



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING



Date: December 21, 2020

Type of Meeting: Special Meeting, Conference Call

Board Members in Attendance:

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

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Meeting was called to order at 5:15pm

1. Consent Agenda & Board Business

- a. Approve Board Minutes from December 7, 2020
Jackie moves to approve minutes. George seconds. All approve.

2. Executive Director Report

- a. Application Update
 - i. Akeem reported the application is 90% complete and was submitted to School Works. SW is an organization that works with schools, networks, districts, state departments of education and foundations to assess the quality of their practices and build capacity for better results.
 - ii. Budget and Narrative is being finalized and will be shared with the board during our board retreat and George Pedraza will be helping to build and review.
 - iii. Draft application was sent to board members for review and feedback this morning.
- b. Fundraising, Development & Grants
 - i. Akeem discussed the recent Choose to Succeed Pledge of \$50,000 contingent upon approval of the charter. To date we have enlisted 525,000 in pledges or commitments to date. {325,000 Walton Foundation} {50,000 Brackenridge Foundation} {50,000 Choose to Succeed}
 - ii. Charter School Growth Fund Application is due 1/8/21: provide funding and support to a community of school leaders who seek to grow and serve more students, whether they are expanding from one to two schools, or building a network of many schools.

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- iii. Encouraged members of the board to give and reach out to network to help meet priority goal of 10k by 1/30/21.
3. **Action Item:** Board Resolution to establish a bank account with Jefferson Bank and select two board members to serve as signatures alongside Akeem.
 - a. Akeem reported he has had an introductory conversation with Mr. Joe De La Garza, Senior Vice President of Jefferson Bank. Akeem expressed gratitude to George Pedraza, Board member for the introduction and explained why Jefferson Bank was the best suited institution for our needs. Board members discussed

Kim Abernethy motioned to approve a board resolution; to authorize the Chief Executive Officer, Akeem Brown, Board Member, George Pedraza and Board Member Brian Dillard to establish a bank account/relationship with Jefferson Bank and to allow for the previously mentioned as authorized signatures. Jackie Gorman seconds. All approved