

Governor's Education Reform Commission  
Educational Options Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

Feb. 27, 2015  
10 am  
Trinity-Washington Building, 270 Washington St.  
Room 5158

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 am.

Subcommittee members introduced themselves and discussed why school choice was an important issue.

Chairman Peterson discussed logistics and other details regarding subcommittee operation.

The subcommittee members engaged in broad discussion regarding aspects of school choice and matters that the subcommittee should consider.

The subcommittee took public comment on the general matters previously discussed.

The meeting adjourned without further action.

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## Educational Options Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

May 4, 2015  
2 pm  
Trinity-Washington Building, 270 Washington St.  
Room 5158

Meeting was called to order at approximately 2:05 pm.

The minutes of the February 27 subcommittee meeting were approved unanimously.

Several presentations were made on a variety of matters involving school choice. Those presentations included:

- Tony Roberts, Georgia Charter Schools Association – provided overview and general discussion
- Lisa Grover, National Alliance for Public Charter Schools – discussed Georgia law and how it compares with the National Alliance's model charter school law
- Ehab Jaleel, Amana Academy – discussed issues related to facilities
- Lisa McDonald, Brighten Academy – discussed authorizer accountability issues
- Allen Mueller, New Schools for Georgia – discussed how to achieve quality charter school growth

Brief comments were also provide by Louis Erste, GDoE.

An opportunity for public comment was provided, but no member of the public chose to speak.

The meeting adjourned without further action.

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## Educational Options Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

May 29, 2015  
10 am  
Coverdale Legislative Office Building  
Room 406  
Atlanta, GA

Meeting was called to order at approximately 10:00 am.

The minutes of the May 4 subcommittee meeting were approved unanimously.

Several presentations were made on a variety of matters involving school choice. Those presentations included:

- Matthew Ladner, Foundation for Excellence in Education (regarding Educational Savings Accounts)
- Scott Jensen, American Federation for Children (regarding Student Scholarship Organization tax credits)
- Lisa Kelly, GOAL Scholarships (regarding Student Scholarship Organization tax credits)
- Heather Brault, AAA Scholarship Foundation (regarding Student Scholarship Organization tax credits)
- Diane Starkovich (regarding Student Scholarship Organization tax credits)

An opportunity for public comment was offered, and the following people provided comment:

- John Kurnik, parent of special needs student
- Michael O'Sullivan, Students First
- Jason Bedrick, CATO Institute
- Becky Martin, Greater Atlanta Christian School
- Greg Markiton, Benedictine Military School

The meeting adjourned without further action.

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## Educational Options Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

June 9, 2015  
10 am  
Trinity-Washington Building, 270 Washington St.  
Room 5158  
Atlanta, GA

Meeting was called to order at approximately 10:00 am.

The minutes of the May 29 subcommittee meeting were approved unanimously.

Several presentations were made on a variety of matters involving school choice. Those presentations included:

- Special needs scholarship, Jamie Lord
- Homeschooling in Georgia, Mary Beth Morris, Georgia Home Education Association
- Innovative private school models, Kimberly Maiocco, Johnson Ferry Christian Academy

An opportunity for public comment was offered.

The meeting adjourned without further action.