



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING



Date: July 28, 2021

Type of Meeting: General

Board Members in Attendance:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brian Dillard | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marques Mitchell |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kanwal Sumnani Lopez | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Henrietta Muñoz |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jackie Gorman | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mary Gradney |
| <input type="checkbox"/> George Pedraza | <input type="checkbox"/> Kim Abernethy |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike Frisbie | |

Staff in Attendance:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Akeem Brown, Lead Founder | <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Daphene Carson, Director of Operations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jennipha Ricks, Chief Learning Officer | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alicia Sebastian, Executive Assistant | |

Guests in Attendance:

Bryan Dahlberg – Schulman, Lopez, Hoffer & Adlestein, LLP

MINUTES

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Brian Dillard at 3:07 pm.
2. There was a discussion of the fiscal policy recommendations submitted by the Finance Committee. In the absence of the Finance Committee Chair, Mike Frisbie reviewed the steps taken by the committee to prepare the recommendations.
 - a. In response to a question from Henrietta Muñoz, it was stated that some Board/ED constraints are found in 5.1 but that they would be more fully fleshed out in section 5.6 when that is presented.
 - b. More of policy groups 5 and 6 will be presented for approval over the next few meetings.
 - c. **It was moved by Frisbie and seconded by Jackie Gorman to approve fiscal policies sections 5.1, 5.2, 5.7, 5.8, 5.9, and 5.11. The motion passed.**
3. There was a discussion led by Akeem Brown on Planning Year Committee Priorities which was for information only.

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4. There was a discussion of proposed Superintendent Contract and the process.
 - a. **Gorman moved and Marques Mitchell seconded that we approve the superintendent's contract as presented and authorize the chair to execute the contract with the Interim Superintendent. The motion carried.**
 - b. **Gorman moved and Mitchell seconded that we approved the resolution to name Akeem Brown the sole finalist and designate him as Interim Superintendent. The motion passed.**
 - c. Gorman asked staff to number and provide a title for resolutions moving forward.
5. Frisbie presented the Facilities Sub-Committee report
 - a. After a robust discussion and consultation with legal counsel, **Mitchell moved and Frisbie seconded, that we authorize the Superintendent to negotiate a contract with Heritage Development for design/build of the Essence Prep school.**
 - b. **Gorman moved and Mitchell seconded, that the motion be amended to insert "to publicize the results of the RFQ and the selection of Heritage Development and" after between the words "Superintendent" and "to". The motion to amend passed.**
 - c. **The amended motion reads "that we authorize the Superintendent to publicize the results of the RFQ and the selection of Heritage Development and to negotiate a contract with Heritage Development for design/build of the Essence Prep school. The motion as amended passed.**
6. Brown presented the Fund Development Report in the absence of Fund Development Chair Kim Abernethy.
 - a. There was a discussion of fundraising activities to date.
 - b. There was a discussion of possible partnerships with Edgewood ISD and Empower Schools.
 - c. No action was taken.
7. Brown provided the Mission Minute.
8. Discussion of Reimbursement Resolution
 - a. Frisbie discussed the need for a resolution to reimburse ourselves from bond funds for appropriate expenditures that occur prior to receiving proceeds from bond issuance.
 - b. **Frisbie moved and Gorman seconded that we approve the Reimbursement Resolution. The motion passed.**

Prepared and Submitted by:



Jackie L. Gorman
Board Secretary