



# INDIANA CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD

## MINUTES

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**October 6, 2015**

Government Center South  
Conference Room  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

**9:00 am. EDT**  
Board Meeting

The meeting of the Indiana Charter School Board (“ICSB”) convened at 9:02 AM.

ICSB Members Karega Rausch (Chair), Kreg Battles, DeLyn Beard, Virginia Calvin, Daniel Lopez, Joshua Owens, and Kristin Reed were present. Staff members Michelle McKeown and James Betley were present.

**I. Call to Order**

Dr. Rausch called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM.

**II. Welcome & Introductions**

After Dr. Rausch welcomed Board members, all board members provided introductions and biographical information. Dr. Calvin joined the meeting at 9:04 AM.

**III. Board Meeting Minutes Approval**

Dr. Calvin moved for approval of the board meeting minutes from the June 25, 2015 ICSB meeting. Mr. Lopez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**IV. Introduction to Authorizing**

Dr. Rausch led the Board through an overarching discussion of charter school authorizing around the country, best practices, and ICSB authorizing practices. Mr. Lopez remarked that ultimately, Board members are making these decisions based on personal philosophy plus the overall philosophy of the Board as an authorizer. He noted that while consensus is goal, disagreement is not bad.

**V. Introduction to the ICSB**

Dr. McKeown provided additional information regarding the ICSB, including high points from the strategic plan and roles and responsibilities of staff and throughout the year generally and during the application process.

**VI. ICSB Portfolio Discussion**

After the Board agreed to not take the scheduled 15 minute break, Dr. McKeown provided an overview of the ICSB portfolio, including locations, grades served, and educational models. Dr. Rausch noted that a comprehensive discussion of schools' performance will require significant time and can be expected in the Winter 2016 meeting.

**VII. Current Application Round**

Dr. McKeown provided an update on the number of applications that had been received, including proposed locations. She further described how the application process works and the next steps.

**VIII. Executive Session (IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(5): At 10:53 the Board entered executive session to receive information about and interview prospective employees).**

*The Indiana Charter School Board certifies that no subject matter was discussed in the Executive Session other than specified in the public notice (IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(5)).*

**IX. Executive Director**

At 11:37, the Board resumed the Business meeting. Danny Lopez motioned to approve James Betley as Executive Director. Dr. Calvin seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**X. Meetings & Calendar Discussion**

Dr. Rausch noted that the Board had not discussed the calendar and future meetings. Mr. Betley described that staff would work to accommodate Board members' schedules and to let staff know if there are day and time preferences.

**XI. Closing Remarks**

Dr. Rausch noted that ICSB staff member Emily Richardson was moving to Denver in December. He thanked her for her commitment to quality work and wished her well. Dr. Rausch additionally thanked Dr. McKeown for her work in the Interim Executive Director role. Mr. Lopez thanked Dr. Rausch for his leadership as Board chair and for his work to ensure a rigorous selection process for identifying a candidate for Executive Director.

**XII. Adjourn**

Dr. Calvin motioned to adjourn at 11:50. Mr. Lopez seconded. The motion passed unanimously.