

## BOARD AGENDA

### SOUTHERN AVENUE CHARTER SCHOOL

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
TUESDAY ,AUGUST 12,2025 ,4:30 PM  
REYNOLDS-HYDE LIBRARY  
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

SACS BOARD MEET & GREET 5:30 PM  
2185 DEMOCRAT ROAD

#### AGENDA ITEMS :

I. MEETING CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL -Chairman Amos & Supt.. Mrs..Evans  
INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS

II. APPROVAL OF BOARD AGENDA -Chairman Amos

III. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES -LAST MEETING - Chairman Amos

IV .SACS STATE OF THE SCHOOL REPORT- Principal Perry

- A.TCAP Score & Data--Ms..Parker
- B. STATE OF THE SCHOOL- Principal- Perry

V. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT-Mr.Amos

- A.Board Expectations 2025-26
- B.Mission, Vision & Goals-Align with SACS
- C.Committee Structure & Responsibilities

V. SACS BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS & ASSIGNMENTS -Chairman Amos

A.COMMITTEES

- Development & Fundraising
- Governance & Nominating
- Budget & Finance
- Academic & Attendance
- Facilities & Operations

VII.SUPERINTENDENT REPORT -Mrs..Elise Evans

- A. Reports

- Bloomberg Summer Program Grant 2025
- TCAP Scores
- 2025-26 School Calendar
- SACS-Porter- Leath Pre-K Program Grant 2025-26
- Staff Appointments & Promotions
- Board Presentations - Board Training Certificates
- Board Member Donation
- Other Business

VIII.OLD BUSINESS- Chairman Amos

IX. NEW BUSINESS - Chairman Amos

X.FINAL DISCUSSION & RECOMMENDATIONS- Chairman Amos

BOARD MEET & GREET - 5:30 PM-Chairman Amos & Superintendent Evans

ADJOURNMENT - Chairman Amos

NEXT MEETING DATE - NOVEMBER 2025 ( TBD)



## Southern Avenue Charter Elementary School

August 12, 2025

### Board Minutes

*Process: The final Board of Directors meeting for the school year 2023/2024 for Southern Ave Charter Elementary School was held in the Reynolds-Hyde Library at the school 2185 Democrat Road Memphis, TN 38134.*

Directors Present: **Judge Walter Evans, Carolyn Willett, Stan Burton, Greg Bethel (Chairman), Stephanie Walker, Tania Incio, Kathryn Smith, Ms. Gwendolyn Boykins, Tyrus Perry, Dell Steiner, Anthony Amos, Elise Evans, Director of Schools, M. Parker, Assistance Principal, Sidney White (guest).**

#### ***Call To order:***

*The meeting was called to order by Interim Chairman Stan Burton at 4:34pm who stated we would follow the agenda as written. He then asks for the reading of the minutes of the last meeting. Chairman Burton, ask for a motion to approve said minutes. The minutes were read and approved after a motion by Director Boykins, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Perry.*

**Announcement:** Mrs. Elise Evans, the Executive Director of the Schools, introduced Mrs. Lakeva Bridgeforth as the new Principal of Southern Ave Charter Elementary School. The Board welcomed Mrs. Bridgeforth and congratulated the new Principal and wished her well.

Mrs. Evans also introduced three new members of the Board of Directors, Ms. Regina Covington, Mr. Edward McClain and Sidney White. Again, the Board of Directors welcomed the new members to the SACS Board.

#### ***State of the School:***

Principal Bridgeforth stated that the school is off to a great start for the year. She stated she and staff are preparing for assessment tests to determine where the children are in each grade. Mrs. Bridgeforth,

She stated of today we have 310 students. She stated some of her goals for this school year are to improve attendants, tardiness and school grades. She stated TCAP scores are still embargoed by the state of Tennessee Department of Education. She informed the board of 2 events that we she has planned for the children to get them excited a glow party and the red-carpet experience.

#### ***.Old Business:***

***Charity Golf Financial Report: Update: Financial Secretary Stephanie Walker stated that the fundraiser raised \$14,000.00. Treasurer Walker stated with the balance from last year the board now has 17, 000.00 as of today.***

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*Director Sidney White made a motion that the Board of Directors would give the school \$10,000.00 from the Board of Directors account for the teachers. After discussion and dialog, the motion was to approve the committee report and transfer \$10,000.00 dollars to the school account was made by Judge Evans and second by Gwen Boykins. The motion was approved with no nays.*

### ***Director of Schools Report:***

Mrs. Evans stated that Director Bethel had resigned from the SACS Board, as his current work schedule is very busy. He is also active on several boards currently.

***Budget and Financial Report:*** *Mrs. C. Hubbard, the school account manager, continues to audit and manage our accounts. Mrs. Evans reported that Auditor Luther Speight was able to give a clean audit this year, and it was done on time. A copy of the*

### ***Report on the Search for a New Facility:***

Mr. Evans explained that she is looking at a new building and has sent each board member information on the building on Covington Pike. She stated she has talked with the sellers and visited the building several times. Director Evans asked that we plan a visit to the building and that the board of directors would give permission for the school to move forward with what needs to be completed to secure the building at 3232 Covington Pike Road the East Side Baptist Church Building. Director D. Stiner made a motion that Mrs. Evans could move forward to investigate what it would take to purchase the building. Director Stephanie Walker, second the motion. Director K. Smith made a motion that each board member should work out a date so that everyone could visit the school. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Judge Walter Evans and approved. Chairperson Bethel stated he has already been to the 3232 Covington Pike property and that we should continue to do due diligence.

Mrs. Evans stated that SACS has been adopted by Turner Construction and that they will include our school in their future fundraiser. She also made the board aware of new TN legislation and requirements.

**Board members, I-pad will be distributed to the directors in the November meeting. The Director presented two teachers that had been assaulted by a special needs student.**

**Board Chair S. Burton as for a motion to approve the Directors report that was approved by a motion made by Dir. Walker and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dir White.**

**Director Burton then stated that the next meeting will be Nov. 2024 date and location to be determined 2024.**

**Respectfully Submitted Ms.**

**L. Madison, Recorder**

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