

**Cooper River Constituent District 4 Board of Trustees**

**Special Called Meeting**

**District 4 Office – 4720 Jenkins Avenue, North Charleston, SC 29405**

**Tuesday, March 26, 2024**

**6:00 P.M.**

**Proceedings:**

**I. Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Carla Gadson at 6:09 p.m. Board members present were: Ms. Carla Gadson, Ms. Edwina Peterson, Rev. Chris Collins, Ms. Lala Fyall, Mr. Michael Garnett, and Mr. Joseph Bennett.

**II. Adoption of the Agenda (Action)**

A motion was made by Ms. Fyall and seconded by Ms. Peterson to adopt the agenda as written. The motion passed 6-0.

**III. Executive Session**

**A. Discipline Hearings (7)**

4.113.24 Infraction 789/781: Weapon/Handgun

4.138.24 Infraction 580: Drug Possession 2

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4.141.24 Infraction: 520: Assault, Simple

4.136.24 Infraction 730: Robbery

4.137.24 Infraction 380: Probation Violation; 270: Refusal to Obey;  
009 Fighting

4.140.24 Infraction 700: Other Offenses Serious

**IV. Open Session Reconvened**

A motion was made by Ms. Gadson and seconded by Ms. Fyall to reconvene in open session.

**V. Vote on Executive Session Items (Action)**

#### 4.113.24 Infraction 789/781: Weapon/Handgun

Rev. Chris Collins moved and seconded by Mr. Joseph Bennett to Expel the student from CCSD for a minimum of 365 calendar days (Only used & MUST BE used for Guns found on a school campus) from the date of the incident February 5, 2024. The motion passed 5-1, with Ms. Peterson voting against.

#### 4.138.24 Infraction 580: Drug Possession 2,

A motion was made by Ms. Gadson and seconded by Rev. Collins, in lieu of expulsion, allow the student to return to school on district probation for the remainder of the school year. The motion passed 6-0.

#### 4.139.24 Infraction 580: Drug Possession 2

Ms. Gadson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Garnett In lieu of expulsion, all the student to return to DJA on District Probation for the remainder of the school year. The board request a report from the school by April 22<sup>nd</sup> on the students transition process out of DJA. The motion passed 6-0.

#### 4.141.24 Infraction: 520: Assault, Simple

A motion was made by Ms. Fyall and seconded by Mr. Bennett, In lieu of expulsion, allow the student to return to school. The motion passed 6-0.

#### 4.136.24 Infraction 730: Robbery

Rev. Chris Collins moved, seconded by Ms. Edwina Peterson, In lieu of expulsion, assign the student to Turning Point Academy for a minimum 45 days and place the student on district probation for the remainder of the school year. The motion passed 6-0.

#### 4.137.24 Infraction 380: Probation Violation; 270: Refusal to Obey; 009 Fighting

Rev. Chris Collins moved with a second by Ms. Carla Gadson, In lieu of expulsion, allow the student to return to school on District Probation for the remainder of the school year. The motion passed 4-0-2 with Mr. Garnett and Ms. Fyall abstaining.

#### 4.140.24 Infraction 700: Other Offenses Serious

Mr. Bennett made a motion, seconded by Ms. Peterson, In lieu of expulsion, refer the student to the school-based IEP team for consideration of an alternative placement. This decision does not indicate the student must be placed in an alternative school, but that the school may consider the placement if deemed necessary and appropriate for the behavior offense committed by the student, the students' disability, and the safety/climate of the school. The motion passed 6-0.

## **VI. Adjournment**

Being no further business, Ms. Fyall made a motion, seconded by Ms. Peterson to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 p.m.