



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Friday, January 10, 2020 | 9am-10:30am, 10:30 AM MDE Guest
PUC Oak Park, 1701 Oak Park Ave N, Minneapolis, MN 55411

Welcome & Introductions	Larry opened the meeting at 9:04 am and welcomed members and guests. Introductions were made around the room.
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	Larry noted the presence of a quorum.
Consent Agenda	<i>Larry motioned to approve the consent agenda. Dana seconded. Motion passed.</i>
Guests	MDE Update: Karen and Mike Shultz EdAllies update by Michelle <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Representative John Lesch from Saint Paul is introducing a bill on Charter Moratoriums.● The impact could extend to all charter schools in the state.● Michelle sent a letter informing school leaders in December. They may not have received it. Authorizers should forward the letter.● Joe Nathan has been asking all charter school supporters to respond on Facebook.● Alul will be working to create a charter school FAQ.● How we address “factual mistakes” shared in the media.● Most talking points are about budgets.● March 4th is Minnesota Charter Day—a day for families to gather and meet with legislators.● How are students served by charter schools included in this process?
Break	5 minute break

Director Updates	<p>Director Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alul proposed sending a letter to MDE asking MDE to update the charter page. Dana motioned, and Lauren seconded. Motion to send the letter passed. Alul met with the ACLU of Minnesota. Education is not their focus. Alul will need to send a follow up email to help them understand charter schools.
Executive Committee	<p>Executive Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No updates.
Legislative and Policy Committee	<p>Legislative Update: Emily</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multi-Site fee factor discussion has been moved to the February meeting. Trying to get on the Cruz-Guzman and moratorium issues and bring this discussion back to the February Meeting. Larry suggested sending Eugene the MACSA Standards and Principles document.
Finance Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Larry asked to table the finance report for the February meeting .
Effective Practices Committee Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Liz Wynne presented on the charter school application process. Authorizers were engaged while looking through the findings, which included that the charter application process differs per charter school authorizer, and that there is some overlap in the charter application criteria/elements. Additionally, the charter application decisionmaking and approval process vary by authorizer. Finally, Liz shared recommendations on how to strengthen the application process. Glory Kibbel presented on the possibility of surveying charter schools to see how authorizers are doing with respect to identifying ways to improve authorizing. How do the authorizers integrate equity as part of the application process? Glory shared that MDE will be in attendance during the March meeting.
Charter School Moratorium and Data on School Closure	<p>Molly:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Data on the trends on school closure and delayed Opening between 1998-2018. The findings indicate that taking one extra year to open (1) has occurred with relative frequency since the beginning of the sample and does not appear to correlate with closure; and (2) closures, as a percentage of schools, often appear relatively stable over time, the current period shows trends different from those of any prior period. Alul and Molly to work on putting together a document further explaining the findings.
Closing Items	<p>Alul will follow up with MDE about changes to the website.</p>

Adjourn	<i>Larry motioned to adjourn. Heather seconded. Motion passed. Meeting ended at 10:55 am.</i>
Minutes submitted by	Heather Ross

Authorizer	Name	Voting Rep / Alternate	Quorum
Audubon Center of The North Woods			
	Erin Anderson	Voting Rep	X
	James	Alternate	X
Bethel University			
	Heather Ross	Voting Rep	X
	Seann Dikkers	Alternate	A
Chisago Lakes School District			
	Sarah Schmidt	Voting Rep	X
	Darci Peckman-Krueger	Alternate	A
Friends of Education			
	Tami Richey	Member	A
The Guild			
	Cindy Murphy	Voting Rep	X
	Glory Kibbel	Alternate	X
	Lynn Nordren	Member	
Innovative Quality School			
	Dave Bakke	Voting Rep	A
	Tom Tapper	Alternate	A
Northfield Public School District			
	Mary Grace Hanson	Voting Rep	X
	Matt Hillmann	Alternate	A
Novation Education Opportunities			
	Wendy Swanson Choi	Voting Rep	A

	Adam Myhand	Alternate	A
	Tony Vu	Member	A
Pillsbury United Communities			
	Larry McKenzie	Voting Rep	X
	Antonio Cardona	Alternate	X
	Emily Edstrom Moore	Member	X
	Samantha Diaz	Member	A
Student Achievement Minnesota			
	Liz Wynne	Voting Rep	A
University of St. Thomas			
	Dana Peterson	Voting Rep	X
	Aaliyah Hodge	Alternate	X
	Molly McGraw Healy	Member	X
Volunteers of America - Minnesota			
	Stephanie Olsen	Voting Rep	X
	Rod Haenke	Alternate	A
Winona Area Public Schools			
	Maurella Cunningham	Voting Rep	X
	Richard Dahman	Alternate	NA
MACSA Director	Alul Yesak	NonVoting	