• The financial review done by BerganKDV and showed no concerns</li><li>• BerganKDV can support us in documenting our practices and supporting us in reviewing, developing, or revising our policies. It would cost around \$3,000</li><li>• Motion: Erin moved to provide up to \$3,000 to move forward with BerganKDV, Wendy seconded. Discussion: Larry asked about any thoughts of what 'best practice policies' and are there ways for us to get that information. Laurie questioned if we have the capacity with our own practices and policy to develop our own practices and policy handbook. Ein shared that some of this comes down to time and workload. Vote: Passed unanimously.</li></ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Organization continues to work with our contracted service provider to complete the Form 990.</li></ul>
<a href="#">Grants Committee</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Groves Foundation grant is extremely exciting!</li><li>• Authorizers participated in a small group conversation regarding school performance and responding to schools who do not meet performance expectations.</li></ul>
<a href="#">Effective Practices Committee</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The committee is working on the goals for MACSA to move forward.</li><li>• Conversation about the MDE presenters and how we should approach presenters in the MDE meeting. What would be the best way to include the MDE in our organization? The effective practices committee will be sending out a survey to gather feedback.</li></ul>
<a href="#">MACSA's Equity Work</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Postponed due to a lack of meeting membership.</li></ul>
Closing Items	Next meeting is Friday, March 5th, from 9:00-11:30am
Adjourn	Motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:04am made by Glory, seconded by Laurie. Motion carries.