

COMMODORE CONYERS
COLLEGE & CAREER
ACADEMY

**Board of Directors
Monthly Meeting
October 24, 2017**

Members present Barry Carr, Ronnie Lee, Chandu Kuntawala, Cynthia Hoke, Pastor Daniel Simmons, Don Gray, Virginia Parker

Members absent Tom Sullivan, Tanjula Petty, Tawana Reels

Staff present Chris Hatcher, CEO,
Kerry Joiner, Administrative Assistant

Staff absent Angie Gardner, Principal

Others present Barbara Rivera Holmes (President & CEO - Albany Area Chamber of Commerce), Justin Strickland (President & CEO – Albany-Dougherty Economic Development Commission)

Media Present WALB

I. Call to Order and Welcome

Mr. Kuntawala convened the meeting at 5:05 p.m. and welcomed board members, staff, and guests.

II. Consideration of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion made by: Barry Carr

Motion seconded by: Cynthia Hoke

The August minutes were amended and approved

III. Discussion Items

- Introductions

Chris Hatcher introduced Kerry Joiner as the new Administrative Assistant

IV. For Information

- Board training schedule

Mr. Hatcher indicated that a Board training schedule will be provided soon. The Board is required to have 5-7 hours annually.

V. Monthly CEO/Staff Update

- Mr. Hatcher shared a presentation outlining the mission, plan, and goals of the Academy. He explained that 4C presents a unique opportunity to get an Associate degree while dually enrolled. It also attracts new industry and jobs to the community.
- The Academy has had several lecturers from the business community speak to our team members on various topics such as the importance of soft skills, work ethic, situational awareness, communications and civic responsibility.
- Mr. Hatcher introduced our soft skills initiative program, Shake-It-Up with the school's inaugural, hand shake competition. Every team member (student) participated until it was narrowed down to 11 finalists. The final competition came in the form of a luncheon, and the remaining 11 were judged on how they greeted, shook hands and engaged with community leaders. One of the messages we see here is the true and genuine commitment our partners have shown by being a part of this. The winner was Jaxon Brown.
- The Academy has recently selected a Junior Board of Directors. To be chosen, a letter of interest had to be written, and an interview was conducted before a panel of judges. 17 individuals were chosen to serve. Among other things, the Junior Board will serve as ambassadors to the school and help identify a community project.
- Team members are in the process of exploring the pathways we offer this semester. To help them with the decision process, they will take a career assessment through, You Science. Upon returning from Thanksgiving break, they will be asked to select their top 3.
- Mr. Hatcher reported that construction is moving on schedule. We hope to have everything complete by, January 11, 2018.

VI. Principal's Report

- Ms. Gardner was called away to another meeting. Mr. Hatcher reported that she is in constant communication with the other schools.

VII. Chairman's Report

- Mr. Kuntawala commented that this is an exciting game changer and a good news story that keeps coming and coming.
- Mr. Kuntawala shared that his corporate office recently had a lunch meeting at 4C and they were impressed with the facility. So much, they were interested in determining if it could be a fit for their Maryland community.


- Mr. Kuntawala mentioned that discussions would begin soon to determine a 5-year plan for 4C.

VIII. Other Business

- Mr. Carr asked how many students we have from Baker and Terrell. Mr. Hatcher answered that spots are allocated based on the size of the school. We currently have approximately 18 students from Calhoun and around 24 from Terrell. Mr. Carr also asked if scholarship opportunities were available for students upon graduation. Mr. Hatcher responded that it was something we're looking into once we begin the capital campaign.
- Pastor Simmons asked if any attention is given to students with special issues. Mr. Hatcher responded that Ms. Gardner has a great relationship with the Principals of the other high schools and is in constant communication.
- Mr. Hatcher commented on what an incredible partner the Dougherty County School System has been.

IX. Adjournment

Mr. Kuntawala adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m.


Chairperson ...