

**Meeting Minutes
Virginia Board of Education
Charter School Committee**

Wednesday, July 21, 2010

Mrs. Isis Castro, chair of the committee, called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m. Committee members Mr. Rob Kropicka and Mrs. Betsy Beamer attended. Also present were Board members Mrs. Eleanor Saslaw, Dr. Billy Cannaday, Mr. David Foster, Mr. David Johnson, Dr. Virginia McLaughlin, and Dr. Ella Ward, and Dr. Patricia Wright, Superintendent of Public Instruction.

The committee received public comment from Stella Edwards, Community Organizer, JustChildren Program.

The committee then heard a presentation from Anne Westcott, Assistant Superintendent, Policy and Communications, on what the *Code of Virginia* requires to be included as a part of the charter school application, and criteria the *Code* established for the Board to examine.

Then Michelle Vucci, Director of Policy, presented information regarding what other states require charter applicants to provide in their applications to open a charter school.

Mrs. Westcott and Mrs. Vucci responded to questions from Board members on such issues as how provisions should be addressed in a charter school application plan for the lottery selection of students; costs and sustainable financial resources; community, teacher and family support; strong leadership; evidence of why the application should be approved; the use of assessments; a student code of conduct; and how students may be removed and how the attending fiscal implications would be addressed.

The next meeting of the Charter School Committee will be held on Wednesday, September 22, 2010, at a time to be announced later.

The meeting was adjourned by Mrs. Castro at 5:00 p.m.