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Brian P. Kemp
GOVERNOR

February 2, 2023

State Board of Education
c/o Richard Woods
State School Superintendent
205 Jesse Hill Jr. Drive SE, Suite 2066
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Re: State Charter Schools Commission of Georgia

Dear Board Members:

Pursuant to O.C.G.A § 20-2-2082, the State Board of Education appoints three members of the State Charter Schools Commission based on recommendations of the Governor. The Governor must provide no fewer than two nominations for an initial appointment.

I nominate the following individuals for your consideration to replace Mr. Fitz Johnson, who resigned.

- **Ben Scafi** is a professor of economics and director of the Education Economics Center at Kennesaw State University. He is also a senior fellow with the Georgia Public Policy Foundation.
- **Jim Cole** is the Director of Athletics at Mercer University. Prior to being named Director of Athletics, he served as Mercer's Senior Associate Director of Athletics for External Affairs, heading up the Mercer Athletics Foundation while also serving as a State Representative in Georgia and working in private business.

I nominate the following individuals for your consideration to replace Mr. Hunter Hill, who resigned.

- **Jim Cole** is the Director of Athletics at Mercer University. He previously served as Mercer's Senior Associate Director of Athletics for External Affairs, heading up the Mercer Athletics Foundation while also serving as a State Representative in Georgia and working in private business.
- **Ben Scafi** is a professor of economics and director of the Education Economics Center at Kennesaw State University. He is also a senior fellow with the Georgia Public Policy Foundation.

I nominate **Dr. Lina Millan**, whose term expired January 16, 2022, for reappointment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "B.P.K." in a stylized, cursive font.

Brian P. Kemp