

**WACO CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 2021
REMOTE & IN-PERSON
5:30 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dytrun Thirkill – *Remote*
Judith Benton – *Remote*
Susan Copeland – *In person*
Gary Luft – *In person*
Dr. Cassy Burleson – *Remote*
Dr. Howard Childs – *Remote*
Carolyn Cotton – *Remote*
Billie J Meyers – *Remote*
Renee Turner – *Remote*
Charles Eaton – *Remote*
Betsey Gilchrist – *Remote*
Terronga Weaver – *In Person*

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Dorothy Marstaller – *In person*
Heather Shelton-Faulk – *In person*
Cassie Bianchi – *In person*
Susan Wilson – *Remote*
Brenda Sanchez – *In person*
Robert Kunze – *In person*
Kanisha Johnson – *In person*

STAFF ABSENT

Nancy Cross

MEMBERS ABSENT

Ben Perry
Elizabeth Nelson
Steve Hernandez

GUESTS PRESENT

Marlon Williams – McConnell & Jones – Senior Auditor & Manager
Victor Zavala – McConnell & Jones – Auditor
Nicole Huang – McConnell & Jones - Auditor

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Susan Copeland at 5:34 p.m.

ESTABLISH QUORUM

A quorum was established.

ORDER OF AGENDA

The agenda remained the same.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission Statement was read by Dorothy Marstaller

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comment

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda was presented as follows:

- Executive Committee Meeting Minutes - November 16, 2020
- Board Meeting Minutes - November 16, 2020
- Public Hearing for Waco Charter School First Rating Meeting Minutes - November 16, 2020
- Approval of Waco Charter School Charter Renewal Application Meeting Minutes - December 17, 2020
- Financial Reports - November & December 2020 (*Organizational Standard 8.7*)

The Executive Committee recommends approval of the Consent Agenda Items, all in favor, motion carries unanimously.

APPROVE 2020 AUDIT REPORT (*Organizational Standard 8.3*)

Marlon Williams, Senior Auditor & Manager with McConnell & Jones presented the Waco Charter School audit to the Executive Committee, along with Nicole Huang and Victor Zavala. Mr. Williams explained the audit to the Executive Committee. Mr. Williams stated there are no finding and no concerns. Waco Charter School has good cash flow and assets.

The Executive Committee recommends approval of the Waco Charter School Audit Report, all in favor, motion carries unanimously.

HIRE ASBESTOS CONSULTANT

Dorothy Marstaller presented the request to hire a contractor, Ron Hogan with Environmental Concerns Incorporated (ECI), to solicit bids for asbestos removal at Waco Charter School. Ms. Marstaller stated that no further construction can continue until the asbestos is abated.

The Executive Committee recommends approval of Environmental Concerns Incorporated (ECI) to bid the removal of asbestos at the Waco Charter School, all in favor, motion carries unanimously.

MIDDLE OF THE YEAR PROGRESS REPORT (MOY)

Carl Ritter presented the grades 3-5 test results for the first set of benchmarks before STAAR in May. The middle of the year benchmark testing has not been completed since this week is considered the mid-year point. Mr. Ritter stated that some grades are on pace to have good passing results and some are in need of remediation. Mr. Ritter stated that teachers are taking the results and planning for future instruction. The next benchmark testing will take place in February followed by the last benchmark testing in March or April.

BOARD MEMBER TRAINING HOURS AND REQUIREMENTS

Dorothy Marstaller presented the training hours and requirements to the Board. Ms. Marstaller stated that Stephanie Kucera with Region 12 is currently working to offer three trainings sessions throughout the year. Susan Copeland reminded the board members of the importance of training.

PRINCIPALS' REPORT - CAMPUS OPERATIONS

Dorothy Marstaller presented the Waco Charter School Principals report. Ms. Marstaller stated that Waco Charter School has only had three cases of COVID-19. Ms. Marstaller stated that there has been a decline in attendance due to strep and other viral illnesses. The morale of the staff is good, and they continue to push forward.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Dorothy Marstaller gave an update that we have no news on the Waco Charter School application.

BOARD RECOGNITION BY WACO CHARTER SCHOOL

Dorothy Marstaller presented the Board with an appreciation video from Waco Charter School.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

Board Chair

Date