



Richard Woods, Georgia's School Superintendent  
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**Georgia Department of Education**  
**Item for State Board of Education Approval**  
**– Other –**

**Item Name**

PFEA – Other – State Charter Schools Commission Appointment

**Recommendation – Action Item**

It is recommended that the State Board of Education appoint Mr. John Anthony Lowden to the State Charter Schools Commission for the term of office ending January 16, 2022.

**Rationale**

In 2012, the General Assembly passed HB 797, the State Charter Schools Act, which creates a seven-member state level body, the State Charter Schools Commission ("SCSC"), that has the power to authorize state charter schools. The SCSC members are appointed by the State Board of Education in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 20-2-2082(b). The Governor provides nominations for 3 positions, the Lieutenant Governor provides nominations for 2 positions, and the Speaker provides nominations for 2 positions.

The recommended nominee is proposed from the list of nominees submitted by the Lieutenant Governor for consideration by the State Board of Education to fill an opening created by the departure of an SCSC member.

**Summary**

The following nominee, if approved, would complete the existing term ending January 16, 2022.

Lieutenant Governor Duncan appointee – Mr. John Anthony Lowden (new appointment)

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