



MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Subcommittee on Laboratory Schools

June 30, 2025 at 9:30 a.m.
Via Videoconference and PBS Livestream

AGENDA

- A-1. Approval of the Minutes of November 19, 2024.....C. Philip Byers
- A-2. Lab School Dissolution Plan: Niner University Elementary Chancellor Sharon Gaber
Associate Dean Tisha Greene, Cato College of Education
University of North Carolina at Charlotte
- A-3. Adjourn

DRAFT MINUTES

November 19, 2024

Via Videoconference and PBS North Carolina Livestream

This meeting of the Subcommittee on Laboratory Schools was presided over by Chair C. Philip Byers. The following subcommittee members, constituting a quorum, were also present in person or by phone: Alex Mitchell, and Michael Williford. Chair Wendy Murphy was present as well.

Staff members present included Shun Robertson and others from the UNC System Office.

1. Call to Order and Approval of Minutes (Item A-1)

The chair called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 19, 2024. The minutes from the October 30, 2024, meeting were approved by unanimous consent.

2. Review and Approve the Laboratory Schools Renewal Report: Niner University Elementary (Item A-2)

The Subcommittee on Laboratory Schools heard from Ms. Pamela Broome, Executive Director and Acting Principal of Niner University Elementary, and Dr. Malcolm Broom, Dean of the Cato College of Education at UNC Charlotte. Presenters shared information related to student performance, trauma-focused interventions, clinical preparation, and plans for operational years 6-10. Following the report, Chair Byers and other subcommittee members shared comments and asked questions about the report.

MOTION: Resolved, the Subcommittee on Laboratory Schools approve UNC Charlotte's request to renew Niner University Elementary based on their Laboratory Schools Renewal Report, as distributed.

Motion: Alex Mitchell

Motion carried

3. Adjourn

There being no further business and without objection, the meeting adjourned at 2:56 p.m.

Alex Mitchell, Secretary

AGENDA ITEM

- A-2. Lab School Dissolution Plan: Niner University Elementary Chancellor Sharon Gaber
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Situation:	Pursuant to North Carolina G.S. 116-239.7, in the event of a potential dissolution of a laboratory school at the end of the term of the school's operation, the chancellor shall propose a plan in conjunction with the local school administrative unit and submit the plan to the Subcommittee on Laboratory Schools for prior approval.
Background:	In partnership with Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools, the University of North Carolina at Charlotte opened Niner University Elementary in 2020. Niner University Elementary addresses the social, economic, cultural, behavioral, and academic needs of all students in a caring and collaborative learning environment. The University of North Carolina at Charlotte and Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools have mutually agreed to the dissolution of Niner University Elementary at the end of the 2024-2025 academic year.
Assessment:	A dissolution plan, coauthored and mutually approved by the University of North Carolina at Charlotte and Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools, summarizes actions taken and the schedule for dissolution of Niner University Elementary. Chancellor Gaber and Associate Dean Greene will outline the dissolution plan for the subcommittee and answer questions.
Action:	This item requires a vote by the subcommittee.

Niner University Elementary Dissolution Plan

This Dissolution Plan ("Plan") is made pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 116-239.7(d) for the dissolution of Niner University Elementary ("NUE"), a prior partnership between the University of North Carolina at Charlotte ("UNC Charlotte") and the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education (the "District") (collectively, the "Parties").

Whereas, UNC Charlotte received approval to establish NUE by the UNC Board of Governors' Subcommittee on Laboratory Schools on December 6, 2018;

Whereas, the Parties executed a programmatic agreement for NUE on December 10, 2019 ("MOU");

Whereas, the Parties executed a lease agreement on April 16, 2020 for the land and building located at 2414 Lester Street, Charlotte, NC ("Amay James") that is owned by the District to be used by UNC Charlotte for NUE ("Lease");

Whereas, both the MOU and the Lease were set to expire on June 30, 2025;

Whereas, UNC Charlotte was notified on June 6, 2025 that the District did not intend to renew the MOU or the Lease.

Therefore, the Parties have agreed as follows:

1. UNC Charlotte shall:
 - a. Coordinate a date and time during the week of June 9-13, 2025 for representatives from the District to discuss current employment opportunities with NUE staff.
 - b. Coordinate multiple dates and times during the week of June 9-13, 2025 for representatives from the District to discuss enrollment opportunities, including magnet and other school choice programs, with NUE students and their families.
 - c. Provide information and other support to NUE staff related to their employment transition, including benefits and other concerns.
 - d. Remove all furniture, equipment, and other UNC Charlotte property from Amay James by June 30, 2025.
2. The District shall:
 - a. Put forth its best efforts to provide employment opportunities to all discontinued NUE staff beginning in the 2025-26 school year.
 - b. Reenroll all students who were previously enrolled in NUE if desired by the NUE families.
 - c. Resume control of Amay James on July 1, 2025.

Further, the Parties have agreed to collaborate and work diligently in the best interests of the students and staff to resolve any issues or concerns that may arise during the discontinuation of this relationship. In addition, the Parties agree not to disparage each other regarding NUE or its dissolution.

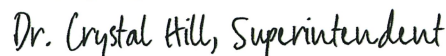
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Sharon Gaber, Chancellor

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education

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Crystal Hill, Superintendent

Date: 6/24/25

Date: 6/24/2025

Approved:

UNC BOARD OF GOVERNORS SUBCOMMITTEE ON LABORATORY SCHOOLS

C. Philip Byers, Chair

Date