



# **Excelsior Village Academies**

## **Minutes**

## **Excelsior Village Academies' Board Meeting**

#### **Date and Time**

Saturday March 16, 2024 at 11:00 AM

#### Location

The Excelsior Village Academies' Board of Directors will meet in person. Please see the location below:

## **Locust Grove Public Library**

115 M.L.K. Jr. Blvd, Locust Grove, GA 30248

You can also join virtually. Please see the meeting details below:

#### **Join Zoom Meeting**

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8754612347?pwd=UXN0amZyMmE3YIVNamhHK3JWVGJKUT09

Meeting ID: 875 461 2347

Passcode: EVA24

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#### **Directors Present**

A. Holmes (remote), D. Paige, I. Nelson-Graham (remote), K. Rutherford, R. Hutchins, W. Smith

#### **Directors Absent**

N. Brinson

## Directors who arrived after the meeting opened

K. Rutherford

#### **Ex Officio Members Present**

M. Flowers

## **Non Voting Members Present**

M. Flowers

#### **Guests Present**

SueAnn De Los Santos

## I. Opening Items

## A. Call the Meeting to Order

W. Smith called a meeting of the board of directors of Excelsior Village Academies to order on Saturday Mar 16, 2024 at 11:10 AM.

## **B.** Approve Minutes

W. Smith made a motion to approve the minutes from Excelsior Village Academies' Board Meeting on 02-17-24.

K. Rutherford seconded the motion.

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

#### C. Record Attendance

#### II. Updates

## A. Pre-Opening Checklist

March 1 - Obtaining Facilities Code

• Issued Site Code since last meeting

Waiting on Access to GaDOE information systems

On Track for submitting evidence of 65% of Enrollment Applications by March 22 K. Rutherford arrived at 11:14 AM.

#### **B.** Enrollment

Total of 108 Applications as of March 14

More significant increase in upper grades, EVA needs 55 more kinder enrollment applications.

Goals we are tracking

- 92% to the goal of 65% submitted applications
- 71% to the goal of fully enrolled students

By April 24, we need 50% (90 students) fully enrolled we are currently at 64 students

### C. Hiring

Introducing Founding DOO - SueAnn De Los Santos

Interviews for new staff will be happening April 1-5 during in-person camp.

- Completed 4 Phone Interviews for Dean of Instruction; 2 have made it to in-person
- 7 Culture Associates in the Phone Interview Stage

Board Members can offer support during the final interview phase during the week of April 1-5

## D. Facilities

On Track with closing on facility April 11

Modifications to the building should be completed by Mid-June

#### E. Grants

ReDefined Ed

• Mar 15 Report Completed; Awaiting dispersement of next \$75k

New School Venture Fund

Seeking Year 1 funding after receiving seed funding

W. Smith made a motion to Accept the CSP State Entity Subgrant Award of \$1.35M.

R. Hutchins seconded the motion.

Language conditioning EVA Acceptance of CSP Grant:

**Excelsior Village Academies** has been awarded a CSP State Entity subgrant award (FAIN S282A220006) of \$1.35MM by the State Charter Schools Foundation of Georgia

(SCSF) to support the (**opening and preparation for the operation of a new** charter school in Georgia. The **Excelsior Village Academies** governing board accepts this federal subgrant with the conditions and requirements set forth in the CSP Subgrant Agreement with the SCSF.

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

#### **Roll Call**

W. Smith Aye
K. Rutherford Aye
N. Brinson Absent
R. Hutchins Aye
D. Paige Aye

#### III. Board Business

#### A. Board Training

Mar 20 - In-Person Meeting (SCSC New School Orientation) Apr 17 - In-Person Meeting (Governance Training)

## **B.** In-Person Meetings

## C. Board Member Opening

~3 Openings

- · Board Member with law background
- · Board Member with HR background
- · Board Member with operational background

#### D. Newsletter Deliverables

If you haven't done so already, please send photo and bio to Michelle

## IV. Community Engagement Task Force

### A. Phone Banking Next Steps

## **B.** Upcoming Events

Spring Break Camp April 1-5

#### V. Finance

#### A. Updates to Bylaws

#### **B.** Fundraising

- W. Smith made a motion to set board dues at \$500.
- D. Paige seconded the motion.

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

#### **Roll Call**

W. Smith Aye

D. Paige Aye

K. Rutherford Aye

N. Brinson Absent

R. Hutchins Aye

## C. Next Steps

#### VI. Dates to add to Calendar

## A. Upcoming Board Governance Training

Last Day for all State Trainings completion is Apr 30

## **B. EVA Spring Camp**

## C. Enrollment Canvasing

## VII. 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 12:11 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

R. Hutchins