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# F.A.M.E., Inc.

# Minutes

## December FAME Board Meeting

**Date and Time**
Saturday December 11, 2021 at 10:00 AM

**Location**
428 Broadway St.

**Directors Present**
C. Lebas, D. Mipro, D. Omojola, H. Leblanc, J. Jalice, J. Perez, R. Fernandez, R. Kirschman

**Directors Absent**
B. Connick, C. Lawson, L. Moran

**Ex Officio Members Present**
S. Corbett

**Guests Present**
A. Collopy, A. Dupre, K. Bourgeois, L. Spearman, M. Forcier, T. Coleman

### I. Opening Items

#### A. Call the Meeting to Order

J. Jalice called a meeting of the board of directors of F.A.M.E., Inc. to order on Saturday Dec 11, 2021 at 10:10 AM.

#### B.

**Record Attendance and Guests**

### C. Approve Minutes

R. Kirschman made a motion to approve the minutes from November FAME Board Meeting on 11-13-21.
R. Fernandez seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

## II. Discussion Items

### A. NOLAPS School Consolidation

Dr. Corbett presenting trends on NOLAPS- not talking about Audubon consolidating. NOLAPS has contracted company to do enrollment trends for portfolio planning. Projection in 2016 said we (the city) would be increasing however that is not the case. Enrollment instead is decreasing across the city as population has stopped growing. Public school enrollment declined 17% and private school decreased as well. As a result, federal and state funding will decrease as will MFP. NOLAPS is suggesting that schools may need to make cuts so they are suggesting consolidating to offset these concerns. These consolidations will open high-quality buildings to become open for other organizations to use. Potentially giving Audubon a building to use other than Banneker.

Originally going to set up joint meetings with finance and facility committees, however, after our conversation with NOLAPS they said, "Steve, I am advising you not to move right now. Other high-quality buildings will be opening." Basically, we fit their profile to move Milan to a better building than Banneker after other charters begin consolidation. Should know more after NOLAPS meeting on the 14th and in January know more specifically.

### B. Pre-K 3&4 Future at Audubon

Dr. Corbett states his role is to make sure we are fiscally smart and doing ok. Pre-K 3 is costing us significant amount of money and one of two schools in the city. Notice no one else in the city has it or has dropped it in the last few years after the state changed the policies 3 years ago, which increases the costs of running Pre-K. In order to have maintain our Montessori training facility we have to have Pre-K. Scholarship based seats are not providing money we need to run this. We need to make a decision of one of three options: eliminate pre-k 3 all together (closing montessori training), keep it way it is (continuing to lose money), and all tuition based pre-k 3 (no scholarship seats). Pre-K 4 will be maintained with LA4 seats that comes with funding. No funding comes with Pre-K 3. We need to make decision on how we will move forward. Steve recommends tuition based pre-k 3 at all sights. It would level out to the same thing we have now at pre-k 4.

Make this an action item next meeting.

## III. CEO's Report

### A. Academic Report

Hired counselor for Broadway and Gentilly. MAP testing has started for upper schools. Winter break is coming in a week. January 8th there will be a vaccine event at Broadway.

### B. Operations Report

Enrollment reporting changed for the state; board was provided with documents enclosed with all enrollment numbers for each school. Drop in enrollment from last year to this year.

### C. Development Report

Finally had Giving Tuesday for capital improvements and raised $10,800. Plan to have more fundraising in January with several grants going out in January.

### D. Parent Reports

PTO would like to provide lunch for faculty in January. They want to have Fall Fete next year.

### E. CEO Remarks

LENS did an article on us about background checks; our charter has been extended and the background check issue was fixed.

ED Ops has proposed a Project Timeline and beginning in January they will provide us with Base Case models to help us make decisions. Board members and leadership included in the early stages.

Altaris is a school safety consulting group that Dr. Corbett has reached out to. Wants to use them for safety plans and such like lockdowns and other things. They have not been hired but conversations with this consulting company will begin.

## IV. Closing Items

### A. Announcements

We will be in touch with meeting dates and such.

### B. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 12:01 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
J. Jalice

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