

Montana Community Choice Schools Commission

Meeting Agenda

January 14, 2025

Special Committee: Zoom

9:00 a.m.

Call to Order -00:01:43

Chair Schreiber called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. The Chair led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance, Ms. Kris Stockton took Roll Call, and the Chair read the Statement of Public Participation and welcomed guests.

Commission members present: Trish Schreiber, Chair; Katy Wright, Vice Chair; Jon Rutt, Treasurer; Cathy Kincheloe; Dee Brown; Mark Hufstetler. Board of Public Education staff present: McCall Flynn, Executive Director; Kris Stockton, Administrative Specialist.

Guests online: Mr. David Hofer; Ms. Katie Bloodgood, Office of Public Instruction; Ms. Moffie Funk, Montanans Organized for Education; Mr. Todd Hanson, 4 Poles Consulting; Ms. Jenine Syness.

Item 1 Adopt Agenda – 00:05:15

Member Brown moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion seconded by member Hufstetler.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 2 Action on Director of Planning Job Description – 00:06:02

Member Brown asked if the Job Description can be changed in future meetings as the job changes. The Chair noted the position is a temporary position for twelve months so it's likely it will not be changed.

Member Rutt moved to approve the Job Description as presented in the agenda packet. Motion seconded by Member Brown.

Mr. Todd Hanson questioned if there is a salary and benefits package. The Chair noted the salary will be set in consultation with State Human Resources. Executive Director Flynn explained the market analysis used by State Human Resources to determine salary, and that the benefits package is a set amount.

Mr. Todd Hanson asked if there is a timeframe for the job posting. Chair Schreiber responded the position will be posted for two weeks and should be posted in the next day.

Chair Schreiber noted that funding for the position is from a grant the Commission received that is for twelve months, thus the reason for the temporary position.

Member Franklin asked if the benefits will also come from that funding and the Chair responded that it will.

The Chair noted a hand count will be taken.

Votes in favor: Vice Chair Wright, Member Rutt, Member Hufstetler, Chair Schreiber, Member Franklin, Member Brown

Abstaining: Member Kincheloe

Opposed: None.

Motion passed with six members voting in favor, and one member abstaining.

Item 3 Action on Delegation to the Executive Committee – 00:12:31

Chair Schreiber noted the duties of the Executive Committee as noted in the Commission Bylaws and delegating that hiring

Member Brown moved to delegate the Executive Committee to move forward with the decision making and the hiring of the Director of Planning. Motion seconded by Member Hufstetler.

Member Franklin noted that such a decision could benefit from the opinions of all Commission members.

Chair Schreiber noted that all applicants will be interviewed and that the Bylaws give the authority to the Executive Committee to perform hiring.

Member Brown asked if the full Commission will be allowed to vote on the final selection, and the Chair noted that Executive Committee will perform that duty.

Vice Chair Wright asked what would happen if a member of the Executive Committee was not available for the selection process, and the Chair noted that a rubric has been created to ensure efficiency for the Executive Committee members.

Member Rutt noted that after listening to the comments that it may be better for the Executive Committee to review the applicants and for the full Commission to approve the selected applicant.

The Chair noted a hand count will be taken.

Votes in Favor : Member Brown, Vice Chair Wright, Member Rutt, Member Hufsteteler, Chair Schreiber

Opposed: Member Franklin

Abstaining: Member Kincheloe

Public Comment – 00:21:22

Mr. Todd Hanson noted the current process underway related to the Public Charter Schools and that there are people watching the Commission's work and the possibility of a second option for the creation of Charter Schools.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 9:19 AM