A policy committee meeting was held by the School Reform Commission on October 5, 2017 in conference room 1080 of the School District of Philadelphia Education Center, 440 North Broad Street.

The meeting was convened at 10:30 a.m. by Commissioner McGinley.

Miles Shore, Interim General Counsel, called the roll.

Members present: Commissioner McGinley (Chair of the Policy Committee), Chair Wilkerson, Naomi Wyatt (designee for the Superintendent) – 3

Members Absent: 0

Miles Shore, Interim General Counsel, noted that the District was making an audio recording of the policy committee meeting.

Commissioner McGinley made an opening statement identifying the policies on the agenda and the how the meeting would proceed. He noted Policies 127, 138 and 818 have been withdrawn by staff. He indicated that copies of the policies are available at the meeting and in advance of the meeting on the SRC website. Commissioner McGinley explained that the meeting would begin with staff presentations of specific changes proposed to the policies that were on the agenda. He also reminded everyone no formal action is taken on policies at Policy Committee meetings.

Commissioner McGinley invited Naomi Wyatt, Chief of Staff, to make comments.

Naomi Wyatt thanked Commissioner McGinley and the members of the District’s leadership team for their work on revising and updating the policies on the agenda. Ms. Wyatt indicated Policy 127 was delayed by staff to allow for additional cross department review. Additionally she stated Policy 138 was delayed to allow for additional stakeholder input and Policy 818 was delayed to broaden its scope outside of the required background check and clearance process for contracted services. Ms. Wyatt further noted Policy 104.1 is listed on next month’s agenda.

Ms. Wyatt introduced Danielle Floyd, Acting Chief Operating Officer, who provided a brief update on the steps procurement is taking to improve monitoring, compliance and reporting.

Commissioner McGinley introduced Cheryl Logan, Chief of Academic Supports, who provided an overview of the changes to Policies 105 and 107. Ms. Logan also provided an overview of Policies 137 and 137.1, which are new Policies.

Commissioner McGinley introduced Karyn Lynch, Chief of Student Support Services, who provided an overview of the changes to Policies 210, 216 and 718.

Commissioner McGinley introduced Louis Bellardine, Chief Talent Officer, who provided an overview of the changes to Policy 316.

Commissioner McGinley introduced Danielle Floyd, Acting Chief Operating Officer, who provided an overview of the changes to Policy 707.

Commissioner McGinley opened the floor to the public for presentation of statements.
Tomika Anglin stated the list of possible violations in Policy 316 seemed very subjective. She raised questions about how determinations will be made, who will make them and whether or not there will be a procedure to file a dispute if one does not agree with a determination.

Commissioner McGinley stated that the Committee recommends that Policies 103.1, 105, 107, 137, 137.1, 255, 316, 619, 622, 707, and 810.2 move forward to the SRC.

Commissioner McGinley asked Naomi Wyatt, Chief of Staff to review the list of policies on the agenda for the next Policy Committee meeting.

Ms. Wyatt stated the list of policies up for discussion at the next meeting would be Policies 104, 138, 203.1, 210, 210.1, 216, 226, 234, 235, 251, 314, 314.1, 323, 610, 611, 612, 718, 807, 904, 907, and 913.

Commissioner McGinley introduced Claire Landau, Chief of Staff for the School Reform Commission, who provided comments on expected changes to Policy 406 Charter Modifications in November.

Commissioner McGinley announced that the next Policy Committee meeting of the School Reform Commission is Thursday, November 2, 2017 at 10:30 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:27 a.m.

Christopher McGinley, Chair
Policy Committee