

Montana Community Choice Schools Commission Meeting Minutes

March 4, 2025

Zoom

8:00 a.m.

Call to Order – 00:00:29

The Chair called the meeting to order at 8:01 AM. The Chair led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance and Ms. Kris Stockton took Roll Call.

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

Guests online: Ms. Tyler Capece, Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of Public Instruction; Ms. Cathy Kincheloe; Mr. Blake Koemans, Agency Legal Services.

Item 1 Adopt Consent Agenda – 00:03:10

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

Chair Schreiber amended the motion to strike the January 4, 2025 and add the date January 14, 2025 date in the agenda packet.

Amendment passed unanimously.

Member Brown moved to adopt the consent agenda as amended.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Adopt Agenda

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

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 2 Chairperson Welcome Statement – 00:06:02

Chair Schreiber thanked Commission members for their attendance. The Chair stated that upon conclusion she hopes the Commission can move into Phase IV and Phase V before the scheduled June 17 meeting at 9AM.

Item 3 Reports – 00:07:34

Member Rutt presented the Treasurer's report to the Commission noting that Legal fees and travel expenses from the December meeting are the only expenses that have been recorded in 2025. Current balance reported \$321,799.17. Member Rutt noted that once a Director of Planning is hired more expenses will be recorded.

Chair Schreiber presented the Chair reporting and summarized the work she has completed to advertise, review, and interview applicants for the Director of Planning in conjunction with Board Executive Director McCall Flynn and State Human Resources Generalist Jeff Plum. Chair Schreiber reviewed the standing subcommittee's and the new subcommittee's created at the December 2024 meeting and work they will be doing under the purview of the Director of Planning.

Chair Schreiber moved to combing the Policymaking subcommittee and the Special Education Consideration subcommittee.

Member Brown stated that although she understands the reasoning behind the motion that it may be worthwhile to wait until the Director of Planning is hired.

Member Franklin seconded the motion.

Chair Schreiber concurred with Member Brown but noted that if the motion fails today that a Special Meeting will need to be held to combine the subcommittees.

Member Franklin agreed with the statement from Member Brown regarding waiting until the Director of Planning is hired.

Member Rutt stated that he is unclear on the purpose of the Special Education Consideration subcommittee and agrees with Member Brown.

Chair Schreiber opened public comment.

Member Kincheloe, commenting as a member of the public, noted that the expertise of members should be considered.

Member Franklin thanked Member Kincheloe for her statement and agreed that member experience should be considered when determining committee membership.

Chair Schreiber moved to table the discussion. Motion seconded by Member Franklin.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Chair Schreiber noted that the Commission will move to Executive Session and the meeting closed at 8:20AM.

Item 4 Discussion on Executive Committee's Recommendation for the Director of Planning Position – 00:19:24

The Commission came back to Open Session at 9:01AM. – 00:00:40

Member Wright moved to make an offer to Ms. Cathy Kincheloe for the position of Director of Planning. Motion seconded by Member Brown.

Chair Schreiber opened public comment. None stated.

No discussion. Chair Schreiber restated the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

Chair Schreiber thanked the Commission members for their work and thanked Ms. Flynn and Mr. Plum for their assistance in the hiring process.

Public Comment – 00:04:16

Public comment from Ms. Kincheloe who stated she is excited to begin the position and thanked the Commission for their confidence in her ability to fulfill the duties of the job.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 9:06 AM.