

**Southern Avenue Charter School  
Of Academic Excellence & Creative Arts**

**August 20, 2024**

**Board of Directors' Meeting**

**4:30-5:30 p.m.**

**AGENDA**

- I Opening.....Acting Director Stan Burton**
  - II Announcements.....Mrs. Elise Evans**
    - Introduction of Principal Lakeva Bridgeforth**
    - Announcement of New Members: Directors Regina Covington, Edward McClain and Sidney White**
  - III Minutes from Last Meeting.....Ms. Lois Madison**
  - IV Approval of Minutes.....Ms. Madison**
  - V State of the School.....Principal Lakeva Bridgeforth**
  - VI Old Business**
    - Charity Golf Tournament Financial Report.....Director Walker**
    - Update Regarding Covington Pike Facility.....Mrs. Evans**
- Visitation and Financing (Hope CU and First Horizon)**

## **VII New Business**

**-Resignation of Director Bethel**

**-Election of New Director @ November Meeting**

**-SACS Adoption by Turner Construction Company**

**Solicited by: Director Sidney White**

**-New Legislation & Requirements from TN State Legislators**

**Presentation and Legal Explanation @ November Meeting**

**-I-Pads: Distributed to Directors @ November Meeting**

**-Teacher Assault and Letter of Support Requested by Mrs. Evans**

**Presentation: Ms. Julia Paige, Teacher....Assaulted by M.  
Williams, Student**

## **VIII Closure / Next Meeting Date and Time.....Acting Director Burton**

**Tentative: Tuesday, November 12, 2024, Reynolds Library**

**Or Tuesday, November 19, 2024, Reynolds Library**



# Southern Avenue CHARTER SCHOOL

## Southern Avenue Charter Elementary School

August 20, 2024

### Board of Directors Meeting 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 as posted on Website.*

Directors Present: Judge Walter Evans , Carolyn Willett , Stan Burton, Greg Bethel (Chairman), Stephanie Walker, Tanio Incio, Katheryn 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. Director Burton stated that he could only service as the interim.*

#### Announcements:

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

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

Interim Chairman Burton, called to meeting to order and ask that eh minutes from the last meeting be read. The minutes were read and approved after a motion by Director Boykins, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Perry.

#### 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 test to determine where the children are in each grade. Mrs. Bridgeforth,

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She stated of today we have 310 students . She stated some of her goals for this school year are to improve attendants, tardiness and the school grades. She stated TCAP scores are still embargoed by the stat 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 fundraiser raised \$14,000.00. She state the event was well received and that there was excitement all day.*

*Director Sidney White reported that the contributions were still coming in the amount will possibly change soon.*

*A motion to approve the committee reports was made by Judge Evans, and second by Gwen Boykins. The report was approved with no nay.*

### *Director of Schools Report:*

Mrs. Evans stated that Director Bethel had resigned from the board

*Mrs. Evans stated Mrs. C. Hubbard, the school account continues to audit and manage our accounts. Mrs. Evans reported that the Auditor Luther Speight, was able to give a clean audit this year, and it was done on time.*

### **Report on the New of the School:**

Mr. Evans explained that she is looking at a new building and had sent each board member information on the building on Covington Pike . She stated she has talked with the sellers and visited the building on 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 members would work out a date that everyone could visit the school. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Judge Walter Evans and approved. Chairman Bethel stated he has already been by the 3232 Covington Pike property and that we should continue to due diligence.

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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.

She stated 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.

Intrem 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 them stated that the next meeting will be November 12, 2024 tenattive at the Reynolds Library.

**Respectfully Submitted**

**Ms. L. Madison, Recirder**

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