



# BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING



Date: May 18, 2022

Type of Meeting: General

## Board Members in Attendance:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brian Dillard (Joined at 5:14pm)     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marques Mitchell (Zoom) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kanwal Sumnani Lopez (Phone: 6:32pm) | <input type="checkbox"/> Henrietta Muñoz                    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jackie Gorman                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Mary Gradney                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> George Pedraza                                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kim Abernethy           |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike Frisbie (Zoom)                  |   |

## Staff in Attendance:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Akeem Brown, CEO & Superintendent      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Daphene Carson, Director of Operations                  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jennipha Ricks, Chief Learning Officer | <input type="checkbox"/> Damika Burton-Richardson, Director of Student Enrollment & Recruitment |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alicia Sebastian, Executive Assistant  |   |

## Guests in Attendance: (Via Zoom)

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| Stephanie Rodriguez, Charter School Success | Natalie Guerra, Charter School Success |
| Brian Dahlberg                              | Deborah Omowale, SAAACM                |

## MINUTES

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman, **Secretary, Jackie Gorman** at 5:03 pm without a quorum.
2. Guest **Deborah Omowale**, CEO of the SAAACAM provided the Mission Moment which detailed the work of the museum and its regional reach. **Superintendent Akeem Brown** added that the Rise Scholars will be doing a Riverwalk tour on June 24th with **Omowale**.
3. **Chairman Brian Dillard** joined the meeting at 5:14 pm. **Gorman** relinquished the chair to **Dillard** at that time.
4. **Superintendent Brown** provided the Superintendent's report
  - a. A full report was provided in the Board package

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- b. **Brown** highlighted that we have been awarded a \$600,000 grant from the Charter School Growth Fund. He noted that it is highly unusual for a Charter School this early in its life to receive this grant.
  - c. **Brown** reported that there are 157 Scholars currently enrolled for our first school year.
5. Finance Report (**Stephanie Rodriguez**)
  - a. A full report was provided in the Board package
  - b. After reviewing the financials, **Kim Abernethy** suggested that the board start covering the cost of their meals. While there was no motion, the board members agreed to start covering the cost of their meals at the next meeting.
6. Modular Campus Lease and Site Improvements
  - a. Document provided in package.
  - b. We are still waiting for the final agreement from the Archdiocese
  - c. The address of the proposed temporary site is 4535 Lord Rd. 78220
  - d. The price for the lease has increased to 10,500 per month
  - e. We have a revised quote of \$234,000 for the portables
7. Pre-Development Reimbursement Agreement with Hi Mark (**Brian Dahlberg**)
  - a. Full agreement provided in package.
  - b. This is a standard agreement to reimburse the developer for pre-development costs
8. 141 Agreement with Butler Cohen (**Dahlberg**)
  - a. Butler Cohen is our Design/Build Contractor
  - b. This is a standard agreement for Design/Build
  - c. We have a new Architecture firm as part of the team. The new firm is Alta.
  - d. This change is because the original firm did not have the capacity to meet our revised timeline
9. **Dr. Daphene Carson** provided an update on the RFP for transportation
10. **Rodriguez** reviewed the proposed 2022/2023 Budget that will be voted on at the June meeting
11. 2022/2023 Grants Management Procedures (**Natalie Guerra**)
  - a. The board is approving and reviewing this manual for 2022/2023
  - b. The board is delegating subsequent review and approval to the superintendent.
12. **Brown** reported that the permanent location, 439 IH 410, 78220, will be ready to schedule the groundbreaking on 9/7.
13. **Brown** led a discussion of the status of our bond financing including that the interest rate has increased to 6.25%
14. **Kanwal Lopez** joined the meeting by phone at 6:32 pm establishing a quorum

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### 15. Action Items

- a. It was moved by **Abernethy** and seconded by **Gorman** that the minutes be approved as presented. The motion passed by acclimation.
- b. It was moved by **Gorman** and seconded by **Abernethy** to approve the Pre-Development Reimbursement Agreement with Hi Mark. The motion passed by acclimation.
- c. It was moved by **Mike Frisbie** and seconded by **Abernethy** to approve the Design/Build Agreement with Butler Cohen. The motion passed by acclimation.
- d. It was moved by **Gorman** and seconded by **Abernethy** to approve the Fiscal Procedure that was presented and discussed at the April 2022 meeting. The motion passed by acclimation.
- e. It was moved by **Abernethy** and seconded by **Gorman** to approve the Scholar and Family Handbook that was presented and discussed at the April 2022 meeting. The motion passed by acclimation.
- f. It was moved by **Abernethy** and seconded by **Frisbie** to approve the Grants Management Procedure. The motion passed by acclimation.

### 16. The meeting adjourned at 6:44 pm

Prepared and Submitted by:



Jackie L. Gorman  
Board Secretary