



Mailing Address 5154 US Hwy 220 Business South – Asheboro, NC 27205

High School 5326 US Hwy 220 Bus South – Asheboro, NC 27205 Phone: 336.610.0813 Fax: 336.610.0815
Middle School 5154 US Hwy 220 Bus South – Asheboro, NC 27205 Phone: 336.610.0816 Fax: 336.610.0819
Elementary School 301 Lewallen Road – Asheboro, NC 27205 Phone: 336.610.0820 Fax: 336.610.0822

**Uwharrie Charter Academy
Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
January 13, 2022; 6:30 pm**

Board Members Present:

Chelsey Butler

Eric Ward

Carter Bills

Kristian Allen

Aaryn Slafky

David Van Danveer

Greg Zephir

Jonathan Thill

Angela Kern

Not Present:

Wanda Pegg

Maxine Wright

Others Present:

Dr. Sharon Castelli

Ryan Nelson

Shelly Fossati

Christopher Wheat

Collen Saunders (in attendance for Kaye Williams)

Jody Smith

Suzanne Bryant

UCA Board Ethics Statement: Uwharrie Charter Academy will make decisions that are morally sound, environmentally responsible, fiscally fit, safe for the community, adaptable and promote the development of its students, always with integrity.

1. Call to Order

Mr. Bills called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

2. Public comment

No public comment.

3. E3 Awards

Teacher: Melody McNeil

Student: Mr Sawyer Hurley

4. School Presentation- Elementary School

Ms. Stanley shared elementary school highlights with the board. She shared that Spanish classes have been a great addition to the elementary school and that students are really enjoying themselves. Ms. Stanley reported that January is National Board Appreciation Month and that elementary school students had made cards for board members.

5. Consent Agenda - Superintendent's Report, Assistant Superintendent Report, Treasurer's Report, CFO Report, November 18, 2021 and December 14, 2021 Minutes (*vote needed*)

A motion was made by Mr. Van Danveer, seconded by Mr. Ward, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Vote taken by roll call. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

6. Finance/Facilities (30 minutes)

1. *FY 2021 Audit Presentation*: Jay Sharpe presented the 2021 Audit results via zoom. Mr. Sharpe shared that the results of the 2021 audit were of clean opinion with no findings.

Mr. Sharpe also shared that there were no remaining outstanding findings from the 2020 audit.

Dr. Thill asked what the outstanding from 2020 was. Mr. Nelson shared that it was a journal entry that had not been reconciled, however has since been corrected.

Mr. Bills thanked Ryan for his efforts and hard work on the audit process. Mr. Nelson shared that he felt like UCA would meet the DPI deadline for the 2022 audit.

2. *Finance Committee Report*: No updates provided from Finance Committee.
3. *Approval of Construction Contract and Bond Structure (vote needed)*: Mr. Wheat shared that a contract agreement had been reached, contingent on bond approval. He stated that the contract includes a clause that UCA can approve work in stages before initialing payments as well as issuance of liquidated damages of \$4,700 per day if substantial completion of project is not done by June 30, 2023.

Mr. Wheat asked the board to move forward with a vote to approve the construction and bond contract.

A motion was made by Mr. Ward, seconded by Mr. Zephir, to approve contract and move forward with the high school construction project. Vote by roll call. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

7. Governance (10 minutes)

1. *Governance Committee Report*: Ms. Allen reported that interviews were conducted in November and have submitted three nominees. Nominees are John Reid, Ryan Terry, and Rebecca Meade
2. *Confirmation on number of new seats (2022-2023) -3 Nominations (vote needed)*:

A motion was made by Kristian Allen, seconded by Aaryn Slafky, to accept nomination of John Reid as incoming board member for 2022-2023 term. Vote taken by roll call. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Kristian Allen, seconded by Dr. Jonathan Thill, to accept nomination of Ryan Terry as incoming board member for the 2022-2023 term. Vote taken by roll call. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Kristian Allen, seconded by Angela Kern, to accept nomination of Rebecca Mead as incoming board member for the 2022-2023 term. Vote taken by roll call. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

8. Academic Excellence (30 minutes)

1. *Academic Excellence Committee Report* - Dr. Kern Requested that walkthroughs be uploaded to the Google Folder so that board members can participate.

2. *COVID-19 Update*- Dr. Sharon Castelli shared that Randolph County is currently at a 21.1% positivity rate up from 8.4% rate prior to the holiday break.

Dr. Castelli shared that there have been some struggles with teacher absences. She recommended that the mask mandate remain unchanged.

3. *UCA mask/quarantine update (voted needed)* - A motion was made by Aaryn Slafky, seconded by Kristian Allen, to remain in the current mask mandate. Vote taken by roll call. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

4. *2022-2023 Calendar (vote needed)* - A motion was made by Dr. Kern, seconded by Dr. Thill, to approve of the 2022-2023 school calendar. Vote taken by roll call. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

9. Other Business/New Business

No new business.

10. Closed Session – Personnel GS143-318.11 (a)(6)

A motion was made by Eric Ward, seconded by Angela Kern, to go into closed session at 7:44 p.m. as notified in the agenda for the reason of discussion around Personnel GS143-318.11 (a)(6).Vote taken by roll call. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

The Open Meeting concluded at 7:45 p.m.

Mr. Bills called the closed session to order at 7:58 p.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Ward, seconded by Mr. Van Derveer to come out of closed session at 9:24 p.m. Vote taken by roll call. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Zephir, seconded by Mr. Ward to adjourn at 9:25 p.m. Vote taken by roll call. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

UCA Board Vision Statement: Uwharrie Charter Academy is the model of innovative learning environments where curiosity, adaptability, and critical thinking are inspired through transformative methods and passionate educators preparing graduates for the rapidly evolving world.