



KENNESAW CHARTER
SCIENCE & MATH ACADEMY

GEORGIA CHARTER SCHOOLS, INC.

Kennesaw Charter Science and Math Academy

Board Code of Ethics and Conflicts of Interest Policy

Adopted: 3/26/18

Section 1.C: Board and Community Relations

1. Seek regular and systemic communications among the Board and students, staff, and the community.
2. Communicate to the Board and the school leader expressions of public reaction to Board policies and charter school programs.
3. Be an advocate for public education in the community, informing community members on the needs of the school as well as actions of the Board and accomplishments of the school's educational program. Also, be responsive to the public and communicate to other Board members and the Superintendent expressions of public reaction to Board policies and school programs.

Section 1.D: Policy Development

1. Work with other Board members and support/resource team to establish effective policies for the charter school.
2. Make decisions on policy matters only after full discussion at publicly held Board meetings.
3. Periodically review and evaluate the effectiveness of policies on charter school programs and performance.

Section 1.E: Board Meetings


1. Attend and participate in regularly scheduled and called Board meetings. If a Board member is unable to attend a meeting, the member shall notify the Board Chair prior to the meeting. Failure to attend 2 consecutive Board meetings or 3 Board meetings in a calendar year (except for emergencies or as excused by the Chair) may result in removal from the Board of Directors in accordance with the Bylaws.
2. Be informed and prepared to discuss issues to be considered on the Board agenda.
3. Model the type of respectful, informed and open-minded discussion and consideration of issues that Board members would like to see reflected throughout all levels of the school. Specifically, Board members should encourage the free expression of opinions by all Board members and seek to maintain open lines of communication between the Board, school employees, and the community.
3. Vote for a closed executive session of the Board only when applicable law or Board policy requires consideration of a matter in executive session.
4. Maintain the confidentiality of all discussions and other matters pertaining to the Board and the charter school during executive session of the Board.
5. Make decisions in accordance with the interests of the charter school as a whole and not any particular agreement thereof.
7. Voice his or her opinion but must give open-minded and fair consideration to the views of the other Board members, and thereafter support the majority decision of the Board.

SECTION II. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST.

Section 2.A: Financial Conflicts of Interest

1. No Board member shall use or attempt to use his or her official position to secure unwarranted privileges, advantages, employment for himself or herself, any of his or her immediate family members, or others.
2. No Board member shall act in his or her official capacity in any matter in which he or she, any of his or her immediate family members, or any business organization in which he or she has a material financial interest, that would reasonably be expected to impair his or her objectivity or independence of judgment.
3. No Board member shall solicit or accept or knowingly allow any of his or her immediate family members or any business organization in which he or she has an interest to solicit or accept any gift, favor, loan, political contribution, service, promise of future employment, or other thing of value based upon an understanding that the gift, favor, loan, contribution, service, promise, or other thing of value was given or offered for the purpose of influencing that board member in the discharge of his or her official duties. For purposes of this paragraph, a gift, favor, loan, contribution, service, promise, or other thing of value shall not include the items contained in subparagraphs (a)(2)(A) through (a)(2)(J) of O.C.G.A. § 16-10-2.
4. No Board member shall use, or knowingly allow to be used, his or her official position or any information not generally available to the members of the public which he or she receives or acquires in the course of and by reason of his or her official position for the purpose of securing financial gain for himself or herself, any of his or her immediate family members, or any business organization with which he or she is associated.
5. No Board member or any of his or her immediate family members or any business organization in which he or she has an interest shall represent any person or party other than the charter school governing board in connection with any cause, proceeding, application, or other matter pending before the charter school governing board on which he or she serves.
6. No Board member shall be prohibited from making an inquiry for information on behalf of a community member if no fee, reward, or other thing of value is promised to, given to, or accepted by the board member or any of his or her immediate family members in return therefor.
7. No Board member shall be deemed in conflict with these provisions if, by reason of his or her participation in any matter required to be voted upon by the charter school governing board, no material or monetary gain accrues to him or her as a member of any profession, occupation, or group to any greater extent than any gain could reasonably be expected to accrue to any other member of that profession, occupation, or group.
8. No Board member may also be an officer of any organization that sells goods or services to that charter school unless the organization providing goods or services is a Nonprofit membership organization or there are fewer than three sources for such supplies or equipment within the county; provided, however, that any purchase of goods or services that is equal to or greater than \$10,000 shall be approved by a majority of the members of the board in an open public meeting.
9. The Board may not do business with a bank or financial institution where a Board member is an employee, stockholder, director or officer when such member owns 30% or more stock in that institution.

I (print name) Lera Meshum will meet the conduct expectations outlined in the above policy as a member of the KCSMA Board of Directors or a Committee of the Board and I understand failure to do so may result in removal from the Board or a Committee of the Board in accordance with the Bylaws. I further agree that if at any time, I am unable fulfill the commitments as a member of the Board, I will give appropriate notice of resignation to the Chair of the Board.


Signature

7/25/2019
Date