



The Anchor School

Minutes

Public Budget Hearing #2

Virtual - Quorum Required

Date and Time

Monday May 13, 2024 at 7:00 PM

Location

Virtual

Directors Present

D. Gregory (remote), J. Burton (remote), J. Whittington (remote), N. LeBlanc (remote), V. Thompson (remote)

Directors Absent

D. Grissom, E. Desprez Isbell, J. Anfield-El, L. Stephens

Ex Officio Members Present

J. Pinto Taylor (remote)

Non Voting Members Present

J. Pinto Taylor (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B.

Call the Meeting to Order

N. LeBlanc called a meeting of the board of directors of The Anchor School to order on Monday May 13, 2024 at 7:09 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

V. Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes from Public Budget Hearing #1 on 05-04-24.

J. Whittington seconded the motion.

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

II. Finance Committee Remarks

A. Notes from Finance Committee

- Community survey: five responses in total — completed by four parents and one staff member
 - What should the budget focus on the **most** next year?
 - Personnel (answered by all respondents)
 - Themes: salaries/wages, maintaining qualified personnel
 - Maintaining the school's model in classrooms
 - What should the budget focus on the **least** next year?
 - Property
 - Other expenses
 - Professional/technical services
 - If you could advocate for strategic investment in one area...?
 - Invest in staff and scholars
 - Partnerships, student experiences, expanded transportation
 - Arts & drama
 - Personnel assistance with discipline
- Survey responses align with budgeting themes planned by the Board

III. Updated Budget Strategic Goals and Assumptions

A. Strategic Goals

- Board is still considering adding a 6th strategic goal that speaks to student experience (could also include a focus on discipline)

IV. Updated Budget Discussion

A. SY24 - 25 Updated Financial Statement Budget

- **Number of enrollments** and number of **completed packets/applications** are strong numbers, and will give the Board a good baseline for developing the annual budget.
- Finance committee will discuss budget more during committee meeting.

V. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:41 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
N. LeBlanc

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.*