



# The Anchor School

## Minutes

### TAS General Board Meeting

Monthly Board Meeting

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#### Date and Time

Saturday March 25, 2023 at 11:00 AM

#### Location

Topic: TAS Board Meeting

Time: Feb 25, 2023 11:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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### **Directors Present**

D. Gregory (remote), E. Desprez Isbell (remote), J. Burton (remote), J. Whittington (remote), T. Ramsey (remote)

### **Directors Absent**

M. Sutton

### **Ex Officio Members Present**

J. Pinto Taylor (remote)

### **Non Voting Members Present**

J. Pinto Taylor (remote)

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## **I. Opening Items**

### **A. Record Attendance**

### **B. Call the Meeting to Order**

D. Gregory called a meeting of the board of directors of The Anchor School to order on Saturday Mar 25, 2023 at 11:04 AM.

### **C. Approve Minutes**

T. Ramsey made a motion to approve the minutes from TAS General Board Meeting on 02-25-23.

E. Desprez Isbell seconded the motion.

No discussion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

#### **D. Public Comment**

No public comments were provided at this time.

### **II. Enrollment Updates**

#### **A. Progress towards enrollment target (120)**

Discussed progress to current and future goals. Noted that the SCSC goal of 65% of applications against enrollment goal has been met. Discussed actions to meet April SCSC enrollment goals.

### **III. Governance**

#### **A. Compliance Requirements & Status**

We are on track and in compliance with all SCSC pre-opening checklist items. No other discussion at this time.

#### **B. New Board Member(s)**

After review and vetting, Joseph Anfield-El was presented to the board for a membership vote.

E. Desprez Isbell made a motion to add Joseph Anfield-El as a member of the board for The Anchor School.

J. Whittington seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

#### **C. BoardOnTrack Contract Renewal**

T. Ramsey made a motion to approve renewal for BoardOnTrack contract renewal.

J. Whittington seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

#### **D. Contingency Planning**

Noted that we are on track for enrollment at the time. Discussed the need for contingency planning for the governance committee to plan for budget, strategy, and facility implications.

#### **E. E-Rate Vendor**

J. Whittington made a motion to approve 1 Accord as vendor of choice for E-Rate.

E. Desprez Isbell seconded the motion.

This vendor was chosen because they offered the lowest cost proposal for the technology supported by our current technology provider.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

#### **IV. Finance**

##### **A. Budget Hearings**

No public comments were made about the proposed budget. The board used this time to continue discussing the FY24 budget.

##### **B. Head of School Contract & Compensation**

This process is underway and will be continued in the future.

##### **C. GEER II Fellowship Grant Acceptance**

E. Desprez Isbell made a motion to accept the terms and conditions of the GEER II Fellowship Grant.

J. Whittington seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

##### **D. GEER II Start-Up Growth Funding Resolution**

J. Whittington made a motion to accept the terms and conditions of the GEER II start-up growth funding grant and stipulations.

E. Desprez Isbell seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

#### **V. Academic Committee**

##### **A. Personnel Handbook**

D. Gregory made a motion to adopt the personnel handbook to be submitted to the SCSC.

E. Desprez Isbell seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

##### **B. Designated Superintendent**

D. Gregory made a motion to authorize and designate Dr. Josh Pinto Taylor, current Executive Director and Head of School, as the Superintendent of The Anchor School.

E. Desprez Isbell seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

#### **VI. Facility**

##### **A. Facility Updates**

Review of design-build process and current standing against goals.

#### **VII. Community Engagement Committee**

**A. April 22 Board Volunteer Event**

Used this time to plan for volunteer opportunities in the month of April.

**B. Fellowship Update (San Diego)**

Discussed learnings from our recent visit to High Tech High.

**C. TAS Marketing Updates/Strategy**

Provided updates about marketing strategies and April goals.

**VIII. Closing Items**

**A. Public Comment**

No public comment at this time.

**B. Summary of Actions**

Members of the board will send Dr. Pinto Taylor their availability to support enrollment efforts.

Dr. Pinto Taylor will provide regular updates for enrollment progress.

Dr. Pinto Taylor will upload the approved handbook for SCSC review.

Dr. Pinto Taylor will update E-Rate providers about the outcome of the E-Rate vote.

**C. Adjourn Meeting**

E. Desprez Isbell made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

J. Whittington seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

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. Pinto Taylor

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**The Anchor School** is a village of educators, families, and community members that partners with 6th through 12th-grade students who are developing the knowledge, skills, and confidence they need to thrive in school and beyond. Through our commitment to excellent instruction, community partnerships, and holistic student development, we cultivate anchors that build a more just and equitable future.

*\*In August 2022, the SCSC authorized TAS as a GA Charter School with approval to enroll students who will be in the 6th grade in the fall of 2023.*